

VIRGINIA BASKETBALL 2001-2002 MEDIA NOTES

Georgia Tech (7-11/ 0-5 ACC)

vs.

#7 / #7 Virginia (12-2 / 3-2 ACC)

January 22, 2002 • 7:30 p.m.

Alexander Memorial Coliseum (9,191)

Atlanta, Ga.

2001-02 SCHEDULE

12-2 Overall / 3-2 ACC

Home: 9-1

Away: 2-1

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)	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 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 Georgia Tech will be televised by ESPN2. Mike Patrick will handle the play-by-play. Brad Daugherty is the analyst.

RADIO

All UVa games are heard on the Virginia Sports Network originating at WINA/WWVV 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 12-2 overall and 3-2 in the Atlantic Coast Conference this season. The Cavaliers are coming off a 91-74 victory over Florida State (Jan. 20) at University Hall for their third consecutive victory. Georgia Tech stands at 7-11 overall and 0-5 in the ACC. The Yellow Jackets are coming off an 84-71 loss to N.C. State (Jan. 19) in Raleigh, N.C.

The Series vs. Georgia Tech

Each team has had a stretch of dominating the series, which Georgia Tech now leads 30-25. The Cavaliers held the lead until the Yellow Jackets passed Virginia by winning 20 of the last 26 meetings, including nine of the last 10. Georgia Tech is riding a four-game winning streak in the series, including three wins last season. Georgia Tech swept the regular season series with a 73-68 win (Jan. 9) in Charlottesville (Georgia Tech was the only team to defeat UVa at University Hall last season) and a 62-56 triumph (Feb. 11) in Atlanta. The Yellow Jackets also posted a 74-69 victory (Mar. 9) over Virginia in the ACC Tournament in Atlanta. The Cavaliers' last victory in the series was an 83-65 triumph (Jan. 8) in the 1999-2000 season in Charlottesville.

The Jackets hold a 20-7 advantage in games played in Atlanta in the series and have won seven consecutive games and 11 of the last 12 in the Peachtree city. Virginia's 83-60 win in 1995 (Feb. 22) was the Cavaliers' most recent victory over the Yellow Jackets in Atlanta. The 23-point margin of victory is Virginia's largest in the series since a 91-59 win in 1984 in Charlottesville.

The Cavaliers have won three of five overtime contests in the series, but their 74-68 overtime loss to Georgia Tech in the 1998-99 season snapped a three-game extra session winning streak. The Jackets won the first overtime game in the series 72-71 in triple overtime in the 1983-84 season.

The Cavaliers opened the series with Georgia Tech by winning 10 of the first 13 games, including eight straight from 1981-1983.

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's Probable Starters

No.	Pos.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Ppg.	Rpg.	Mpg	Notes
32	F	J.C. Mathis	6-8	224	So.	5.6	4.2	18.4	Career high - 10 rebs (ETSU), 16 pts (Rut)
33	F	Chris Williams	6-7	216	Sr.	15.1	6.1	31.6	Shooting 58.3% (77-132) from the field
35	C	Travis Watson	6-8	255	Jr.	13.2	10.8	29.9	Nine double-doubles in 2001-02
10	G	Keith Jenifer	6-3	155	Fr.	3.1	2.1	16.9	Started last three games at the point
21	G	Roger Mason, Jr.	6-5	199	Jr.	18.6	3.9	34.7	Averaging 4.8 assists per game

Virginia's Key Reserves

42	F	Elton Brown	6-9	265	Fr.	8.0	3.2	14.3	Made first career start vs. Clemson
34	F	Jason Clark	6-8	225	Fr.	3.0	2.8	12.1	Leads team with 17 blocked shots
24	G	Jermaine Harper	6-3	166	Fr.	5.1	1.6	13.7	Scored career-high 12 points vs. Grambling
31	G	Adam Hall	6-5	203	Sr.	9.8	5.1	27.8	Scored 1,000th career point vs. Rutgers

These Games are Barn Burners

Even though 10 of the last 15 meetings between these two teams have been decided by at least nine points, people shouldn't be surprised if this one goes down to the wire.

Of the 42 games since the 1983-84 season, only 14 have been decided by 10 or more points. Sixteen of the games have been decided by a margin of four points or less with UVa winning nine of them. The Cavaliers have won all three games (1987, 1990 twice) decided by two points. Five games have gone into overtime, including a triple overtime affair (1984) and a double overtime game (1995).

From 1985 to 1990 the teams played 15 consecutive games that were decided by fewer than 10 points with Virginia winning eight of those games.

A breakdown of the close games in the series since the 1983-84 season is below:

1 point - 3	4 points - 4	7 points - 4
2 points - 3	5 points - 3	8 points - 1
3 points - 6	6 points - 2	9 points - 2

Jackets Shoot Well vs. UVa

The Yellow Jackets have won 11 of the last 13 meetings vs. Virginia in the past six seasons and a big part of those wins has been Georgia Tech's ability to shoot the basketball. In the 11 wins, the Jackets shot 47.5 percent (292-615) from the field. In the two games Georgia Tech lost to Virginia in the last six seasons, the Yellow Jackets made only 41.3 percent (43-104) of their attempts from the field. In its last 11 wins over the Cavaliers, Georgia Tech averaged 77.8 points per game compared to 64.5 points per game in its last two losses to UVa.

In Georgia Tech's last 20 wins over Virginia dating back to the championship game of the 1990 ACC Tournament, the Yellow Jackets are shooting 47.2 percent from the field, while averaging 74.7 points.

That is in contrast to Georgia Tech's performance when Virginia wins. In Virginia's eight wins over Georgia Tech dating back to the beginning of the 1990s, the Yellow Jackets have shot 40.5 percent from the floor and scored an average of 70.4 points.

In Virginia's last eight wins against Georgia Tech, the Yellow Jackets have not shot better than 42.6 percent from the field (29 of 68 in the 1994-95 season).

Hall to Miss Tonight's Game

Senior guard/forward Adam Hall is not expected to play in tonight's game against Georgia Tech after injuring his right foot with 41 seconds left in UVa's game against North Carolina (Jan. 12). He also missed Virginia's games against Wake Forest (Jan. 15) and Florida State (Jan. 20). 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 then freshman guard Keith Jenifer received his first start against North Carolina (Jan. 12). Jenifer also started against Wake Forest (Jan. 15) and Florida State (Jan. 20). Brown started in place of junior Travis Watson, who did not practice the two days before the Clemson game after experiencing cramping in his legs against N.C. State on January 5. Jenifer started in place of senior forward/guard Adam Hall.

In 19 minutes of playing time, Brown tallied four points and three rebounds against Clemson. 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.

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.

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.

Head Coach Pete Gillen

Pete Gillen is in his 17th season as a collegiate head coach and sports a 339-167 record for a .670 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 65-39 record (.625 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

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 one start (Clemson - Jan. 8) and is averaging 8.0 points and 3.2 rebounds per game. He has scored in double figures five times with career highs of 16 points against Wagner (Nov. 16), Howard (Nov. 21) and Florida State (Jan. 20). He is averaging 14.3 minutes per game and is shooting 53.2 percent (41-77) from the field, including 66.7 percent (6-9) from three-point range. Brown was named the ACC Rookie of the Week on December 24.

Clark leads the Cavaliers with 17 blocked shots, including a career-best three blocks against East Tennessee State (Nov. 18) and Charleston Southern (Dec. 17). He blocked at least one shot in each of his first eight collegiate games. Clark is averaging 12.1 minutes, 3.0 points and 2.8 rebounds per game and has played solid interior defense. He has made 13 of 17 free throws (76.5 percent) and is also shooting 44.8 percent (13-29) from the field.

Harper is evolving into an outside shooting threat for the Cavaliers. He is shooting 51.1 percent (23-45) from the field, including 7-20 (35.0 percent) from three-point range. Harper has made four of 10 (40.0 percent) attempts from three-point range in his last four games. He is 18-20 (90.0 percent) from the free throw line and is averaging 13.7 minutes, 5.1 points and 1.6 rebounds per game. Harper has reached double figures in scoring twice, including a career-best 12 points against Grambling (Dec. 30).

Jenifer has started at point guard for UVa the last three games (North Carolina - Jan. 12, Wake Forest - Jan. 15, and Florida State - Jan. 20). He is averaging 16.9 minutes per game and has played a total of 79 minutes in his three starts (26.3 minutes per game). Jenifer is averaging 3.1 points, 2.5 assists and 2.1 rebounds per game. He is averaging 5.4 points per game in ACC play, including a career high nine points against both Clemson and North Carolina.

Rebounding

The Cavaliers are off to an excellent start in the rebounding department. UVa has outrebounded its opponents by an average of 8.1 per game (42.4 to 34.3), which is second among all ACC teams. Virginia has outrebounded its opponent in 11 of 14 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 eight 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.

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).

Leading Free Throw Shooter in ACC History

With his four for four performance from the free throw line against Florida State (Jan. 20), junior guard Roger Mason, Jr., surpassed Wake Forest's Charlie Davis (1969-71) as the most accurate free throw shooter in ACC history. Mason has made 248 of 284 for 87.32 percent, while Davis made 578 of 662 free throws for 87.31 percent.

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 three games. In its last outing against Florida State (Jan. 20), the Cavaliers made 37 of 44 attempts (both season highs) for 84.1 percent. Against Wake Forest (Jan. 15), UVa connected on a season-best 20 of 22 attempts from the free throw line for an impressive 90.9 percent. Virginia also made 16 of 19 free throws vs. North Carolina (Jan. 12). In the past three games, the Cavaliers are 73 of 85 from the charity stripe for an outstanding 85.9 percent.

On the season, UVa is 268-376 (71.3 percent) from the free throw line. UVa is leading the ACC in free throw shooting in conference games, having connected on 79.3 percent (92-116) of its attempts.

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.

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.

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.

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 *USAToday/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#

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 585. Williams needs 21 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 58.3 percent (77-132). He has also made 15 of 38 three-point attempts (39.5 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 43 of 66 attempts for 65.2 percent from the free throw line. He entered the season as a 72.8 percent career free throw shooter.

In his career, Williams is shooting 51.7 percent (585-1,132) 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.

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.

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

In 14 games in the 2001-2002 season, the Cavaliers have registered 74 blocked shots for an average of 5.3 per game. Freshman forward Jason Clark leads UVa with 17 blocks and junior forward/center Travis Watson has 16.

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.

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 up to 11th on Scoring List

Senior forward Chris Williams has moved into 11th place on Virginia's all-time scoring list with 1,617 career points, surpassing Richard Morgan (1986-89) for 11th place. Williams needs nine points to move past Bob McCarty (1954-56) into 10th 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. Bob McCarty (1954-56)	1,625
11. Chris Williams (1999-pres.)	1,617
12. Richard Morgan (1986-89)	1,540

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 100 career threes and sen-
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ior forward/guard Adam Hall is 11th with 84 career threes. Mason need eight 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.)	100
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).

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 37.0 percent (84-227) from beyond the three-point arc and is averaging 6.0 three-pointers per game. Junior guard Roger Mason, Jr., is 44-108 for 40.7 percent, while senior forward Chris Williams has made 15 of 38 threes (39.5 percent).

Mason Closing in on 1,000 Career Points

Junior guard Roger Mason, Jr., is quickly approaching 1,000 career points. He has tallied 954 points and needs 46 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.

Mathis Sets Career Highs

Sophomore forward J.C. Mathis has established new career highs in points and rebounds in 2001-2002. Against Rutgers (Dec. 23), he scored 16 points to surpass his former best of nine points vs. Auburn (Dec. 8). Mathis also set a career-high when he pulled down 10 rebounds against East Tennessee State (Nov. 18). His previous career best was nine rebounds against Maryland (Mar. 3, 2001).

Mathis also equaled his career high with two blocked shots against East Tennessee State.

On the season, Mathis is averaging 5.6 points and 4.2 rebounds per game and has started all 14 contests.

Williams Enters Top 10 List in Rebounds

Senior forward Chris Williams has 694 career rebounds and stands 10th on UVa's career rebounding list. Williams needs 13 more rebounds to move past Kenny Turner (1988-91) and into ninth place.

Junior forward/center Travis Watson is 11th on the Cavaliers' rebounding list with 673 and is 21 rebounds behind Williams.

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

1. Ralph Sampson (1980-83)	1,511
2. Junior Burrough (1992-95)	929
3. Bryant Stith (1989-92)	859
4. Steve Castellan (1976-79)	799
5. Ted Jeffries (1990-93)	787
6. Norman Nolan (1995-98)	765
7. Scott McCandlish (1970-72)	761
8. Marc Iavaroni (1975-78)	718
9. Kenny Turner (1988-91)	706
10. Chris Williams (1999-pres.)	694
11. Travis Watson (2000-pres.)	673
12. Olden Polynice (1984-86)	667

Mason on a Roll

Junior guard Roger Mason, Jr., moved to point guard at the beginning of the season, but it didn't slow his offensive production.

Dating back to last season, Mason has scored 15 or more points in 16 of his last 17 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 25 consecutive games (dating back to last season) which is second among all ACC players.

Mason is averaging a career-best 18.6 points per game, which leads the team and is third among all ACC players. He also leads all ACC players with a 91.3 free throw percentage (63-69). Mason also tops UVa in assists with 67 (4.8 per game).

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 164 and needs 14 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:

1. Othell Wilson (1981-84)	222
2. Jeff Jones (1979-82)	189
3. Harold Deane (1994-97)	179
Donald Hand (1998-01)	179
5. Bryant Stith (1989-92)	177
6. Chris Williams (1999-pres.)	164
7. Richard Morgan (1986-89)	160
8. Bobby Stokes (1976-79)	154
9. Adam Hall (1999-pres.)	147
10. Ricky Stokes (1981-84)	140

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 80 career blocked shots and ranks 10th all-time. He needs three more blocks to move past Ted Jefferies (1990-93) into ninth place.

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

1. Ralph Sampson (1980-83)	462
2. Chris Alexander (1993-96)	148
3. Kris Hunter (1997-99)	126
4. Steve Castellan (1976-79)	108
5. Junior Burrough (1992-95)	96
6. Chris Williams (1999-pres.)	91
7. Colin Ducharme (1997-00)	88
8. Olden Polynice (1984-86)	86
9. Ted Jeffries (1990-93)	82
10. Travis Watson (2000-pres.)	80

At Home in University Hall

Virginia went 14-1 overall at home during the 2000-01 season and has gone 34-5 (.872 percentage) at University Hall over the past three seasons, including 9-1 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.

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).

Nine Double-Doubles

Junior forward/center Travis Watson has notched nine double-doubles this season to increase his career total to 30. With nine 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

With 30 career double-doubles, Watson is the ACC's active leader. Watson is also tied for second with Norm Carmichael (1967-69) 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 11 of 14 games this season and is averaging 10.8 boards per game (11.2 in ACC games). He is also averaging 13.2 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).

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).

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.

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.

Strong Second Half Propels UVa Past Virginia Tech

Trailing by as many as 19 points in the first half and by 16 points at halftime, the Cavaliers outscored in-state rival Virginia Tech 42-18 in the second half to register a 69-61 win over the Hokies (Dec. 1) at University Hall.

Virginia Tech shot 51.5 percent (17-33) from the field and made seven of 10 three-point attempts in taking a 43-27 halftime lead. The Cavaliers opened the second half with a 25-8 run to take their first lead of the game, 52-51, with 8:34 left on a running jumper by freshman guard Keith Jennifer. UVa grabbed the lead for good, 60-59, on a jumper by junior guard Roger Mason, Jr., with 2:13 to play.

Mason led all scorers in the game with 22 points and added six rebounds and four assists. Senior forward Chris Williams tallied 16 points, five rebounds, four steals and three assists. Junior Travis Watson led Virginia with eight

rebounds and added seven points.

Carlos Dixon and Bryant Matthews both scored 12 points for Virginia Tech, while Carlton Carter registered a double-double with 10 points and 15 rebounds.

Cavaliers Coast to 115-66 Triumph Over Howard

Virginia put on an outstanding offensive display as it posted a 115-66 victory over Howard (November 21) in the John Thompson Classic at University Hall. UVa shot an impressive 58.9 percent (43-73) from the floor, including 58.3 percent (14-24) from three-point range. The Cavaliers' 14 three-pointers ties for the third-highest total in school history. All 12 Virginia players scored in the game.

Senior forward Chris Williams made eight of nine attempts from the field (5-6 on three-pointers) and scored a game-high 22 points. He also added five rebounds, three steals, three assists and two blocked shots. Junior guard Roger Mason, Jr., added 21 points and made his first five three-point attempts before finishing five for eight. Mason also dished out six assists and grabbed five rebounds. Freshman forward Elton Brown came off the bench to equal his career high with 16 points. Senior forward/guard Adam Hall and junior forward/center Travis Watson rounded out UVa's double figure scorers with 13 and 11 points, respectively. Watson also grabbed a team-high seven rebounds.

The Cavaliers led the entire game and quickly opened a 30-7 lead, on the strength of five three-pointers, with 12:34 left in the opening half. UVa made 11 of 15 threes en route to a 60-27 halftime advantage. Virginia led by as many as 56 points (104-48) in the game.

Ron Williamson led Howard with 18 points, while Mario Grove tallied a double-double with 13 points and 10 boards.

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) 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.

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 673 career rebounds and is averaging an ACC-best 10.8 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 30 career double-doubles, he is the conference's leader in career double-doubles among active players.

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