

2000-2001 Schedule

2-0 Overall / 0-0 ACC

N. 4	London Leopards (Ex.)	L, 88-89
N. 12	Nantucket Nectars Naturals (Ex.)	W, 95-80
N. 17	Long Island University	W, 96-50
N. 20	Coastal Carolina	W, 117-78
N. 24	at Virginia Tech	7:00 p.m.
N. 29	Purdue	7:00 p.m.
D. 4	at VMI	7:30 p.m.
D. 6	Ohio University	7:30 p.m.

Jimmy V Classic

D. 19	vs. Tennessee (Secaucus, N.J.)	7:00 p.m.
D. 23	Maryland-Baltimore County	4:00 p.m.
D. 28	Bucknell	7:30 p.m.
D. 30	at Dartmouth	1:00 p.m.
J. 2	at Wake Forest	7:00 p.m.
J. 6	North Carolina State	8:00 p.m.
J. 9	Georgia Tech	8:00 p.m.
J. 13	at Duke	3:30 p.m.
J. 16	Florida State	8:00 p.m.
J. 20	Missouri	2:00 p.m.
J. 24	at North Carolina	7:00 p.m.
J. 27	at Clemson	4:00 p.m.
J. 31	Maryland	9:00 p.m.
F. 3	Wake Forest	8:00 p.m.
F. 7	at North Carolina State	7:00 p.m.
F. 11	at Georgia Tech	1:30 p.m.
F. 14	Duke	7:00 p.m.
F. 17	at Florida State	4:00 p.m.
F. 25	North Carolina	1:30 p.m.
F. 28	Clemson	7:00 p.m.
M. 3	at Maryland	2:00 p.m.
M. 8-11	ACC Tournament, Atlanta, Ga.	

Virginia (1999-00 record: 19-12/9-7 ACC) stands at 2-0 in the 2000-2001 season. UVa opened the season with a 96-50 victory over Long Island University (Nov. 17) and then posted a 117-78 win over Coast Carolina (Nov. 20). **Virginia Tech** (1999-00 record: 16-15/8-8 Atlantic 10) is 1-1 on the season. The Hokies opened the 2000-2001 campaign with a 92-68 victory over VMI (Nov. 18) and lost to William & Mary 48-46 (Nov. 20).

Television: Tonight's game will be televised by WPXV-TV (Norfolk, Va.); WRIC-TV (Richmond, Va.); WJPR-TV (Roanoke, Va.); WXIV-TV (Greensboro, N.C.); and WAPK-TV (Kingsport, Tenn., tri-cities area). Dave O'Brien will handle the play-by-play. Bob Wenzel is the analyst.

Radio: All UVa games are heard on the Virginia Sports Network originating at WINA/WWV in Charlottesville. Mac McDonald calls the play by play. Jim Hobgood provides the analysis.

#25 Virginia (2-0)

vs.

Virginia Tech (1-1)

November 24, 2000 • 7:00 p.m.

Cassell Coliseum

Blacksburg, Va.

The Series vs. Virginia Tech

Virginia leads the series with Virginia Tech 70-44. Last season, the Cavaliers defeated the Hokies 71-66 in overtime in Richmond on January 24, 2000 for their fourth consecutive victory in the series. UVa has won 10 of the last 12 meetings and 21 of the last 26. This is the first time since the 1975-76 season the game will not be played on a neutral floor and the first time UVa has played in Blacksburg since the 1974-75 season (Virginia lost that game 74-73). In the 1975-76 season, Virginia hosted the Hokies at University Hall and won 79-75 in double overtime.

Over the past 24 years (29 games), the series has been held at the Richmond Coliseum (14 times), Roanoke Civic Center (13 times), The Norfolk Scope (once) and the Hampton Coliseum (once).

This is the 67th consecutive season the Cavaliers and Hokies have met (every season since 1934-35). They have played 94 games in that span. Virginia's next oldest opponent in terms of consecutive seasons played is Maryland (54 straight seasons including this season).

The Cavaliers' 70 wins against Virginia Tech make the Hokies Virginia's second-most defeated opponent in school history. UVa has defeated VMI a record 97 times.

This is the 115th meeting in the series, the fourth-most played series in school history. North Carolina is Virginia's most frequent opponent with the two teams having met 155 times.

Head Coach Pete Gillen

Pete Gillen is in his 16th season as a collegiate head coach and sports a 309-156 record for a .665 winning percentage. Gillen is in his third season at Virginia and has posted a 35-28 record. Gillen won the 300th game of his career when Virginia defeated then 21st-ranked North Carolina 87-85 on January 18, 2000 at University Hall.

Gillen has led his teams to postseason play 12 times in 15 seasons (eight NCAA, four NIT). He has been selected as the conference Coach of the Year five times - all while coaching Xavier (Midwestern Collegiate Conference).

The 1999-2000 Season

Virginia finished the 1999-2000 season with a 19-12 overall record and a 9-7 mark in the Atlantic Coast Conference. The Cavaliers advanced to postseason play for the first time since receiving a bid to the 1997 NCAA Tournament, but fell to Georgetown in the first round of the 2000 National Invitation Tournament 115-111 in triple overtime.

Virginia vs. the Big East

The Cavaliers are 113-87 (.565) against the 14 schools in the Big East Conference. Most of the games occurred prior to a school's membership in the Big East, including the entire Virginia Tech series.

In all games against the current membership of the Big East, Virginia is 70-44 vs. Virginia Tech, 9-12 vs. Georgetown, 8-8 vs. West Virginia, 7-3 vs. Pittsburgh, 5-1 vs. Notre Dame, 4-1 vs. Villanova, 3-0 vs. Boston College, 3-1 vs. Providence, 2-6 vs. Connecticut, 1-0 vs. Rutgers, 1-1 vs. Syracuse, 0-2 vs. Miami (Fla.) and Seton Hall, and 0-6 vs. St. John's. Virginia Tech is in its first season as a member of the Big East Conference.

The Cavaliers were 1-2 against Big East schools in the 1999-2000 season. Virginia defeated Providence 80-64 (Nov. 26) in the Puerto Rico Shootout in San Juan, Puerto Rico, but lost to St. John's 85-63 (Dec. 4) and Georgetown 115-111 in triple overtime in the first round of the 2000 National Invitation Tournament (Mar. 15).

Virginia was the only ACC school to win all three games in the defunct ACC-Big East Challenge held from 1989-91. Syracuse was the only Big East school to win all three games in the challenge.

Don't Be Surprised By the Unusual Tonight

Virginia and Virginia Tech have met in some peculiar games and wild finishes through the years.

Last season, the Cavaliers won 71-66 in overtime (Jan. 24) at the Richmond Coliseum, the fourth time a game in the series has been decided in an extra session. All four overtime games have come since the 1975-76 season, including three since 1988-89.

In last season's game, UVa built a 12-point lead midway through the second half, only to see Virginia Tech use a 13-0 run to take a 54-53 lead with just over five minutes to play. UVa briefly regained the lead only to see the Hokies go on a 6-0 run to take a 60-56 edge. The Cavaliers scored the final four points of regulation to force overtime, before prevailing in the extra session. (See page 3 of notes for a full recap of the game).

The 1998-99 matchup in Richmond wasn't as close as some games in previous years, but it was unique. UVa won by nine points, 64-55, but the game could have been extremely close had the Hokies been able to capitalize on some Virginia miscues. Virginia committed 23 turnovers in the game (Virginia Tech had 11), but the Cavaliers overcame that by shooting 53.5 percent (23-43) from the field. On the other hand, the Hokies shot 27.5 percent (19-69) from the floor, the lowest percentage by a UVa opponent that season. The Hokies managed 22 offensive rebounds, but only 11 second chance points. Despite giving up 22 offensive rebounds, UVa managed to grab 29 missed Virginia Tech shots.

The Cavaliers won 58-57 in the 1996-97 season in Richmond in a game that hinged on the last shot. The Hokies had two opportunities to win in the last 10 seconds, but weren't able to connect. Brendan Dunlop missed a runner in the lane, but got the rebound and called timeout following a mad scramble with five seconds left. With time running down, Tech's Jim Jackson drove into the lane and

lost control of the ball. Norman Nolan grabbed the ball as Virginia held on to win.

Virginia's 63-62 victory in 1995 in Richmond was a tight contest throughout. Harold Deane's running jumper in the lane with 17.2 seconds remaining proved to be the winning basket for UVa. The Hokies' Shawn Smith had a chance to win it for Tech in the final seconds, but his jumper rimmed out and Tech could not control the rebound as time expired.

Jason Williford was Virginia's hero in that game. Playing in his final college game in his hometown, he brought the Cavaliers back from a seven-point deficit in the game's final 2:34. He scored eight of Virginia's last 10 points in the final two minutes to rally the Cavaliers. He made a steal in the backcourt, converted it into a layup, drew a foul and hit the ensuing free throw with 53.8 seconds left to put UVa ahead for just the second time in the second half at 61-60. Tech's Ace Custis made two free throws with 34.3 seconds left to set the stage for Deane's game-winning basket.

Virginia shot over 50 percent from the field only once during the 1993-94 season, but it came in a 70-61 win over the Hokies in Roanoke. The Cavaliers shot 51.1 percent in defeating the Hokies.

The 1989 meeting played at the Richmond Coliseum is the second-highest scoring game in UVa history. The Cavaliers needed overtime, but posted a 113-106 win.

Virginia built a 16-point lead early in the second half of the 1993 game in Richmond, but scored only 12 points in the final 16 minutes and dropped a 59-53 decision to the Hokies. The Cavaliers made five field goals in the second half, including three in the final 18 minutes.

Virginia posted a 61-57 double overtime win at the Roanoke Civic Center in 1992. The Cavaliers shot 33.3 percent from the field for the game and managed to pull out the win. That was the lowest UVa had shot and won since January 12, 1977. On that day, the Cavaliers shot 28.9 percent (13-45) in a 55-50 win over Virginia Tech.

Virginia vs. In-State Teams

This is the Cavaliers' first of two games this season against in-state opponents. In the last 21 seasons, UVa is 92-14 (.868) against in-state opponents. Virginia has won 10 consecutive games against in-state teams. UVa's most recent in-state loss was 69-64 setback to Liberty in U-Hall in the 1997-98 season.

Last season, Virginia was 4-0 against in-state opponents with the four victories coming against VMI 98-57 (Nov. 21) at University Hall, Hampton 102-56 (Dec. 10) at the Hampton Convocation Center, Richmond 69-65 (Dec. 21) at the Robins Center, and Virginia Tech 71-66 in overtime (Jan. 24) at the Richmond Coliseum.

In 1998-99, the Cavaliers' were 5-0 against in-state opponents defeating Hampton, Liberty, Virginia Commonwealth, VMI and Virginia Tech. In the 1997-98 season, the Cavaliers were 5-2 against in-state foes. The two losses were the most against state teams since the 1987-88 season when UVa was 1-3 vs. state teams.

Pete Gillen is 10-2 against Virginia schools as a collegiate head coach. He is 2-0 vs. VMI and Hampton, 1-0 vs.

Liberty and Richmond, 3-1 vs. Virginia Tech, and 1-1 vs. VCU.

Gillen's Xavier team defeated Virginia Tech 85-52 in 1993-94, while his 1994-95 Providence team lost to the Hokies 91-78 in the NIT. In the 1993-94 season, Gillen's Xavier team lost to VCU 79-76.

Cavaliers to Face One of Their Own

Virginia Tech is coached by former UVa player and assistant coach Ricky Stokes. Stokes, in his second year as the Hokies' head coach, is a 1984 graduate of Virginia. He served as a graduate assistant at UVa in the 1984-85 season and was an assistant coach in the 1997-98 campaign.

Stokes holds the Virginia school record for games played as he appeared in all 134 contests from 1980-81 through 1983-84. The Cavaliers posted a 109-25 overall record and a 43-13 mark in ACC play during Stokes' career and twice advanced to the "Final Four".

UVa Needs Overtime to Defeat Virginia Tech

Virginia defeated Virginia Tech 71-66 in overtime on January 24, 2000 at the Richmond Coliseum in the most recent game between the two teams. The Cavaliers built a 12-point lead and then had to withstand a Virginia Tech rally to earn the victory.

Guard Donald Hand scored a game-high 21 points to lead the Cavaliers to last season's victory over the Hokies. Among his 21 points was an 11 of 13 effort from the free throw line. He scored seven of Virginia's 11 points in overtime with a layup and five free throws. Guard Roger Mason scored 13 points with nine coming in the second half. Guard Adam Hall added 12 points, while forward Chris Williams notched 11, including the last basket in regulation that tied the game at 60-60 with 1:13 to play.

The Cavaliers built a 12-point lead, 53-41 with 11:45 to play, but the Hokies went on a 13-0 run to take a 54-53 lead with 5:22 to go. Mason's three-pointer with 4:24 to go stopped the Virginia Tech run and gave UVa a 56-54 edge. The Hokies scored the next six points to take a 60-56 lead, but baskets by Mason and Williams forced overtime.

Virginia took the lead for good with 4:12 to play in overtime when Hand converted a three-point play to give UVa a 63-62 lead. After a Hall layup pushed the margin to three, 65-62, the Cavaliers sealed the win by making six of seven free throws down the stretch.

Guard Brendan Dunlop led Virginia Tech with 15 points, while Dennis Mims posted a double-double with 14 points and 11 rebounds.

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Virginia's offense was rolling in its victory over Coastal Carolina (Nov. 20). The Cavaliers lit up the scoreboard in the 117-78 victory with the 117 points tying for the fourth highest single game output in school history. UVa also scored 117 points against Baldwin-Wallace (117-83) in the 1972 season. The school record for points in a game is 128 vs. George Mason (128-98) in 1995. The second highest output is 124 points against Johns Hopkins (124-60) in the 1983 season, while the third highest point total is 118 vs. BYU-Hawaii (118-84) in the 1982 season.

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The Cavaliers' 117 points are the most the team has scored since the 115-111 triple overtime loss to Georgetown in last season's NIT.

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Virginia scored 70 points in the second half of its 117-78 victory over Coastal Carolina (Nov. 20), which is believed to be a school record for points in a half. The previous known high for points in a half was 69 in the second half of UVa's 128-98 victory over George Mason on January 28, 1995. UVa scored 67 points in the second half of a 124-60 win against Johns Hopkins on November 26, 1982.

Virginia Splits a Pair of Exhibition Games

The Cavaliers were 1-1 in their two exhibition games during the preseason. Virginia lost to the London Leopards 89-88 on November 4, but bounced back with a 95-80 win over the Nantucket Nectars Naturals on November 12. (See pages 4 and 5 for the exhibition game summaries).

Joining the Millennium Club

Virginia junior forward Chris Williams became UVa's 34th player to score 1,000 career points when he drilled a three-point basket with 6:10 remaining in the first half against Coastal Carolina (Nov. 20). Williams finished the game with 15 points and 1,008 in his career. Williams joins senior guard Donald Hand as current players reaching the 1,000-point plateau. Hand scored his 1,000th point on Feb. 5, 2000 versus Duke and currently has 1,143 points.

Hand and Williams are the first pair of UVa teammates to both have recorded 1,000 career points since Curtis Staples (1,757 points) and Norman Nolan (1,321) played together during the 1997-98 season.

Mason Sets Career Highs

Sophomore guard Roger Mason, Jr. set career highs for points and assists in a game in UVa's 117-78 win over Coastal Carolina (Nov. 20). Mason tallied 28 points on 10 of 14 shooting from the field, including a two-for-three effort from three-point range, and he also made six of seven free throws. His former career best was 22 points against Duke (Jan. 5, 2000). With seven assists against the Chanticleers, Mason surpassed his former career best of four assists on three different occasions.

Hand Equals Career High in Assists

Senior guard Donald Hand dished out 11 assists in the Cavaliers' 117-78 win over Coastal Carolina (Nov. 20) to tie his career high. He also recorded 11 assists last season against Hampton (Dec. 10, 1999).

Young Named ACC Rookie of the Week

Freshman forward/guard Maurice Young has been selected as the ACC Co-Rookie of the Week for his play in UVa's 96-50 win over Long Island University (Nov. 17). He shared the award with Duke's Chris Duhon. In his collegiate debut, Young scored eight points and grabbed four rebounds. Young was four of six from the field and also added an assist in 11 minutes of action.

Shooting the Long Ball

Virginia's current roster features three of the top 10 career three-point field goal leaders in school history and a fourth player who could join the trio during the 2000-2001 season. Senior guard Donald Hand currently ranks sixth with 120 three-pointers and needs just 13 threes to move into the top five. Juniors Chris Williams and Adam Hall are also on the top 10 list with 72 and 62 career three-pointers respectively. Williams is currently tied for eighth with Willie Dersch (1997-00), while Hall is tied with Kenny Turner (1988-91) for tenth all-time.

Senior guard Keith Friel threatens to join his teammates should he continue his sharp-shooting of the 1999-2000 season. Friel hit 45-109 (.413) three-pointers last season and could add his name to the all-time list in just his second season with Virginia. Friel's 41.3 percent accuracy from behind the line last season ranks as the fifth best performance by a Cavalier in that category.

Friel opened the 2000-2001 season with a three-for-four effort against Long Island University (Nov. 17) and then made two of five threes against Coastal Carolina (Nov. 20). Friel now has 50 career three-pointers while in a Virginia uniform. He also made 60 three-pointers in two seasons at Notre Dame and has a total of 110 career threes.

12 Different Scorers Times Two

In each of the first two games of the 2000-2001 season, Virginia has had 12 players score. In their season-opening 96-50 victory over Long Island University last Friday (Nov. 17), the Cavaliers had 12 different players score with eight players tallying seven or more points. In UVa's 117-78 win over Coastal Carolina (Nov. 20), nine players scored six or more points.

Last season, Virginia had 12 players score in a game four times. UVa had 12 players score in wins over VMI (11/21/99), Loyola (12/8/99), Hampton (12/10/99), and Dartmouth (1/2/00).

Seven Players Drain Threes

In addition to the 12 players scoring in the season-opening win against Long Island (Nov. 17), seven of those players connected on three-point field goals. Last season, UVa also had seven different players make threes in a win over Loyola (12/8/99).

Hand Among Assists and Steals Leaders

In addition to holding the sixth spot on UVa's career three-point field goal list (120 three-pointers), senior guard Donald Hand ranks in Virginia's top 10 in both career assists and steals. Hand is eighth on the Cavaliers' all-time assists list with 368, just one assist shy of Barry Parkhill's (1971-73) seventh place total of 369. Hand also stands eighth in career steals with 135 and needs five more to tie Ricky Stokes (1981-84) for seventh place. In addition, Hand is 30th on UVa's career scoring list with 1,143 points. With 15 more points, Hand will jump up to 27th place all-time.

UVa Rolls to Victory Over Coastal Carolina

Virginia scored 70 points in the second half and cruised to a 117-78 victory over Coastal Carolina on Monday (Nov. 20). The Cavaliers' 117 points ties for the fourth highest single game point output in school history, while the 70 points scored in the second half is believed to be a school record for points in a half.

Sophomore guard Roger Mason led the Cavaliers with a team and career-high 28 points and also dished out a career-best seven assists. Sophomore forward/center Travis Watson added 17 points and seven rebounds, while junior forward Chris Williams added 15 points, including the 1,000th point of his career. Senior guard Donald Hand registered UVa's first double-double of the season with 12 points and a career-high tying 11 assists. For the second consecutive game, the Cavaliers had 12 different players score points.

Virginia shot 56.3 percent (40-71) in the game, including a sizzling 65.7 percent (23-35) in the second half. The Chanticleers shot a respectable 46.7 percent (28-60) in the game, but committed 24 turnovers to UVa's nine. UVa also held a 41-29 edge in rebounds.

The Cavaliers, who never trailed in the game, jumped out to a 19-6 lead, but Coastal Carolina was able to pull within five points, 31-26, with 7:08 left in the first half. UVa pushed the lead back up to 13, 47-34, at intermission. Virginia broke the game open with a 23-2 run in the first 5:16 of the second half that gave the Cavaliers a 70-36 lead.

Cavaliers Impressive in Season-Opening Win

Virginia opened the 2000-2001 season with a 96-50 victory over Long Island University last Friday (Nov. 17) at University Hall. Senior forward Stephane Dondon led a balanced scoring effort with a career-high 17 points, while sophomore forward/center Travis Watson added 16 points. Dondon also contributed six rebounds, three assists, two steals and a blocked shot in the win. A total of 12 Cavaliers scored in the game with eight players scoring seven or more points. Senior guards Donald Hand and Keith Friel, junior forward Chris Williams, and sophomore guard Roger Mason, Jr., scored nine points apiece in the game.

The Cavaliers shot 61.0 percent (36-59) in the game, including a 10-for-20 effort from three-point range. UVa also played great defense in the game, forcing 20 turnovers while limiting the Blackbirds to 35.1 percent shooting from the field (20-57).

Virginia Opens Exhibition Season with Loss

The University of Virginia men's basketball team lost its exhibition opener on November 4 to the London Leopards, 89-88, at University Hall when Leopards guard Jason Kimbrough buried a three-pointer at the buzzer. Kimbrough took a feed from Ricola Alderson on an inbounds play with two seconds remaining in the contest and drained the three.

All five starters finished the game in double figures for the Cavaliers, including sophomore center Travis Watson who led the team in scoring with 21 points and rebounding with 13 boards for a double-double. But Watson's effort

was not enough to erase a six-minute UVa scoring drought midway through the second half that allowed the Leopards back into the game.

The Cavaliers overcame a seven-point deficit to tie the game at 79 with 2:57 remaining in the contest. Then, in the final 10 seconds, senior Donald Hand had a chance to put Virginia up by three but missed the second of two free throws. The Leopards drove the ball down the court and had a two-point shot blocked out of bounds by Watson setting the stage for Kimbrough's late-game heroics.

The Cavaliers led at the half, 53-44, after making 18 of 39 attempts from the field (46.2 percent) and 15 of 19 attempts from the line (78.9 percent). In the second half, however, Virginia struggled from the field and the free throw line. Virginia made just 11 of the 36 shots it attempted from the field (30.6 percent) in the second stanza and was only 13 of 22 from the free throw line (59.1 percent). The Cavaliers finished the game 29 of 75 from the field (38.7 percent) and 28 of 41 from the line (68.3 percent).

Junior Chris Williams was the second-leading scorer and rebounder for the Cavaliers, chipping in 19 points and eight boards, while point guard Hand led the team in assists with four. The Leopards' Maurice Robinson led all scorers with 22 points.

Cavaliers Post 95-80 Win Over Nantucket Nectars

Virginia rebounded from a loss in its first exhibition game to defeat the Nantucket Nectars Naturals, 95-80, in front of 1,407 spectators at University Hall on November 12. The Cavaliers were led by sophomore guard Roger Mason, Jr. who turned in a game-high 20 points to go with his seven rebounds, two assists and two steals.

Virginia took command of the game early, streaking to a 21-5 lead less than six minutes into the first half. The Nantucket Nectars Naturals closed the gap to eight, 23-15, with 12 minutes remaining in the half, and got as close as six points, 38-32, with less than two minutes left in the half. But both times the Cavaliers responded with scoring runs of their own, eventually heading to the locker room at half-time ahead, 47-35.

The 'Hoos started fast again in the second stanza, stretching their lead to 24 points, 69-45, with 12:47 remaining in the game. Although the Naturals did mount a comeback in the final minutes of the contest, they never got closer than 13 points.

Senior guard Donald Hand led all players with 10 assists. He also had eight points and three rebounds in 32 minutes of play. Meanwhile, sophomore forward/center Travis Watson, who had a double-double in the Cavs' exhibition opener, finished just three rebounds short of his second double-double of the preseason. Watson finished the game with 18 points, seven rebounds, one assist and a blocked shot.

Senior forward Stephane Dondon and junior forward Chris Williams combined to shoot 14-15 from the field (7-7 for Dondon and 7-8 for Williams). Dondon finished with 17 points, while Williams had 15 points. Arthur Jackson was the Nantucket Nectars Naturals' leading scorer with 14 points.

Hand, Friel and Williams Elected Captains

Senior guards Donald Hand and Keith Friel, and junior forward Chris Williams have been elected captains of the 2000-01 Virginia basketball team by their teammates.

Hand is the first UVa men's basketball player to serve as a team captain for three consecutive years. He served as a team co-captain last season and as a tri-captain in 1998-99.

Friel Competing as a Graduate Student

Guard Keith Friel received his bachelor's degree in anthropology from UVa in May of 2000 and is competing this season as a graduate student.

2000-2001 ACC Pre-Season Media Prediction

(Indicates first place votes)

	Team	Points
1.	Duke (83)	826
2.	Maryland (6)	722
3.	North Carolina (4)	666
4.	Wake Forest	520
5.	Virginia	457
6.	NC State	429
7.	Clemson	231
8.	Georgia Tech	201
9.	Florida State	133

Cavaliers Welcome Two Newcomers

The 2000-2001 Virginia men's basketball team features two new faces and one returning member from the 1998-99 squad. Joining the 11 returning lettermen from last season, including four returning starters, are first-years J.C. Mathis and Maurice Young, and senior Greg Lyons.

Mathis is a 6-8 forward from John F. Kennedy High School in Brooklyn, New York. He was a first-team All-City selection and led Kennedy to a 28-3 record, and both the Bronx championship and the Public Schools Athletic League (PSAL) title during his senior year.

Young, a 6-4 forward, started four years for Bishop McNamara High School. He was the team's Most Valuable Player three times and the team captain twice. He finished his high school career as Bishop McNamara's all-time leading scorer (2,125 points) and rebounder (772 rebounds), and was a McDonald's All-American nominee.

Lyons rejoins the Virginia team after not playing last year. He saw limited action during the 1997-98 and 1998-99 seasons. A two-year letterman, Lyons was a high school teammate of former UVa player Willie Dersch.

Mapp Out

Sophomore guard Majestic Mapp tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee and underwent surgery during the summer. Mapp injured the knee while playing basketball at St. Raymond's High School, his alma mater, on August 2. He is expected to be out of action four to six months.

Mapp was second on the team in assists last season (2.2 apg) and ranked fourth among all Atlantic Coast Conference freshmen in that category. He averaged 5.3 points a game and was named to the ACC Honor Roll for his academic work and athletic participation.

Four Starters Return for 2000-2001

The Cavaliers return four starters from last season—Donald Hand, Chris Williams, Adam Hall, and Travis Watson. In addition, UVa also returns Roger Mason, who started 11 games, and all but three members of last year's squad. A total of 11 lettermen (which does not include Greg Lyons) are back to take the hardwood in 2000-2001.

With the return of the 11 letterwinners, it's not surprising that Virginia returns from last season:

- 93.8 percent (255 of 272) of the steals
- 92.7 percent (2,341 of 2,526) of the points
- 91.0 percent (1024 of 1125) of the rebounds
- 91.3 percent (5,800 of 6,350) of the minutes
- 90.5 percent (398 of 440) of the assists

Cavaliers Ranked in AP and USA Today/ESPN Polls

For the first time since the 1995-96 season, the Virginia men's basketball team opened a season ranked in both The Associated Press and *USA Today/ESPN* Top 25 polls. The Cavaliers have been ranked 25th in the first two regular season AP polls released November 13 and November 20, and were 25th in the preseason *USA Today/ESPN* poll. Virginia was ranked 24th in the AP's preseason poll. In the current national polls, UVa is 25th in the AP poll with 232 points, while the Cavaliers garnered 85 points and are the top team in the others receiving votes portion of the *USA Today/ESPN* poll. (The entire AP poll is listed on this page).

Before the 1995-1996 season Virginia was ranked 19th in the AP and 14th in the *USA Today/ESPN* polls. The last time the Cavs appeared in any poll prior to this season came during the 1996-97 season when they were ranked 25th in the AP poll (12/3/96).

Pre-Season Prognostications

In addition to being ranked in the AP and *USA Today/ESPN* polls, the Virginia men's basketball team was ranked among the top 30 teams in the nation in several other preseason rankings. Virginia was ranked 18th by *The Sporting News*, 23rd by *Basketball News* and *Dick Vitale's College Basketball 2000-2001 Preview*, 24th by *Street & Smith's*, and 27th by the *Blue Ribbon College Basketball Yearbook*.

Studying Abroad

This summer the University of Virginia men's basketball team traveled to Europe to compete against several club and professional teams in Germany, Belgium and France. The Cavaliers finished the trip with a 5-1 record and won their five games by an average of 35.4 points per game (527-350).

All 11 of Virginia's returning players from the 1999-2000 team made the trip, as did returning player Greg Lyons from the 1998-1999 squad. Incoming freshmen were not eligible to make the trip.

The trip was a homecoming of sorts for senior forward Stephane Dondon who is from Toulouse, France. Dondon was among several Cavaliers who turned in strong performances during the tour. In the team's win against TSV Breitengussbach, Dondon led the team with 21 points on

9-10 shooting and added nine rebounds.

Senior guard Keith Friel led the team in scoring in wins against Sceaux BBC and Lummen BBC with 23 points in each game.

Several Cavaliers recorded double-doubles during the trip, including sophomore Travis Watson who led the team with four double-doubles. Watson's performances were highlighted by a 22-point, 10-rebound effort in the win over Sceaux BBC. Also recording double-doubles on the trip were Donald Hand, Chris Williams, Adam Hall and Jason Rogers. Rogers had a 10-point, 10-rebound game in UVa's win over TSV Breitengussbach, and a 12-point, seven-rebound performance in a win against Lummen BBC.

The trip was Virginia's first since the Cavaliers compiled a 3-3 record during a 1996 European tour.

Dartmouth Starting Time Finalized

Virginia's game at Dartmouth scheduled for December 30 will begin at 1:00 p.m. The game was previously listed as a 7:00 p.m. start.

Associated Press Top 25 Poll - released November 20 (indicates first place votes)

Rank	Team	Record	Points	Prev. Rank
1.	Arizona (33)	0-0	1,654	1
2.	Duke (30)	2-0	1,653	2
3.	Kansas	3-0	1,446	4
4.	Michigan St. (4)	1-0	1,442	3
5.	Stanford	1-0	1,408	5
6.	Maryland (1)	0-0	1,375	6
7.	North Carolina	3-0	1,290	7
8.	Illinois	1-0	1,162	8
9.	Tennessee	2-0	1,158	9
10.	Seton Hall	1-0	1,125	10
11.	Florida	1-0	1,039	11
12.	Connecticut	1-0	753	13
13.	Utah	1-0	725	12
14.	Notre Dame	1-0	664	16
15.	UCLA	1-1	663	14
16.	Cincinnati	1-0	641	17
17.	Wake Forest	2-0	571	18
18.	Wisconsin	0-0	479	19
19.	Oklahoma	2-0	383	21
20.	USC	1-0	332	23
21.	DePaul	1-0	295	22
22.	Kentucky	0-2	293	20
23.	St. John's	2-1	290	24
24.	Arkansas	1-1	256	15
25.	Virginia	1-0	232	25

OTHERS RECEIVING VOTES: Alabama 141, Iowa St. 116, Temple 94, Iowa 67, Missouri 56, Texas 42, Georgetown 41, Indiana 41, Charlotte 32, Xavier 28, SMU 13, So. Mississippi 10, Dayton 8, LSU 8, Purdue 8, Memphis 6, South Carolina 6, Wyoming 6, No. Carolina St. 4, BYU 3, Mississippi St. 3, Lafayette 2, Pepperdine 2, UNLV 2, Cal State-Northridge 1, Fresno St. 1, Gonzaga 1, UL Lafayette 1, Oregon 1, South Florida 1, TCU 1.