

VIRGINIA BASKETBALL 2001-2002 MEDIA NOTES

#11 / #11 Virginia (1-0)

vs.

East Tennessee State (1-0)

November 18, 2001 • 2:00 p.m.

University Hall

Charlottesville, Va.



2001-02 SCHEDULE

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	2:00 p.m.
Nov. 21	HOWARD**	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 28	vs. Michigan State* (ESPN2)	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 1	VIRGINIA TECH (FSNS)	7:00 p.m.
Dec. 8	at Auburn+ (ESPN Reg.)	4:30 p.m.
Dec. 17	CHARLESTON SOUTHERN	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 20	at Georgetown** (TBS)	8:00 p.m.
Dec. 23	RUTGERS (FSN)	6:00 p.m.
Dec. 30	GRAMBLING STATE	2:00 p.m.
Jan. 5	NC STATE (R/JP)	2:00 p.m.
Jan. 8	at Clemson (FSNS/Sunshine)	7:00 p.m.
Jan. 12	at North Carolina (ESPN)	12 Noon
Jan. 15	WAKE FOREST (R/JP)	9:00 p.m.
Jan. 20	FLORIDA STATE (R/JP)	4:00 p.m.
Jan. 22	at Georgia Tech (ESPN2)	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 24	VMI	7:30 p.m.
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 NC 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

*at Richmond Coliseum

**John Thompson Classic

+ Arby's Hardwood Classic, Birmingham, Ala.

^Charlotte, N.C.

(All times are Eastern)

TELEVISION

Today's game against East Tennessee State will not be televised.

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.

OFFICIALS

Referee: Karl Hess. Umpires: Ray Natili and Reggie Cofer.

THE GAME

Virginia opened the 2001-2002 season with a 105-74 victory over Wagner College Friday evening (Nov. 16) at University Hall. UVa, which won both of its exhibition games this year, finished the 2000-2001 season with a 20-9 overall record and a 9-7 mark in the Atlantic Coast Conference in Pete Gillen's third year as Virginia's head coach. East Tennessee State opened the 2001-2002 season with a 90-61 victory over Guilford (Nov. 16). The Buccaneers finished the 2000-2001 season with an 18-10 overall record and won the North division of the Southern Conference with a 13-3 mark.

Cavaliers Successfully Open Season for 77th Time

Virginia began the 2001-2002 season with a 105-74 win over Wagner College Friday evening (Nov. 16), marking the 77th season-opening victory for the Cavaliers in 97 opportunities. That is a .794 winning percentage. The Cavaliers have now won 13 of their last 15 season openers dating back to 1987-88. Virginia's last loss in a season opener was in 1997-98 when it dropped an 83-79 double overtime decision at Richmond.

Head coach Pete Gillen improved to 15-2 in season openers as a collegiate head coach and has now won 12 straight, including the last four at Virginia. He was 7-2 at Xavier (1986-94) and 4-0 at Providence (1995-98) in season openers.

The Series vs. East Tennessee State

Today's game is just Virginia's second meeting against East Tennessee State. UVa won the initial meeting 83-56 on December 10, 1986 in University Hall.

Non-Conference Teams at University Hall

Virginia is 187-28 (.870) all-time in U-Hall against non-conference opponents since the building opened for the 1965-66 season. The Cavaliers have won 69 of their last 78 home games against non-conference opponents dating back to the 1989-90 season.

Virginia's Probable Starters

No.	Pos.	Name	2000-2001 Stats
32	F	J.C. Mathis	3.4 ppg, 2.1 rpg
33	F	Chris Williams	14.5 ppg, 6.7 rpg, 44 steals
35	C	Travis Watson	12.3 ppg, 9.1 rpg, 35 blocked shots
21	G	Roger Mason, Jr.	15.7 ppg, 3.7 rpg, 72 assists, 33 steals
31	G	Adam Hall	10.1 ppg, 5.5 rpg, 34 steals

Virginia vs. the Southern Conference

This is the first of two Virginia games against schools from the Southern Conference.

Virginia was one of the 13 original members of the "old" Southern Conference from 1922-37 and has a long and rich history of competition against the Southern Conference.

Against the 12 current members of the Southern Conference, the Cavaliers are 113-19 all-time. Most of the games were against VMI—a series Virginia leads 98-15. The Cavaliers are 2-0 vs. The Citadel, 1-0 vs. Appalachian State, College of Charleston and East Tennessee State, and 10-4 against Davidson.

Of the Southern Conference's current membership, Virginia has never faced Chattanooga, Furman, Georgia Southern, North Carolina-Greensboro, Western Carolina or Wofford.

There have been 40 other schools besides UVa that have been members of the Southern Conference at one time or another since 1922. These schools include many current members of the Southeastern Conference and the ACC. Virginia is 272-244 (.527) against these schools at the time they were in the Southern Conference.

Head Coach Pete Gillen

Pete Gillen is in his 17th season as a collegiate head coach and sports a 328-165 record for a .665 winning percentage. Gillen is in his fourth season at Virginia and has posted a 54-37 record (.593 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).

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.

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.

Pre-Season Prognostications

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

UVa is ranked 11th in the *USAToday/ESPN* and Associated Press polls, as well as by both *The Sporting News* and *Street and Smith's*. The Cavaliers are ranked

13th by *Basketball News*, Dick Vitale and *Sports Illustrated*. UVa is also ranked 16th by *Slam* magazine and ESPN.com.

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.

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

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#

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

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

Williams Moves up to 15th on Scoring List

Senior forward Chris Williams scored 26 points in the season opener to move up to 15th place on Virginia's all-time scoring list with 1,431 points. He needs seven points to move past Barry Parkhill for 14th place.

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

1.	Bryant Stith (1989-92)	2,516
10.	Bob McCarty (1954-56)	1,625
11.	Richard Morgan (1986-89)	1,540
12.	Donald Hand (1998-01)	1,486
13.	Othell Wilson (1981-84)	1,469
14.	Barry Parkhill (1971-73)	1,437
15.	Chris Williams (1999-pres.)	1,431
16.	Jim Connelly (1965-67)	1,426
17.	Lee Raker (1978-81)	1,423
18.	Mel Kennedy (1985-88)	1,415

Two Double-Doubles

Junior forward/center Travis Watson and senior forward Chris Williams both registered double-doubles in the Cavaliers' season opener. For Watson, it was the 22nd double-double of his career, which ranks eighth all-time at UVA. Watson led the ACC a year ago with 13 double-doubles. Williams recorded his 11th career double-double which is 19th at Virginia.

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 nine 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.

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 that have started a game at UVA. 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

At Home in University Hall

Virginia went 14-1 overall at home during the 2000-01 season and has gone 25-4 at University Hall over the past two seasons. 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 two seasons Virginia has gone 13-3 at home against ACC opponents, which ties the Cavaliers with Duke over that span.

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 last 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 12 games against non-conference foes, including games against Auburn, Georgetown, Michigan State, Missouri, Rutgers and Virginia Tech.

Cavaliers Defeat Wagner 105-74 in Season Opener

Five players scored in double figures as Virginia successfully opened the 2001-2002 season with a 105-74 victory over Wagner College November 16 at University Hall. Senior forward Chris Williams and junior forward/center Travis Watson notched double-doubles to lead UVa.

Williams paced all scorers with 26 points, including an 11-13 shooting effort from the field. He also grabbed 10 rebounds for the double-double. Watson pulled down a game-high 13 rebounds to go with 11 points for his double-double. Junior guard Roger Mason, Jr., registered 24 points, including five three-point field goals, and dished out a career-best nine assists. Senior guard Adam Hall and freshman forward Elton Brown rounded out the Cavaliers' double-figure scorers. Hall had 18 points, while Brown made eight of nine shots from the field for his 16 points.

With the score tied at 4-4, Virginia went on an 18-2 run to take a 22-6 lead with 12:52 remaining in the first half. The Seahawks slowly crept back in the game and narrowed the deficit to three points, 39-36, with 4:45 to go in the opening half. The Cavaliers closed the half with a 20-6 run to take a 59-42 advantage at intermission. The closest Wagner got in the second half was 13, 61-48, with 18:11 left in the game. UVa led by as many as 33 points (103-70) in the second half.

UVa shot 59.2 percent (42-71) from the field in the game and made 6-11 three-point attempts (54.5 percent). The Cavaliers also dominated the rebounding department as they held a 50-36 advantage.

Jermaine Hall led the Seahawks with 18 points and eight rebounds.

UVa Completes Exhibition Season with 98-69 Victory

The Cavaliers concluded the exhibition portion of the 2001-02 season with a 98-69 victory over the L.A. Stars November 11 at University Hall.

Senior forward Chris Williams led all players with 21 points, 12 rebounds and three blocks. Junior guard Roger Mason, Jr., went a perfect 8-8 from the free throw line, as he added 20 points for the Cavaliers. Other Virginia players to score in double figures included junior forward/center Travis Watson, and freshmen Jermaine Harper and Elton Brown. Watson scored 14 points on 6-9 (.666) shooting from the field and pulled down seven rebounds. Harper started the game for Virginia and scored 10 points, while making both of his three-point attempts. Brown came off the bench to contribute 10 points and 10 rebounds.

Three players scored in double figures for L.A., led by Jelani Janisee and Byron Wilson, who scored 11 points apiece. Derrick Anderson scored 10 points and pulled down seven rebounds for the Stars. Janisee also had eight rebounds and six assists in the losing effort.

Virginia never trailed in the contest as Mason opened the game with a three-pointer. Mason's two free throws with five seconds remaining in the first half gave the Cavaliers a 26-point lead (50-24) at the break. Late in the second half UVa took its largest lead of the contest as Harper hit a three-pointer to give Virginia a 34-point lead (93-59) with 2:37 remaining in the game. The Cavaliers outrebounded the Stars 58-37 and forced 17 turnovers. UVa outshot L.A. 43.4 percent (36-83) to 33.3 percent (23-69).

Cavaliers Open Exhibition Season with 82-70 Win

Virginia began the exhibition portion of its 2001-02 season with an 82-70 victory over the Nantucket Nectars November 2 at University Hall.

Junior forward/center Travis Watson led all scorers with 24 points on 12-15 shooting from the field. Watson also pulled down 10 rebounds for the Cavaliers and added three blocked shots. Senior forward Chris Williams also recorded a double-double with 17 points and a game-high 13 rebounds. Williams also led all players with six assists. Joining Watson and Williams in double figures were junior guard Roger Mason, Jr., and sophomore forward J.C. Mathis. Mason scored 14 points and added four assists, while Mathis registered 10 points and six rebounds.

Tim Fudd led the Nectars with 23 points and eight rebounds. Nii Nelson Richards contributed 14 points.

The Cavaliers shot 50 percent from the field (36-72) while holding the Nectars to 38.5 percent (25-65). The Nectars shot 44 percent from behind the arc (11-25). Virginia also outrebounded the Nectars by a 48-30 margin. UVa only trailed once in the game, after Fudd scored the first basket of the contest to give the Nectars a 2-0 lead 14 seconds into the game. The Cavaliers took the lead for good on a field goal by freshman forward Elton Brown with 14:16 remaining in the first half that gave UVa a 16-14 lead. Virginia stretched its lead to as many as 14 points (41-27) in the first half before taking a 43-31 halftime advantage.

Half of Games against Tournament Teams

Of Virginia's 28 regular-season games before the 2002 ACC Tournament, 14 are against nine teams that participated in either the 2001 NCAA Tournament or the National Invitation Tournament (NIT). Five of the games are against three of last year's Final Four teams, with two games against Duke, two against Maryland, and one game against Michigan State. In addition to those games, Virginia plays Georgetown, 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 and Missouri). UVa's other games against 2001 NCAA Tournament participants are versus Georgia Tech (twice) and Wake Forest (twice). Virginia also takes on Auburn, a team that advanced to the second round of last season's NIT.

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.

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 for the 2001-02 Wooden Award All-America Basketball Team. The Top 50 candidates were selected in a national poll conducted of The John R. Wooden Award Preseason 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.

Watson is the ACC's top returning rebounder after ranking second in the conference (9.1 rpg) last season. He also ranks second in the conference in career double-doubles (22) 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.

Schedule Change

There is one date change on Virginia's 2001-02 men's basketball schedule. UVa's game with Florida State in Charlottesville, previously scheduled for January 19, will be played on January 20 at 4:00 p.m.

ACC/Big Ten Challenge Coaches' Conference Call

The third annual ACC/Big Ten Challenge Coaches' Conference Call will be held on Monday, November 19 beginning at 12 noon. The number for media to call is (913) 981-5522. Here's the schedule:

12:00 Noon	Gary Williams / Bill Self
12:10 p.m.	Herb Sendek / Jim O'Brien
12:20 p.m.	Skip Prosser / Dan Monson
12:30 p.m.	Paul Hewitt / Bo Ryan
12:40 p.m.	Matt Doherty / Mike Davis
12:50 p.m.	Steve Alford
1:00 p.m.	Steve Robinson / Bill Carmody
1:10 p.m.	Pete Gillen / Tom Izzo
1:20 p.m.	Larry Shyatt / Jerry Dunn