

VIRGINIA BASKETBALL 2001-2002 MEDIA NOTES

#1 / #1 Duke (17-1, 5-1 ACC)
vs.
#7 / #7 Virginia (14-2 / 4-2 ACC)
January 27, 2002 • 8:00 p.m.
Cameron Indoor Stadium (9,314)
Durham, N.C.

2001-02 SCHEDULE

14-2 Overall / 4-2 ACC

Home: 10-1

Away: 3-1

Neutral: 1-0

Nov. 2	Nantucket Nectar Naturals (EX)	W, 82-70
Nov. 11	Los Angeles Stars (EX)	W, 98-69
Nov. 16	WAGNER	W, 105-74
Nov. 18	EAST TENNESSEE STATE	W, 85-62
Nov. 21	HOWARD**	W, 115-66
Nov. 28	vs. #22 Michigan State* (ESPN2)	Suspended with UVa leading 31-28, 15:04 left in 2nd half. The game will not be completed.
Dec. 1	VIRGINIA TECH (FSNS)	W, 69-61
Dec. 8	vs. Auburn+ (ESPN Reg.)	W, 77-72
Dec. 17	CHARLESTON SOUTHERN (Comcast)	W, 74-54
Dec. 20	at #16 Georgetown** (TBS)	W, 61-55
Dec. 23	RUTGERS (FSN)	W, 76-68
Dec. 30	GRAMBLING STATE (Comcast)	W, 112-67
Jan. 5	N.C. STATE (R/JP)	L, 74-81
Jan. 8	at Clemson (FSNS/Sunshine)	L, 52-68
Jan. 12	at North Carolina (ESPN)	W, 71-67
Jan. 15	#14 WAKE FOREST (R/JP/Sun)	W, 86-74
Jan. 20	FLORIDA STATE (R/JP)	W, 91-74
Jan. 22	at Georgia Tech (ESPN2)	W, 69-65
Jan. 24	VMI	W, 93-59
Jan. 27	at Duke (FSN)	8:00 p.m.
Jan. 31	MARYLAND (ESPN)	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 3	at Missouri (ABC)	2:00 p.m.
Feb. 6	at N.C. State (ESPN2)	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 10	CLEMSON (R/JP)	3:30 p.m.
Feb. 12	NORTH CAROLINA (R/JP)	8:00 p.m.
Feb. 17	at Wake Forest (FSN)	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 20	at Florida State	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 23	GEORGIA TECH (RJ/ESPN2)	4:00 p.m.
Feb. 28	DUKE (ESPN)	9:00 p.m.
Mar. 3	at Maryland (FSN)	8:00 p.m.
Mar. 7-10	ACC TOURNAMENT^	TBA

*ACC/Big Ten Challenge, at Richmond Coliseum

**John Thompson Foundation Classic

+ Arby's Hardwood Classic, Birmingham, Ala.

^Charlotte, N.C.

Rankings listed are from the Associated Press Poll (All times are Eastern)

TELEVISION

Tonight's game against Duke will be televised by Fox Sports Net. Thom Brennaman will handle the play-by-play. Kenny Smith is the analyst. Mike Gminski is the guest analyst.

RADIO

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

OFFICIALS

THE GAME

Virginia, ranked seventh in both the AP and *USAToday*/ESPN polls, stands at 14-2 overall and 4-2 in the Atlantic Coast Conference this season. The Cavaliers are coming off a 93-59 victory over VMI (Jan. 24) at University Hall for their fifth consecutive victory. **Duke**, ranked first in the AP and *USAToday*/ESPN polls, stands at 17-1 overall and 5-1 in the ACC. The Blue Devils are coming off an 88-78 win over Boston College (Jan. 24) in Chestnut Hill, Mass.

The Series vs. Duke

Duke leads the all-time series with the Cavaliers 97-46. UVa split the series with the Blue Devils last season with both teams winning at home. Duke won the first meeting 103-61 (Jan. 13) in Durham, while the Cavaliers posted a 91-89 victory (Feb. 14) in Charlottesville, which snapped a 12-game slide to the Blue Devils. Duke has dominated the series in the last 18 years, winning 33 of the last 42 meetings since Ralph Sampson's graduation from Virginia in 1983.

In addition to snapping the 12-game losing streak to the Blue Devils, Virginia broke a six-game streak in which Duke reached triple digits.

Prior to last season's victory, the Cavaliers' last win over Duke was a 77-66 triumph in Charlottesville on January 13, 1996. That was the last of four consecutive wins for the Cavaliers.

During Duke's 12-game winning streak over UVa, the Blue Devils won in convincing fashion, winning by an average of 25.3 points per game. Duke has won by more than 40 points in four of the last 10 meetings (including UVa's win last year). Only four of the last 13 games have been decided by fewer than 10 points, including UVa's win last season and Duke's nine-point overtime win (109-100) in the 1999-2000 season (Jan. 5). The Blue Devils also eked out a 62-61 win in Charlottesville on February 11, 1997 and a seven-point victory, 72-65, in Charlottesville on January 24, 1998.

Playing in front of the "Cameron Crazies" has been difficult for UVa as the Wahoos are 8-41 against Duke at Cameron. All-time Virginia is 10-46 on Duke's various home courts through the years. UVa's last win at Cameron Indoor Stadium was a 91-88 double overtime victory on January 14, 1995.

Only the Second Time

Virginia and Duke have been ranked in the top 10 of The Associated Press poll a combined 457 times (Duke 384 times, UVa 73 times) and tonight's game is only the second time the two schools have met while ranked in the AP's top 10 concurrently. The first time it happened was last season on January 13, when Duke was ranked second in the January 8 AP poll and UVa was 10th.

Virginia's Probable Starters

No.	Pos.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Ppg.	Rpg.	Mpg	Notes
32	F	J.C. Mathis	6-8	224	So.	6.3	4.9	18.8	Career high 20 pts., 15 rebs. vs. VMI
33	F	Chris Williams	6-7	216	Sr.	14.4	6.5	31.7	Shooting 57.5% (84-146) from the field
35	C	Travis Watson	6-8	255	Jr.	13.0	10.7	30.3	10 double-doubles in 2001-02
10	G	Keith Jenifer	6-3	155	Fr.	3.3	2.1	17.3	Started last five games at the point
21	G	Roger Mason, Jr.	6-5	199	Jr.	18.1	3.8	34.8	Averaging 4.6 assists per game

Virginia's Key Reserves

42	F	Elton Brown	6-9	265	Fr.	9.2	3.7	15.3	Career high 20 pts., 10 rebs. vs. Ga.Tech
34	F	Jason Clark	6-8	225	Fr.	3.1	3.1	12.5	8 blocks vs. VMI; leads team with 27
24	G	Jermaine Harper	6-3	166	Fr.	5.8	1.6	15.4	Scored career-high 13 points vs. VMI
31	G	Adam Hall	6-5	203	Sr.	9.8	5.1	27.8	Scored 1,000th career point vs. Rutgers

Mason One of 30 Midseason Wooden Candidates

Junior guard Roger Mason, Jr., has been selected as one of 30 Midseason Candidates for the 2001-2002 Wooden Award Player of the Year and All-American Team in a national poll of The John R. Wooden Award Midseason Committee. The top 30 candidates were selected based on individual performance and team records thus far in the 2001-2002 season.

The 10-member Wooden Award All-American Team will be announced on March 26, 2002. The Wooden Award Trophy, given to the nation's Most Outstanding Collegiate Basketball Player of the Year, will be presented on April 7, 2002.

Virginia vs. Ranked Duke Teams

Tonight's contest is the 12th consecutive game in which the Blue Devils have been ranked in the top 10 when playing the Cavaliers, dating back to the 1996-97 season. UVa had dropped 10 consecutive meetings before winning last season 91-89 (Feb. 14) at University Hall when Duke was ranked third. The Blue Devils are currently ranked first in both The Associated Press and *USAToday*/ESPN Coaches polls.

In the past four seasons, Virginia has played Duke when the Blue Devils were ranked as the nation's top team five times. In 1997-98 Duke was ranked #1 at the time of all three meetings. (Virginia became the first team in NCAA history to play the nation's #1 team five times in one season when, in addition to three games vs. Duke, UVa also played North Carolina twice when it was atop the polls). In 1998-99, the Blue Devils were ranked #1 when they defeated UVa 100-54 in Charlottesville (Feb. 11) and 104-67 in the ACC Tournament (Mar. 4).

Overall, Virginia hasn't fared well against a nationally-ranked Duke squad. The Cavaliers are 13-50 against a ranked Duke team, but are 3-5 vs. third-ranked Blue Devil squads. In its last two meetings vs. a #3 Duke team, Virginia defeated the Blue Devils 91-89 at home last season (Feb. 14) and lost 106-86 (Feb. 5) in Durham during the 1999-2000 season.

The highest ranked team Virginia has defeated on the road is a third-ranked team, which UVa has accomplished three times. The Cavaliers have twice beaten #3 Duke teams on the road (90-84 - Jan. 23, 1980 and 77-69 - Jan. 17, 1993), as well as Georgetown (68-63 - Dec. 11, 1982). UVa was unranked at the time of the win in 1980, ranked 14th in 1993, and ranked first in 1982 vs. Georgetown.

Virginia Vs. #1

This is the 24th time the Cavaliers have played the #1 team in the nation. They have not fared well against top-ranked teams, posting a 1-22 all-time record. Virginia's lone win over the #1 team was an 86-73 win over North Carolina in Charlottesville on January 30, 1986.

Virginia has faced Duke 10 times when the Blue Devils were ranked number one and has lost all 10 games.

A look at Virginia's games against Duke when the Blue Devils were ranked #1 is below.

Date	Site	Result
Dec. 18, 1965	UVa	Duke, 75-72
Mar. 8, 1986	Greensboro, N.C.	Duke, 75-70
Jan. 7, 1989	UVa	Duke, 84-76
Jan. 2, 1992	UVa	Duke, 68-62
Feb. 26, 1992	Duke	Duke, 76-67
Dec. 6, 1997	Duke	Duke, 103-59
Jan. 24, 1998	UVa	Duke, 72-65
March 5, 1998	Greensboro, N.C.	Duke, 63-41
Feb. 11, 1999	UVa	Duke, 100-54
Mar. 4, 1999	Greensboro, N.C.	Duke, 104-67

Gillen Vs. #1

Head coach Pete Gillen is 0-3 lifetime coaching against number one-ranked Associated Press Poll teams. He is 0-2 vs. #1 ranked teams at UVa and was 0-1 while the head coach at Xavier. Gillen's first Virginia team lost twice to Duke in the 1998-99 season (100-54 - Feb. 11 and 104-67 - Mar. 4). His Xavier team lost 73-70 to top-ranked Indiana in the second round of the 1993 NCAA Tournament in Indianapolis, Ind. (Mar. 21).

Hall to Miss Tonight's Game

Senior guard/forward Adam Hall is not expected to play in tonight's game against Duke after injuring his right foot with 41 seconds left in UVa's game against North Carolina (Jan. 12). He has missed Virginia's last four games. Hall has a partial tear of the plantar fascia (dense tissue that supports the arch) on the bottom of his right foot. Hall will rest and rehabilitate the injury and it's uncertain how long he will be out of action.

Hall is averaging 9.8 points and 5.1 rebounds per game this season, and is averaging 27.8 minutes per game. He started the first 11 games of the season, but came off the bench in UVa's victory over North Carolina. Hall played 24 minutes and scored eight points with four steals, three assists and one rebound against the Tar Heels.

Cavalier Captains

Seniors Adam Hall and Chris Williams, and junior Roger Mason, Jr., have been elected captains of the 2001-02 Virginia basketball team by their teammates. Williams was one of the team's tri-captains last season.

Two Freshmen Earn First Starts

Freshman forward Elton Brown earned his first collegiate start against Clemson (Jan. 8) and received his second start vs. VMI (Jan. 24). Freshman guard Keith Jenifer received his first start against North Carolina (Jan. 12) and has now started five consecutive games.

Brown made his starts in place of junior Travis Watson. Watson did not practice the two days before the Clemson game after experiencing cramping in his legs against N.C. State (Jan. 5). Brown started against VMI because Watson was sidelined with a hip pointer. Jenifer started in place of senior forward/guard Adam Hall against North Carolina and has remained in the starting lineup as Hall recovers from a partial tear of the plantar fascia in his right foot.

In 19 minutes of playing time, Brown tallied four points and three rebounds against Clemson (Jan. 8). He had 15 points and four rebounds in 21 minutes of action against VMI (Jan. 24). Against North Carolina, Jenifer equaled his career high with nine points and added four assists, three rebounds and one steal in 24 minutes of action. Jenifer had four points and three assists while playing a then career-high 25 minutes against Wake Forest. In a career-high 30 minutes of playing time against Florida State (Jan. 20), Jenifer equaled his career best with six assists and added five points, three rebounds and one steal. He had six points in UVa's win at Georgia Tech (Jan. 22) and four points and four assists against VMI (Jan. 24).

Prior to the freshmen earning their first starts, the five-some of J.C. Mathis, Chris Williams, Travis Watson, Roger Mason, Jr., and Adam Hall started the first 10 games of the season.

Head Coach Pete Gillen

Pete Gillen is in his 17th season as a collegiate head coach and sports a 341-167 record for a .671 winning percentage. Gillen coached his 500th collegiate game against Rutgers on December 23 (a 76-68 win). Gillen is in his fourth season at Virginia and has posted a 67-39 record (.632 winning percentage). 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 13 times in 16 seasons (nine NCAA, four NIT). He has been selected as the conference Coach of the Year five times - all while coaching Xavier (Midwestern Collegiate Conference).

AP Ranking

Virginia's ranking of 11th in the preseason Associated Press poll is its highest preseason AP ranking since the 1982-83 season when the Cavaliers were ranked number one in the nation. It is just the seventh time since the 1982-83 season UVa has been ranked in the AP's preseason poll.

Prior to the 1995-96 season, the Cavaliers were ranked 19th and were 14th in 1994-95. Virginia was 16th in the 1993-94 season, 18th in 1990-91, and 24th prior to last season.

Virginia is ranked seventh in the January 21 Associated Press and *USAToday/ESPN* polls. It is the 30th consecutive time UVa has appeared in the AP poll. The ranking of fourth in the December 24 and December 31 AP polls was the Cavaliers' highest ranking in the AP poll since the 1982-83 season. UVa was ranked second in the March 8, 1983 AP poll. UVa was ranked fourth in the final AP poll (Mar. 15) of the 1982-83 season.

Here's a look at Virginia's ranking in this season's AP and ESPN/USAToday polls:

Date	AP	USAToday/ESPN
Preseason	11th	11th
Nov. 12	No Poll	11th
Nov. 19	11th	10th
Nov. 26	9th	8th
Dec. 3	8th	7th
Dec. 10	7th	6th
Dec. 17	5th	5th
Dec. 24	4th	4th
Dec. 31	4th	4th
Jan. 7	7th	5th
Jan. 14	10th	9th
Jan. 21	7th	7th

Virginia vs. Ranked Teams

UVa is 2-0 this season against teams ranked in the top 25 of the AP poll at the time the game was played. The Cavaliers were also scheduled to play 22nd-ranked Michigan State (Nov. 28), but that game was suspended five minutes into the second half because of slippery floor conditions. Here's a list of Virginia's top 25 games to date:

Opponent (date)	Rank	Site	Result	Score
Georgetown (Dec. 20)	16th	A	W	61-55
Wake Forest (Jan. 15)	14th	H	W	86-74

Four Consecutive ACC Victories

Virginia is currently in the midst of a four-game ACC winning streak (five games overall). UVa has beaten North Carolina 71-67 (Jan. 12), Wake Forest 86-74 (Jan. 15), Florida State 91-74 (Jan. 20) and Georgia Tech 69-65 (Jan. 22).

The four straight wins matches the Cavaliers' longest ACC winning streak of last season. Last year, UVa beat Duke 91-89 (Feb. 14), Florida State 69-66 (Feb. 17), North Carolina 86-66 (Feb. 25) and Clemson 84-65 (Feb. 28) for its four consecutive ACC victories.

In 1999-00, UVa posted consecutive ACC wins over Clemson (Jan. 15), North Carolina (Jan. 18), Florida State (Jan. 26) and Wake Forest (Jan. 30).

The last time Virginia won more than four consecutive ACC games was in the 1994-95 season when it won six consecutive conference contests. The streak started with a 76-63 overtime win over Florida State and continued with wins over N.C. State, Clemson, Duke, UNC and Georgia Tech. The winning streak was snapped with a 66-63 loss at Wake Forest.

Watson Misses First Game of Career

Junior forward/center Travis Watson missed UVa's game against VMI (Jan. 24) with a hip pointer. Watson had played in 75 consecutive games with 72 starts.

Michigan State Game Cancelled

Virginia's game against Michigan State in the ACC/Big Ten Challenge November 28 at the Richmond Coliseum was halted with UVa leading 31-28 with 15:04 left in the contest due to wet floor conditions. The unseasonably warm temperature (70 degrees) combined with the ice surface under the playing court produced condensation on the court which caused slippery conditions and forced the game to be halted. The game will not be completed or replayed.

A Top 10 Kind of Guy

Senior forward Chris Williams is ranked in Virginia's career top 10 of six major statistical categories. He is just outside the top 10 in a seventh category - free throws. Williams has made 335 free throws in his career and needs to make five more to move into 10th place.

Here's a look at where Williams stands on UVa's career statistical lists:

Category	Rank	Total
Steals	6th	166
Blocked shots	6th	91
Three-point field goals	7th	117
Rebounds	9th	712
Field goals	9th	592
Scoring	10th	1,636

Freshmen Stepping Up

Virginia's four scholarship freshmen, Elton Brown, Jason Clark, Jermaine Harper and Keith Jenifer, have been reliable members of the Cavaliers' playing rotation all season. With only six scholarship players returning from last season, Virginia needed the four freshmen to step up and they have.

Brown has made two starts (Clemson - Jan. 8 and VMI - Jan. 24) and is averaging 9.2 points and 3.7 rebounds per game. He has scored in double figures seven times with a career-high 20 points against Georgia Tech (Jan. 22). He also grabbed a career-high 10 rebounds vs. the Jackets for his first double-double. Brown is averaging 15.3 minutes per game and is shooting 55.9 percent (57-102) from the field, including 58.3 percent (7-12) from three-point range, and 70.3 percent (26-37) from the free throw line. Brown was named the ACC Rookie of the Week on December 24.

Clark leads the Cavaliers with 27 blocked shots, including a career-best eight blocks against VMI (Jan. 24). He blocked at least one shot in each of his first eight collegiate games. Clark is averaging 12.5 minutes, 3.1 points and 3.1 rebounds per game and has played solid interior defense. He has made 15 of 22 free throws (68.2 percent) and is also shooting 44.4 percent (16-36) from the field.

Harper is evolving into an outside shooting threat for the Cavaliers. He is shooting 47.5 percent (29-61) from the field, including 8-26 (30.8 percent) from three-point range. Harper is 27-30 (90.0 percent) from the free throw

line and is averaging 15.4 minutes, 5.8 points and 1.6 rebounds per game. Harper has reached double figures in scoring three times, including a career-best 13 points against VMI (Jan. 24).

Jenifer has started at point guard for UVa the last five games (North Carolina - Jan. 12, Wake Forest - Jan. 15, Florida State - Jan. 20, Georgia Tech - Jan. 22 and VMI - Jan. 24). He is averaging 17.3 minutes per game and has played a total of 118 minutes in his five starts (23.6 minutes per game). Jenifer is averaging 3.3 points, 2.4 assists and 2.1 rebounds per game. He is averaging 5.5 points per game in ACC play, including a career high nine points against both Clemson and North Carolina.

Rebounding

The Cavaliers are having an excellent season in the rebounding department. UVa has outrebounded its opponents by an average of 8.6 per game (43.2 to 34.6), which leads all ACC teams. Virginia has outrebounded its opponent in 13 of 16 games. In the games UVa has outrebounded its opponent, the narrowest margin has been by two rebounds (N.C. State, 33-31). The Cavaliers have outrebounded their opponent by nine or more rebounds 10 times.

Virginia Tech (50-41) and Charleston Southern (41-40) are the only teams to rebound UVa in a game. In UVa's game against Clemson, both teams had 43 rebounds.

The Cavaliers averaged 39.0 rebounds per game last season, while their opponents averaged 33.4 boards per game.

Blocking Elite

Freshman forward Jason Clark blocked eight shots against VMI (Jan. 24), which ties for the sixth most blocked shots in a game in school history. His is only the third UVa player with eight or more blocked shots in a game. Clark's eight blocks are the most in a game since December 9, 1995 when Chris Alexander swatted eight Richmond shots.

Ralph Sampson is the only other Virginia player to block at least eight shots in a game and he did that eight times with a career best of 12 vs. Army on December 22, 1979.

In addition to his eight blocks, Clark added eight points and a career-high nine rebounds against the Keydets.

Clark is averaging 1.8 blocks per game, which is second among all ACC players.

17 Rebounds

Junior forward/center Travis Watson pulled down 17 rebounds against Wake Forest (Jan. 15), establishing a new career high. Watson had eight offensive rebounds and nine defensive boards in surpassing his former career high of 16 rebounds vs. Duke (Jan. 5, 2000) and UMBC (Dec. 23, 2000). He also tied his career high with 20 points for his eighth double-double of the season. He followed the 17-rebound performance with 15 rebounds against Florida State (Jan. 20) and had 14 points for his ninth double-double of the season and 30th of his career.

The last UVa player to grab 17 rebounds in a game was Adam Hall, who pulled down the 17 boards against Wake Forest (Feb. 3, 2001).

Second Leading Free Throw Shooter in ACC History

Junior guard Roger Mason, Jr., is the second most accurate free throw shooter in ACC history.

With his four for four performance from the free throw line against Florida State (Jan. 20), Mason passed Wake Forest's Charlie Davis (1969-71) as the most accurate free throw shooter in ACC history, but fell behind Davis when he went three for four from the line against Georgia Tech (Jan. 22). Mason temporarily passed Davis again when he made his first four free throws against VMI (Jan. 24), but finished the game five for six to slip back to second. Mason has made 256 of 294 for 87.07 percent, while Davis made 578 of 662 free throws for 87.31 percent.

Mason can overtake Davis again by making his next six free throws.

Seven Threes

Junior guard Roger Mason, Jr., had made just two of his last 16 three-point attempts in his previous two games, but exploded for a career-best seven trifectas against Wake Forest (Jan. 15). Mason was seven of 13 from beyond the three-point line and scored a season-high 25 points against the Demon Deacons. His previous season high for points was 24 in UVa's season-opener against Wagner (Nov. 16).

Mason's seven threes are the most in a game by a UVa player since Curtis Staples made seven against North Carolina on February 1, 1998. Mason's previous career best for threes in a game was five on four occasions.

37 Free Throws Made

Virginia made 37 of 44 free throws against Florida State (Jan. 20), which ties for the third most made free throws in a game by the Cavaliers in school history. UVa also made 37 (of 51) free throws against VMI on Feb. 18, 1956. The school record is 40 made free throws (54 attempts) against Duke on Feb. 22, 1955. The Cavaliers also made 38 of 44 attempts from the charity stripe against Washington & Lee (Jan. 14, 1955). UVa's 44 attempts from the line against FSU ties for the 19th most in school history.

Taking Advantage of the Free Throw Line

The Cavaliers had struggled a bit from the free throw line this season, but turned things around in the last five games. In the past five games, the Cavaliers are 102 of 124 from the charity stripe for an outstanding 82.3 percent. Here's a breakdown of UVa's effort from the free throw line in the last five games:

VMI (Jan. 24)	16-23	69.6 percent
Georgia Tech (Jan. 22)	13-16	81.3 percent
Florida State (Jan. 20)	37*-44*	84.1 percent
Wake Forest (Jan. 15)	20-22	90.9* percent
North Carolina (Jan. 12)	16-19	84.2 percent

*season highs

On the season, UVa is 297-415 (71.6 percent) from the free throw line. UVa is leading the ACC in free throw shooting in conference games, having connected on 79.5 percent (105-132) of its attempts.

NCAA Statistics

Virginia appears in several categories in the NCAA Division I statistics for games played through January 21.

Individually, junior guard Roger Mason, Jr., is sixth in free throw percentage at 91.3 percent (63-69). He is presently shooting 89.9 percent (71-79) from the free throw line. Mason is also 25th in three-point field goals made per game with 3.1 (44 in 14 games). He is currently averaging 2.9 per game (47 in 16 games). Junior forward/center Travis Watson is ninth in rebounding with an average of 10.8 per game. He is currently averaging 10.7 rebounds per contest. Senior forward Chris Williams is 17th in the nation in field goal percentage at 58.3 percent (77-132). Williams is presently shooting 57.5 percent (84-146) from the floor.

As a team, the Cavaliers are ninth in won/loss percentage at 85.7 percent (12-2). UVa's current winning percentage is 87.5 percent (14-2). Virginia is 14th in the country in scoring margin at 14.6 points per game (82.0 to 67.4). That margin is now 15.2 points per game (81.9 to 66.7). The Cavaliers are tied for 15th in scoring offense at 82.0 points per game and are now averaging 81.9 points per game. Virginia is 16th in rebound margin at plus 8.1 (42.4 to 34.3). The Cavaliers' rebound margin is currently 8.6 per game (43.2 to 34.6).

Fewest Points in a Win Under Gillen

The Cavaliers scored just 61 points in their win over Georgetown (Dec. 20), marking the fewest points UVa has scored in a victory during Pete Gillen's tenure as Virginia's head coach.

The previous lowest point total in a Virginia win under Gillen was 62 points in a 62-53 victory over Washington State (Nov. 22) in the 1998 Top of the World Classic in Fairbanks, Alaska.

The last time Virginia scored less than 61 points in a victory was back in the 1997-98 season. The Cavaliers scored 59 points in a 59-56 win over N.C. State at University Hall (Jan. 18) in the 1997-98 season.

Points in a Half

Virginia scored 68 points in the first half in its 112-67 win over Grambling (Dec. 30), which is believed to be a school record for points in the first half. UVa's 68 points is also the third most points scored in a half. Virginia scored 70 points in the second half of a 117-78 win over Coastal Carolina (Nov. 20) last season, which is believed to be the school record for points in a half. The second most points scored in a half is 69 points in the second half of UVa's 128-98 victory over George Mason (Jan. 28) in the 1994-95 season.

Back-to-Back 9-0 Starts

By starting the 2001-2002 season with nine consecutive wins before falling to N.C. State (Jan. 5), Virginia posted back-to-back 9-0 starts for the first time since the 1980-81 and 1981-82 seasons. The Cavaliers won their first 10 games of the 2000-2001 season.

In 1980-81, UVa won its first 23 games to start the season. Virginia won its first 12 games in the 1981-82 season.

Only 52 Points

Virginia was held to 52 points in its 68-52 loss at Clemson (Jan. 8), marking the third fewest points the Cavaliers have scored in a game during Pete Gillen's tenure. The fewest points UVa has scored in a game under Gillen is 47 on two occasions. The Cavaliers managed just 47 points in a 68-47 loss at Georgia Tech (Feb. 9) in the 1999-2000 season. Virginia scored only 47 points in a 71-47 loss at North Carolina (Jan. 21) in the 1998-99 season.

Williams Held Scoreless

Senior forward Chris Williams did not score a point in the Cavaliers' loss to Clemson (Jan. 8), marking the first time in his career he did not score in a game. Williams had scored in his first 100 collegiate games with his previous low being four points versus Florida State in the 1999-2000 season. Williams had scored in double figures in 87 of 100 career games prior to being held scoreless against Clemson.

Only One Player in Double Figures in Scoring

In the Cavaliers' loss to Clemson (Jan. 8), junior guard Roger Mason, Jr., was the only Virginia player to score in double figures as he had 19 points. It is the first time since the final game of the 1996-97 season UVa has had only one player score in double figures in a game. Harold Deane scored 24 points in UVa's 73-60 loss to Iowa (Mar. 13) in the first round of the 1997 NCAA Tournament in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Brown Named ACC Rookie of the Week

Freshman forward Elton Brown was named the Atlantic Coast Conference Rookie of the Week (Dec. 24) after scoring 19 points and grabbing seven rebounds in Cavalier victories over Charleston Southern (Dec. 17), Georgetown (Dec. 20) and Rutgers (Dec. 23). Brown was eight for 20 (40 percent) from the field, including two for two from three-point range, in 43 minutes of action. In UVa's 61-55 victory over 16th-ranked Georgetown, Brown had 10 points and three rebounds.

Pre-Season Prognostications

The Virginia men's basketball team was ranked among the top teams in the nation in several preseason rankings.

UVa was ranked 10th by Lindy's and 11th in the *USA Today*/ESPN and Associated Press preseason polls. Virginia was also ranked 11th by both *The Sporting News* and *Street and Smith's*. The Cavaliers were ranked 13th by *Basketball News*, Dick Vitale and *Sports Illustrated*, and 16th by *Slam* magazine and ESPN.com.

2001-2002 ACC Pre-Season Media Prediction

(Indicates first place votes)

	Team	Points
1.	Duke (69)	661
2.	Maryland (5)	596
3.	Virginia	483
4.	North Carolina	421
5.	Wake Forest	407
6.	Georgia Tech	254
7.	N.C. State	242

8.	Florida State	140
9.	Clemson	126

2001-02 Media Pre-Season All-ACC Selections

First Team

Jason Williams, Duke	74#
Juan Dixon, Md.	69
Lonny Baxter, Md.	58
Carlos Boozer, Duke	37
Mike Dunleavy, Duke	35

Second Team

Chris Duhon, Duke	24
Roger Mason, Jr., UVa	24
Jason Capel, UNC	14
Josh Howard, WF	11
Travis Watson, UVa	11

#Denotes unanimous selection

2001-02 Media Pre-Season ACC Player of Year

Jason Williams, Duke	74#
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2001-02 Media Pre-Season ACC Rookie of Year

Julius Hodge, NC State	40
Jawad Williams, North Carolina	20
Anthony Richardson, Florida State	5
Chey Christie, Clemson	3
Elton Brown, Virginia	2
Barry Elder, Georgia Tech	1

Williams Among UVa's All-time Field Goal Leaders

Senior forward Chris Williams is in ninth place on Virginia's career field goals leaders list with 592. Williams needs 14 more field goals to pass Richard Morgan (1986-89) for eighth place.

This season, Williams is second among all ACC players in field goal percentage at 57.5 percent (84-146). He has also made 15 of 40 three-point attempts (37.5 percent). Williams made eight of nine attempts (he missed his first attempt) from the field against Howard (Nov. 21), including five of six threes. Ironically, Williams has made only 48 of 72 attempts for 66.7 percent from the free throw line. He has regained his touch from the line over the last five games by making 19 of 25 attempts (76.0 percent). Williams entered the season as a 72.8 percent career free throw shooter.

In his career, Williams is shooting 51.7 percent (592-1,146) from the field.

Hall Nets 1,000th Career Point

Senior forward/guard Adam Hall became the 35th Cavalier to score 1,000 career points when he eclipsed the milestone against Rutgers on December 23. Hall reached the 1,000 point plateau with a baseline jumper with 13:54 remaining in the second half that tied the game at 48-48.

Hall currently has 1,037 points and is 33rd on UVa's all-time scoring list.

Chris Williams became the 34th UVa player to score 1,000 career points last season against Coastal Carolina (Nov. 20, 2000).

Hall is averaging 9.8 points per game this season and is shooting 40.0 percent (44-110) from the field.

Blocked Shot Record

The Cavaliers blocked 14 shots against Grambling (Dec. 30) to tie the school record for blocked shots in a game. UVa also blocked 14 shots against Army on December 22, 1979. Ralph Sampson blocked 12 of those shots which is a school record. The Cavaliers nearly matched that school record as they blocked 13 VMI (Jan. 24) shots. All 13 shots were blocked by players coming off the bench.

Against Grambling, junior center/forward Jason Rogers led the way with a career-high four blocked shots. Eight different Cavaliers registered blocked shots in the game. Versus VMI, freshman forward Jason Clark led the way with eight blocked shots, while Rogers had three and freshman guard Jermaine Harper set a career high with two.

Last season, UVa's highest single game blocked shot total was seven against Gonzaga in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

In 16 games in the 2001-2002 season, the Cavaliers have registered 93 blocked shots for an average of 5.8 per game. Clark leads UVa with 27 blocks and junior forward/center Travis Watson has 18.

Single Game Scoring List

The Cavaliers scored 115 points in their win over Howard (Nov. 21), marking the seventh highest single game point total by a UVa squad. Virginia's 49-point margin of victory (115-66) is the 11th widest margin of victory in school history. UVa also scored 112 points against Grambling (Dec. 30), which ties for the 12th highest single game point total.

Here's a list of the Cavaliers' highest single game point totals in school history:

1. George Mason	128	Jan. 28, 1995
2. Johns Hopkins	124	Nov. 26, 1982
3. BYU-Hawaii	118	Dec. 21, 1981
4. Baldwin Wallace	117	Dec. 11, 1971
Coastal Carolina	117	Nov. 20, 2000
6. Hampton	116	Nov. 25, 1998
7. Howard	115	Nov. 21, 2001

Williams Moves into 10th Place on Scoring List

Senior forward Chris Williams has moved into 10th place on Virginia's all-time scoring list with 1,636 career points, surpassing Bob McCarty (1954-56) for 10th place. Williams needs 11 points to move past John Crotty (1988-91) into ninth place.

Here's a look at where Williams stands on UVa's all-time scoring list:

1. Bryant Stith (1989-92)	2,516
2. Jeff Lamp (1978-81)	2,317
3. Buzzy Wilkinson (1953-55)	2,233
4. Ralph Sampson (1980-83)	2,228
5. Junior Burrough (1992-95)	1,970
6. Wally Walker (1973-76)	1,849
7. Harold Deane (1994-97)	1,763
8. Curtis Staples (1995-98)	1,757
9. John Crotty (1988-91)	1,646
10. Chris Williams (1999-pres.)	1,636
11. Bob McCarty (1954-56)	1,625

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Shooting the Long Ball

Virginia's current roster features two players who rank in the top 10 in career three-point field goals in school history and a third who stands 11th. Senior forward Chris Williams is currently in seventh place with 117 three-pointers. Williams needs 16 more three-pointers to move past Richard Morgan (1986-89) for sixth place. Junior guard Roger Mason, Jr., is 10th with 103 career threes and senior forward/guard Adam Hall is 11th with 84 career threes. Mason needs five threes to move past Keith Friel (2000-01) into ninth place.

Here's a look at Virginia's all-time three-point field goal leaders:

1. Curtis Staples (1995-98)	413 (NCAA record)
2. Harold Deane (1994-97)	237
3. John Crotty (1988-91)	179
4. Donald Hand (1998-2001)	156
5. Cory Alexander (1992-95)	142
6. Richard Morgan (1986-89)	132
7. Chris Williams (1999-pres.)	117
8. Bryant Stith (1989-92)	114
9. Keith Friel (2000-2001)	107
10. Roger Mason, Jr. (2000-pres.)	103
11. Adam Hall (1999-pres.)	84

Six Players Reach Double Figures

Virginia had six players score in double figures in the Cavaliers' 112-67 win over Grambling (Dec. 30). Junior Travis Watson led the way with 17 points, while senior Chris Williams and junior Roger Mason, Jr., both scored 15 points. Freshmen Elton Brown and Jermaine Harper added 14 and 12 points, respectively, while senior Adam Hall contributed 10 points.

The last time UVa had six players score in double figures in a game was last season against Maryland (Jan. 31). The six players scoring in double figures were: Donald Hand (20), Williams (19), Mason (19), Keith Friel (17), Hall (12), and Watson (10).

Mason on a Roll

Junior guard Roger Mason, Jr., moved to point guard at the beginning of the season and started at that position the first 11 games, but it didn't slow his offensive production.

Dating back to last season, Mason has scored 15 or more points in 17 of his last 19 games, including a career-high 30 against Gonzaga in the first round of the 2001 NCAA Tournament. Mason has also scored in double figures in 27 consecutive games (dating back to last season) which is second among all ACC players.

Mason is averaging a career-best 18.1 points per game, which leads the team and is fourth among all ACC players. He is also second among all ACC players with a 89.9 free throw percentage (71-79). Mason also tops UVa in assists with 73 (4.6 per game).

Dialing Long Distance

With the departure of Keith Friel and Donald Hand, the Cavaliers lost two of their three-point threats from last season. One of the questions for UVA this season was the ability to hit the outside jumper. The Cavaliers answered that question against Howard (Nov. 21) as they connected on 14 three-pointers, just one shy of the school record, in a 115-66 win. Virginia was 14 of 24 from beyond the arc for an impressive 58.3 percent, including 11 of 15 (73.3 percent) marksmanship in the first half. UVA's 14 threes ties for the third most in a game as the Cavaliers made 15 threes against North Carolina (Feb. 14, 1990) and Hampton (Nov. 25, 1998). In addition to the Howard game, Virginia made 14 threes against UNLV (Feb. 12, 1995), North Carolina (Feb. 17, 1996) and South Carolina (Nov. 25, 1996).

The Cavaliers' three-point percentage of 58.3 percent (14-24) is their second highest in a game when making at least 10 three-pointers. UVA's best percentage when making at least 10 threes in a game is 58.8 percent (10-17) versus VMI (Dec. 22, 1997).

Virginia shot a season-low 8.0 percent (2-25) from beyond the three-point arc in its loss to Clemson (Jan. 8).

On the season, Virginia is shooting 35.0 percent (89-254) from beyond the three-point arc and is averaging 5.6 three-pointers per game. Junior guard Roger Mason, Jr., is 47-121 for 38.8 percent, while senior forward Chris Williams has made 15 of 40 three-point attempts (37.5 percent).

Mason Closing in on 1,000 Career Points

Junior guard Roger Mason, Jr., is quickly approaching 1,000 career points. He has tallied 983 points and needs 17 more points to become the 36th Cavalier to reach the 1,000-point milestone.

Senior guard Adam Hall was UVA's 35th player to score 1,000 career points when he notched his 1,000th point earlier this season against Rutgers on December 23.

Brown Records First Career Double-Double

Freshman forward Elton Brown notched his first collegiate double-double with career-bests of 20 points and 10 rebounds in the Cavaliers' 69-65 win over Georgia Tech (Jan. 22). Brown, who made nine of 11 attempts from the field, surpassed his former career high of 16 points which he had on three occasions. His previous career high for rebounds was seven vs. Virginia Tech (Dec. 1).

Mathis Sets Career Highs with Double-Double

Sophomore forward J.C. Mathis recorded his first career double-double against VMI (Jan. 24), and in the process established new career highs in points and rebounds. He scored 20 points and grabbed 15 rebounds vs. the Keydets. His former career highs were 16 points (Rutgers - Dec. 23) and 10 rebounds (East Tennessee State - Nov. 18).

On the season, Mathis is averaging 6.3 points and 4.9 rebounds per game and has started all 16 contests. He is also third on the team with 14 blocked shots, including a career-high two blocks against East Tennessee State.

Williams Moves Up to Ninth in Rebounds

Senior forward Chris Williams has 712 career rebounds and stands ninth on UVA's career rebounding list. Williams needs seven more rebounds to move past Marc Iavaroni (1975-78) and into eighth place.

Junior forward/center Travis Watson is 11th on the Cavaliers' rebounding list with 683 and needs 24 rebounds to move past Kenny Turner (1988-91) and enter the top 10.

Here's a look at Virginia's all-time rebounding leaders:

All-Time Steals Leaders

Seniors Chris Williams and Adam Hall rank among the Cavaliers' all-time leaders in steals. Williams is sixth on UVA's career steals list with 166 and needs 12 more to move past Bryant Stith (1989-92) into fifth place. Hall has 147 career steals to his credit and ranks ninth all-time. He needs eight steals to move past Bobby Stokes (1976-79) for eighth place.

Here's a look at Virginia's all-time steals leaders:

All-Time Blocked Shot Leaders

Senior Chris Williams and junior Travis Watson rank among Virginia's all-time leaders in blocked shots. Williams is sixth with 91 career blocks and needs six to move past Junior Burrough (1992-95) for fifth place. Watson has 82 career blocked shots and is tied for ninth place with Ted Jefferies (1990-93). He needs five more blocks to move past Olden Polynice (1984-86) into eighth place.

Here's a look at UVA's all-time blocked shots leaders:

John Thompson Foundation Classic All-Tournament

Senior forward Chris Williams was named the Most Valuable Player of the John Thompson Foundation Classic. Junior guard Roger Mason, Jr. and junior forward/center Travis Watson were named to the All-Tournament team.

UVa won the Classic with victories over Howard (115-66 - Nov. 21) and 16th-ranked Georgetown (61-55 - Dec. 20).

At Home in University Hall

Virginia went 14-1 overall at home during the 2000-01 season and has gone 35-5 (.875 percentage) at University Hall over the past three seasons, including 10-1 this year. UVa had the best home winning percentage (.933) in the Atlantic Coast Conference last season. The Cavaliers won seven of eight games at home against conference opponents, joining North Carolina as the only other team in the ACC to lose just one conference game at home last season. Over the past three seasons (including this year) Virginia has gone 15-4 at home against ACC opponents.

Ten Double-Doubles

Junior forward/center Travis Watson has notched ten double-doubles this season, including the last three games in which he's played, to increase his career total to 31. With 10 double-doubles, Watson leads all ACC players in that category in 2001-2002. Here's a look at Watson's double-doubles this season.

Wagner (Nov. 16)	11 points, 13 rebounds
East Tennessee State (Nov. 18)	14 points, 13 rebounds
Auburn (Dec. 8)	11 points, 10 rebounds
Georgetown (Dec. 20)	12 points, 13 rebounds
Rutgers (Dec. 23)	18 points, 15 rebounds
Grambling (Dec. 30)	17 points, 10 rebounds
N.C. State (Jan. 5)	20 points, 13 rebounds
Wake Forest (Jan. 15)	20 points, 17 rebounds
Florida State (Jan. 20)	14 points, 15 rebounds
Georgia Tech (Jan. 22)	10 points, 10 rebounds

With 31 career double-doubles, Watson is the ACC's active leader. Watson is second on UVa's all-time double-doubles list. Ralph Sampson (1980-83) holds the Virginia record with 84 career double-doubles. Watson led the ACC a year ago with 13 double-doubles.

Watson had registered four-consecutive double-doubles before having his streak snapped against Clemson (Jan. 8). The last time a UVa player notched four consecutive double-doubles was in the 1997-98 season when Norman Nolan accomplished the feat. Nolan posted consecutive double-doubles against Clemson (Feb. 21) - 24 pts., 12 rebs., Maryland (Feb. 24) - 26 pts., 15 rebs., Florida State (Feb. 28) - 24 pts., 10 rebs., and Duke (Mar. 3) - 13 pts., 15 rebs.

Through games played January 6, Watson was tied for 10th in the nation in double-doubles with seven. He was also tied for eighth among active players with 28 career double-doubles.

Watson has led UVa in rebounding in 12 of the 15 games he's played this season and is averaging 10.7 boards per game (11.0 in ACC games). He is also averaging 13.0 points per game.

Senior forward Chris Williams recorded his 12th career double-double (and second of the season) with 17 points

and 11 rebounds against Georgetown (Dec. 20). He had 26 points and 10 rebounds against Wagner (Nov. 16). Williams is tied for 18th on UVa's all-time double-doubles list with John Crotty (1988-91).

Freshman forward Elton Brown became the third UVa player to register a double-double this season with 20 points and 10 rebounds against Georgia Tech (Jan. 22).

Sophomore forward J.C. Mathis is the fourth Cavalier to record a double-double this season when he tallied career highs of 20 points and 15 rebounds against VMI (Jan. 24).

Success Outside of Conference

Virginia went a perfect 11-0 against non-conference opponents during the 2000-01 regular season. This mark included wins against Purdue, Ohio, Tennessee, Missouri and Virginia Tech. The previous time Virginia went undefeated in non-conference regular season play was in 1981-82 when the Cavaliers won all 15 of their regular season non-conference games and finished 30-4 overall.

This season UVa plays 11 games against non-conference foes, including games against Auburn (won 77-72), Georgetown (won 61-55), Missouri, Rutgers (won 76-68) and Virginia Tech (won 69-61). The Cavaliers are 10-0 in non-conference play this season.

UVa Reaches Triple Digits for Seventh Time in an Opener

The Cavaliers put 105 points on the scoreboard in the season opener against Wagner (Nov. 16), marking the seventh time (all victories) in the 97-year history of the Virginia basketball program UVa has reached the century mark in a season opener. It was also the first time since 1982-83 when the Cavaliers scored 124 points in a win over Johns Hopkins that Virginia scored 100-plus points in a season opener. Here's a list of UVa's 100-point outputs in season openers:

Score	Opponent	Site	Season
124-60	Johns Hopkins	H	1982-83
113-65	Hampden-Sydney	H	1975-76
113-80	Washington & Lee	A	1971-72
113-92	Richmond	A	1968-69
110-63	Hampden-Sydney	A	1954-55
105-74	Wagner	H	2001-02
102-69	Washington & Lee	H	1972-73

Virginia Returns to Postseason Play

The University of Virginia men's basketball team received an invitation to the NCAA Tournament following the 2000-01 regular season. UVa lost to Gonzaga 86-85 in the first round of the 2001 NCAA South Region Tournament. The game marked the Cavaliers first NCAA Tournament appearance since 1997. It was also UVa's second consecutive postseason appearance as the Cavaliers received a bid to the 2000 National Invitation Tournament (NIT). Virginia lost to Georgetown 115-111 in triple overtime in the first round of the NIT.

Maurice Young Leaves Team

Sophomore forward/guard Maurice Young has left the Virginia basketball team. Young asked for and received his immediate release in November. He remained at Virginia through the end of the fall semester.

Young played in UVa's first two games and scored six points and had four rebounds in 21 minutes of action. As a freshman last season, Young played in 25 games and averaged 2.6 points, 1.3 rebounds and 6.7 minutes of playing time a game.

Four Starters Return for 2001-2002

Four the second consecutive season, the Cavaliers return four starters —Roger Mason, Jr., Chris Williams, Adam Hall, and Travis Watson. Those four players are the only players on the team who had started a game at UVa prior to this season. Last season, Mason, Williams, Hall and Watson combined for:

64.0 percent (724 of 1131) of the team's rebounds
63.3 percent (140 of 221) of the team's steals
61.9 percent (1526 of 2464) of the team's points
58.8 percent (3373 of 5800) of the team's minutes
45.2 percent (190 of 420) of the team's assists

Cavaliers Welcome Seven Newcomers

Look for several new faces around the Cavaliers this season as the team welcomes five first-years and two transfer students to the program. Joining the returning lettermen from last season are first-years Elton Brown, Jason Clark, Bret Gladstone, Jermaine Harper, and Keith Jenifer. Also coming to the program are transfer students Todd Billet and Nick Vander Laan, who will not play in games this season.

Brown is a 6-9 forward from Warwick High School in Newport News, Va. A three-time team MVP and runner-up for the McDonald's All-American team, Brown set a school record at Warwick with a total of 1,850 career points.

Clark is a 6-8 forward out of Hargrave Military Academy. He is originally from Virginia Beach, Va. In his final year at Hargrave he averaged 17 points, 10 rebounds, and four blocks a game in leading the team to a 27-1 record.

Gladstone is a 6-1 guard from Greenwich, Conn. He earned five varsity letters at the Brunswick School. Gladstone graduated as the school's all-time leading scorer and the third-leading scorer in state history with 2,468 points.

Harper, who is from Gardena, Calif., is a 6-3 guard who played at the Blue Ridge School the last three years. He was named the 2001 Central Virginia Player-of-the-Year by the *Charlottesville Daily Progress* after averaging 21.2 points, 5.7 rebounds, 4.3 assists and 2.3 steals a game his senior season.

Jenifer is a 6-3 guard who played at Hargrave Military Academy last season. He is from Baltimore, Md., and played four years at Towson Catholic High School in Baltimore before attending Hargrave last year. At Towson Catholic he was named first-team All-State and garnered several other awards following his senior season.

Billet is a 6-0 guard from Middletown, N.J. He started

all 58 games for Rutgers the last two seasons and averaged 14.6 points per game. He is a three-point specialist who established the Rutgers' school record for three-pointers in a season with 82 and tied the single-game record when he made eight three-pointers against Lafayette during the 2000-01 season.

Vander Laan is a 6-10 center from Sacramento, Calif. He transferred to Virginia from California-Berkeley where he averaged 7.5 points and 6.1 rebounds per game in two seasons. He was voted honorable mention Pac-10 All-Freshman following the 1999-2000 season.

Mathis Leads Cavaliers to 93-59 Victory over VMI

Sophomore forward J.C. Mathis registered his first career double-double with career highs of 20 points and 15 rebounds to lead the Cavaliers to a 93-59 victory over VMI (Jan. 24) at University Hall.

In addition to Mathis, three other Cavaliers scored in double figures. Junior guard Roger Mason, Jr., tallied 17 points and three assists, while freshman forward Elton Brown had 15 points and four rebounds in his second career start. Freshman guard Jermaine Harper rounded out UVa's double figure scorers with a career-high 13 points. He also set a career-best with a pair of blocked shots. Freshman forward Jason Clark also had an outstanding game, setting career highs with eight blocked shots and nine rebounds, and adding eight points. Clark is just the third UVa player to block at least eight shots in a game. Senior forward Chris Williams notched nine points, nine rebounds and five assists.

The Cavaliers trailed by two points, 20-18 at the 8:25 mark, but went on a 27-5 run over the next 6:10 to build a 20-point lead (45-25). UVa led 49-29 at the half. Virginia went on a 24-8 run in the first 10 minutes of the second half to break the game open.

UVa held the Keydets to 33.3 percent (22-66) shooting from the field in the game, thanks in part to 13 blocked shots (one shy of the school record). The Cavaliers shot 45.1 percent (37-82) from the floor. UVa also held a 54-43 edge in rebounds and forced 22 turnovers while committing 12.

Jason Conley led VMI with 25 points and 11 rebounds.

Brown Propels Cavaliers Past Georgia Tech, 69-65

Freshman forward Elton Brown recorded his first career double-double in leading UVa to a 69-65 victory over Georgia Tech (Jan. 22) at Alexander Memorial Coliseum in Atlanta. With the victory, Virginia snapped a four-game losing streak to the Jackets and won for the first time in Atlanta since the 1994-95 season.

Brown tallied career highs of 20 points and 10 rebounds to lead UVa. Junior forward/center Travis Watson notched his 10th double-double of the season with 10 points and 10 rebounds. He equaled his career high with four steals and three assists, and blocked a pair of shots. Junior guard Roger Mason, Jr., added 12 points, while senior forward Chris Williams registered 10 points, nine rebounds and five assists. Freshman guard Jermaine Harper added nine points, including five critical second half points.

The Cavaliers fell behind 8-0 1:26 into the game, but came back to tie the game at 15-15. With the score tied at 23-23, Georgia Tech went on a 10-0 run to take its biggest lead of the game, 33-23, with 4:08 remaining in the first half. UVa pulled within four, 35-31, at the half.

In the second half, Virginia tied the game three times and finally took its first lead of the game (62-61) with 3:12 to play on Harper's three-pointer. After a Yellow Jacket basket, the Cavaliers took the lead for good, 64-63, on a layup by Watson. A layup by Harper extended UVa's lead to three, 66-63. UVa made three of four free throws in the final 15 seconds to seal the victory.

Virginia shot 47.4 percent (27-57) in the game, including 55.6 percent (15-27) in the second stanza. Georgia Tech shot only 38.2 percent (26-68) in the game. The Cavaliers also held a 43-31 edge in rebounds.

Ed Nelson and Clarence Moore led the Jackets with 15 points apiece with Moore adding nine rebounds, five assists, four steals and two blocked shots.

Williams and Watson Lead UVa Past Florida State 91-74

Senior forward Chris Williams scored 24 points and junior forward/center Travis Watson tallied 14 points and 15 rebounds for his ninth double-double of the season as Virginia defeated Florida State 91-74 (Jan. 20) at University Hall.

In addition to his game-high 24 points, Williams added seven rebounds, two assists, two steals and a blocked shot. Watson recorded his 30th career double-double and also notched three assists, three blocked shots and two steals. Junior guard Roger Mason, Jr., and freshman forward Elton Brown scored 16 points apiece. Brown equaled his career high and was a perfect three for three from three-point range. Freshman guard Keith Jenifer tied his career high with six assists and added five points and three rebounds, while freshman guard Jermaine Harper chipped in nine points.

The Cavaliers trailed 23-15, but exploded for 30 points in the final 6:07 of the first half to take a 45-39 lead into the locker room. Virginia's final five field goals of the first half were three-pointers. UVa outscored Florida State 19-6 in the first 8:08 of the second stanza to take a commanding 64-45 advantage.

Virginia connected on 37 of 44 (84.1 percent) free throws and outrebounded the Seminoles 40-26.

Monte Cummings led Florida State with 19 points, while Delvon Arrington added 16 points and eight assists.

Cavaliers Even ACC Record with 86-74 Win Over Wake

Virginia defeated Wake Forest 86-74 (Jan. 15) at University Hall for its second consecutive ACC win. Junior forward/center Travis Watson and junior guard Roger Mason, Jr., led the Cavaliers to the victory.

Watson registered his eighth double-double of the season with a season and career-best 20 points and a career-high 17 rebounds. He also made 10 of 11 free throws. Mason tallied a season-high 25 points and connected on seven three-point field goals, which is a career best. Mason scored eight of his 25 points after returning from the locker room after injuring his right shoulder with 16:01

left in the game (he re-entered the game at the 15:07 mark). Senior forward Chris Williams added 15 points and connected on six of seven attempts from the floor. Freshman guard Jermaine Harper chipped in with 10 points, five rebounds and two steals.

Wake Forest came out of the gates quickly, opening up an 11-point lead (21-10) 7:10 into the game. UVa used a 10-0 run to take a 32-31 lead at the 4:06 mark, its first edge since the opening basket of the game. The Cavaliers went on to take a 41-39 lead at intermission.

The Demon Deacons began the second half with a basket to tie the game at 41-41, but Mason answered with a three-pointer 54 seconds into the half to give the Cavaliers the lead for good. Virginia outscored Wake 15-6 in the first five and a half minutes of the second half to open up a 56-45 advantage. UVa's lead grew to as many as 14 points (77-63) and never fell below six points (77-71).

Josh Howard led Wake Forest with 19 points and eight rebounds, while Broderick Hicks and Darius Songaila added 12 and 11 points, respectively.

UVa shot 49.1 percent (28-57) from the floor in the game and 55.6 percent (10-18) from three-point range. The Cavaliers also held a 37-33 edge in rebounds.

UVa Tops North Carolina 71-67 for First ACC Victory

The Cavaliers earned their first ACC win of the season with a 71-67 victory over North Carolina (Jan. 12) at the Dean E. Smith Center in Chapel Hill, N.C. Junior guard Roger Mason, Jr., made four free throws in the final 41 seconds to seal the victory for Virginia.

Mason scored a team-high 18 points, including nine of 10 free throws, to lead the Cavaliers. He also added five rebounds. Senior forward Chris Williams notched 15 points, six rebounds and two steals. Freshman guard Keith Jenifer made his first career start and equaled his career high with nine points and added four assists and three rebounds.

The game featured 10 ties and 20 lead changes, including 16 in the first half. In the first half, the Tar Heels led by as many as six points, 19-13, with 10:14 to play. UVa erased the deficit with seven consecutive points and took a 20-19 lead with 8:21 to go in the opening half. The Cavaliers went on to take a 37-33 halftime advantage.

Mason scored the opening basket of the second half to give UVa its biggest lead of the game (39-33). UNC then went on a 15-1 run to take its largest lead of the game (48-40) with 14:20 to go. A 10-2 Cavalier run knotted the score at 50-50, the first of five ties in the final 12:30 of the game. With the score tied at 63-63, Mason gave UVa the lead for good, 65-63, with a basket. Williams extended the edge to four with a leaning jumper as the shot clock expired. Mason sealed the victory with four consecutive free throws in the final 41 seconds.

Kris Lang led the Tar Heels with 18 points, while Jason Capel added 14 points, nine rebounds and five assists.

Cavaliers Drop 68-52 Decision to Clemson

Virginia suffered its second-consecutive ACC loss, dropping a 68-52 decision to Clemson (Jan. 8) in Clemson, S.C. The Cavaliers, who trailed most of the game, pulled within one point with 15:23 to play, but were outscored 33-18 the rest of the game.

Junior guard Roger Mason, Jr., was the only Cavalier to score in double figures with 19 points. His length-of-the-court driving layup with 15:23 to play brought the Cavaliers within a single point, 35-34, but the Tigers went on a 9-2 run over the next four minutes to break the game open.

Clemson shot 53.3 percent (16-30) in the second half in outscoring the Cavaliers 41-27. For the game, UVa shot 36.1 percent (22-61) from the field and made only two of 25 (8.0 percent) three-point attempts. The Tigers shot 40.6 percent (26-64) and made eight of 19 threes (42.1 percent).

Senior guard/forward Adam Hall pulled down a season-high 12 rebounds, while freshman guard Keith Jenifer set career highs with nine points and three steals.

Jamar McKnight scored a career-high 25 points and grabbed seven rebounds to lead Clemson. Edward Scott added 17 points and six assists.

UVa Falls to N.C. State in ACC Opener

Virginia suffered its first loss of the season as it fell to N.C. State 81-74 (Jan. 5) in the Cavaliers' conference opener at University Hall.

Junior forward/center Travis Watson notched his fourth consecutive and seventh double-double of the season with 20 points and 13 rebounds. The 20 points matched Watson's career high. Senior forward Chris Williams and junior guard Roger Mason, Jr., both tallied 18 points with Mason dishing out six assists.

The Wolfpack raced out to a nine-point lead (12-3) 2:23 into the contest, but the Cavaliers battled back to take their first lead of the game, 26-24, with 7:42 remaining in the opening half. With the score tied at 31-31 with 5:08 left in the first half, N.C. State outscored UVa 17-6 to take a 48-37 lead at intermission. The Wolfpack shot 60.7 percent (17-28) from the field in the half, including eight of 13 three-point attempts (61.5 percent).

In the second half, the Cavaliers slowly whittled N.C. State's lead down and pulled within one point, 65-64, on Williams' baseline jumper with 9:56 to play. UVa had a chance to take the lead, but Anthony Grundy's steal and layup began a 6-0 Wolfpack run that opened up a 71-64 advantage. N.C. State outscored Virginia 16-10 after Williams' basket at the 9:56 mark for the 81-74 win.

Both teams shot 49.1 percent from the floor, but NCSU made 11 three-points (on 23 attempts) compared to the Cavaliers' seven (on 20 attempts).

Julius Hodge led N.C. State with 21 points, while Grundy added 19 points and six assists.

Virginia Tames Tigers, 112-67

The Cavaliers closed out the 2001 portion of their schedule with a 112-67 win over Grambling (Dec. 30) at University Hall as six players scored in double figures for UVa.

Junior forward/center Travis Watson led the way with his sixth double-double of the year with team highs of 17 points and 10 rebounds. He also blocked a pair of shots. Senior forward Chris Williams and junior guard Roger Mason, Jr., scored 15 points apiece. Mason dished out eight assists and had two steals, while Williams grabbed six rebounds and had two of UVa's school record tying 14 blocked shots. Freshman forward Elton Brown tallied 14 points and six rebounds, and freshman guard Jermaine Harper notched a career-high 12 points. Senior forward/guard Adam Hall rounded out UVa's double figure scorers with 10 points. Junior forward/center Jason Rogers had four blocked shots.

Virginia shot 54.9 percent (39-71) from the floor and made 32 of 42 free throws (76.2 percent). The Cavaliers held Grambling to 31.4 percent (27-86) shooting from the field and outrebounded the Tigers 53-44.

UVa scored 68 points in the first half, which is believed to be a school record for points in an opening stanza and the third most points in a half overall.

Nick Hall led the Tigers with 19 points.

Watson Leads Cavaliers Past Rutgers, 76-68

Junior forward/center Travis Watson registered his fifth double-double of the season with game highs of 18 points and 15 rebounds to lead fifth-ranked UVa to a 76-68 victory over Rutgers (Dec. 23) at University Hall.

Watson led a balanced Virginia scoring effort with his season-high 18 points. Junior guard Roger Mason, Jr., tallied 17 points, including four three-pointers, and added seven assists. Sophomore forward J.C. Mathis made eight of 11 field goal attempts in scoring a career-best 16 points. Senior guard Adam Hall rounded out UVa's double figure scorers with 12 points, including the 1,000th of his career.

Rutgers held the lead through much of the first half and led by as many as six points on two occasions.

After taking a 40-36 lead at halftime, the Scarlet Knights opened the second stanza with five consecutive points to take their largest lead of the game, 45-36, with 19:07 to play. UVa then went on a 12-3 run to tie the game at 48-48 with 13:54 to play. Hall capped off the run with a baseline jumper for his 1,000th career point. The Cavaliers took the lead for good, 62-61, with 6:30 to play on a free throw by Watson. From that point on, UVa outscored Rutgers 14-7 to make the final score 76-68.

Virginia shot 50.9 percent (29-57) from the field in the game and held a 40-31 edge in rebounds.

Jerome Coleman and Herve Lamizana led the Scarlet Knights with 16 and 15 points, respectively.

UVa Shuts Down 16th-Ranked Georgetown, 61-55

Virginia put forth a solid defensive effort in downing 16th-ranked Georgetown 61-55 at MCI Center (Dec. 20) to win the John Thompson Foundation Classic. UVa held the Hoyas to 35.7 percent shooting (20-56) and outrebounded the physical hosts 49-30.

Senior forward Chris Williams, who was named the Classic's Most Valuable Player, registered a double-double with a game-high 17 points and 11 rebounds. Junior forward/center Travis Watson recorded his fourth double-double of the season with 12 points and a game-high 13 rebounds. Junior guard Roger Mason, Jr., added 16 points, six assists and four rebounds. Freshman forward Elton Brown rounded out UVa's double figure scorers with 10 points, including the first two three-pointers of his career. Watson and Mason joined Williams on the All-Tournament team.

Georgetown only led three times in the game and the last occasion was 9-8 at the 13:38 mark of the first half. A layup by Williams with 12 minutes left in the opening stanza ignited an 11-0 UVa run that gave the Cavaliers a 19-9 advantage with 8:12 left in the first half. Virginia led by as many as 14 points in the first half and took a 32-24 advantage at the intermission.

Georgetown cut Virginia's lead to four points seven times during the second half, but each time the Cavaliers answered with a clutch basket. Mason made a pair of baskets and also twice drained a pair of free throws to push UVa's lead from four to six points in the second half.

Tony Bethel led the Hoyas with 12 points, while Mike Sweetney added 10 points and seven rebounds.

Defense, Balanced Scoring Lift UVa Past Charleston Southern, 74-54

The Cavaliers had seven players score six or more points and limited Charleston Southern to 35.5 percent shooting in a 74-54 UVa win (Dec. 17) at University Hall.

Junior forward/center Travis Watson scored a season-high 16 points and added six rebounds to lead the Cavaliers. Senior forward Chris Williams added 12 points, seven rebounds, two blocked shots and two steals. Junior guard Roger Mason, Jr., also tallied 12 points and dished out six assists. Senior guard/forward Adam Hall scored nine points and led UVa with nine rebounds. Freshmen Jason Clark and Jermaine Harper came off the bench to score seven points apiece. Clark also pulled down four rebounds and blocked three shots.

The Cavaliers, who never trailed in the game, raced out to a 28-11 lead 8:46 into the contest. UVa led 45-20 at halftime. In the second half, Virginia saw its lead dip below 20 points only once, 51-32, with 13:40 to play.

UVa held Charleston Southern to 35.5 percent (22-62) shooting from the field, including 18.2 percent (4-22) from three-point range. The Cavaliers shot 43.9 percent (25-57) from the floor, while the Buccaneers held a 41-40 edge in rebounding.

Gene Granger was the only Charleston Southern player to reach double figures in scoring as he notched 13 points.

Virginia Remains Perfect With 77-72 Win Over Auburn

The Cavaliers made 10 of 11 free throws in the final four minutes to help erase a five-point deficit for a 77-72 victory over Auburn (Dec. 8) in the Arby's Hardwood Classic at the Birmingham Jefferson County Civic Center. Virginia trailed by five points, 67-62, with 4:12 remaining before making its next 10 free throws.

The Cavaliers shot 57.1 percent (16-28) in taking a 40-37 halftime lead. Both teams held seven-point leads during the opening stanza.

The second half featured 10 lead changes and eight ties. The Cavaliers trailed 67-62 with 4:12 to play, but a pair of free throws by senior forward Chris Williams and a three-pointer by senior guard Adam Hall tied the game at 67-67 with 3:13 to play. Three free throws by junior guard Roger Mason, Jr. answered a three-pointer by the Tigers' Derrick Bird to tie the game at 70-70. A driving layup by junior forward/center Travis Watson with 1:47 to play tied the game at 72-72. UVa took the lead for good, 74-72, when freshman forward Jason Clark drained a pair of free throws with 57 seconds to play. Two more free throws by Mason and one by Watson made the final score 77-72.

Mason led all scorers with 18 points and added five assists. Williams had 14 points, seven rebounds and four assists, while Watson recorded his third double-double of the season with 11 points and 10 rebounds.

UVa shot 50 percent (25-50) from the field in the game and held a 42-25 edge in rebounds. Brandon Robinson led Auburn with 15 points and seven rebounds, while Bird had 14 points.

Virginia Wins Both Exhibition Games

The Cavaliers won both of their exhibition games during the preseason. UVa opened the exhibition season with an 82-70 victory over the Nantucket Nectars November 2 at University Hall. Virginia concluded the exhibition portion of the 2001-02 season with a 98-69 victory over the L.A. Stars November 11 at University Hall.

Mapp Out

Sophomore guard Majestic Mapp will miss the 2001-02 season because of another operation on his injured right knee. Mapp also missed the 2000-01 season after tearing the anterior cruciate ligament in the knee and undergoing surgery in late August 2000. He injured the knee while playing basketball at St. Raymond's High School, his alma mater, on August 2, 2000.

Mapp was second on the team in assists in 1999-2000 (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.

Lots of Games against Tournament Teams

Of Virginia's 27 regular-season games before the 2002 ACC Tournament, 13 are against eight teams that participated in either the 2001 NCAA Tournament or the National Invitation Tournament (NIT). Four of the games are against two of last year's Final Four teams, with two games against Duke and two against Maryland. In addition to those games, Virginia plays Georgetown (won 61-55), a team that made it to the NCAA Tournament's Sweet Sixteen, and three games against teams that advanced to the tournament's second round (North Carolina twice - UVa won the first meeting 71-67 - Jan. 12, and Missouri). UVa's other games against 2001 NCAA Tournament participants are versus Georgia Tech (twice - Virginia won the first meeting 69-65 - Jan. 22) and Wake Forest (twice - UVa won the first meeting 86-74 - Jan. 15). Virginia defeated Auburn, a team that advanced to the second round of last season's NIT, 77-72 in Birmingham, Ala., on December 8.

UVa is 5-0 this season against teams that advanced to postseason play in 2000-2001.

Mason Competes at World University Games

Junior Roger Mason, Jr., looks to bring his experiences from a busy off-season to the court for Virginia during the 2001-02 season. The 6-5 guard competed on the 2001 USA Basketball World University Games Team and helped lead the team to a bronze medal. Mason scored 13 points and grabbed five rebounds in the bronze medal game against Germany. He started all eight games for the U.S. squad and averaged 13.0 points and 4.8 rebounds per game.

Mason is also among the Top 50 Preseason Candidates and the Top 30 Midseason Candidates for the 2001-02 Wooden Award All-America Basketball Team. The Top 50 Preseason Candidates and Top 30 Midseason Candidates were selected in national polls conducted of The John R. Wooden Award Committee.

His selections to the USA Basketball World University Games Team and the Top 50 Preseason Candidates for the 2001-02 Wooden Award All-America Basketball Team follow a superb sophomore season for Mason. During the 2000-01 season he led the Cavaliers and was sixth in the ACC in scoring with an average of 15.7 points per game. He also established a UVa record and led the ACC last season by making 88.4 percent (122-138) of his free throw attempts. Mason earned third-team All-ACC honors and was co-recipient of UVa's Bill Gibson Cavalier of the Year Award.

Watson Rebounds

Junior forward/center Travis Watson has put up some impressive rebounding numbers the last two seasons. During the 2000-01 season he joined Ralph Sampson as the only players in Virginia basketball history to collect 500 or more rebounds in their first two varsity seasons. He currently has 683 career rebounds and is averaging an ACC-best 10.7 rebounds per game in 2001-2002.

Watson is the ACC's top returning rebounder after ranking second in the conference (9.1 rpg) last season. With 31 career double-doubles, he is the conference's leader in career double-doubles among active players.

Watson earned second-team All-ACC recognition and was co-recipient of UVa's Bill Gibson Cavalier of the Year Award last season.