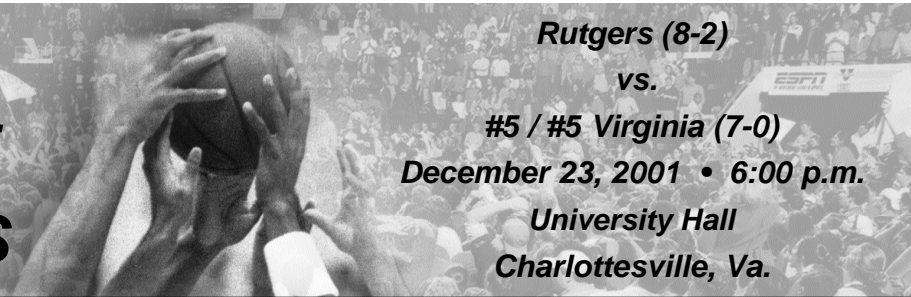


# VIRGINIA BASKETBALL 2001-2002 MEDIA NOTES



**Rutgers (8-2)**

**vs.**

**#5 / #5 Virginia (7-0)**

**December 23, 2001 • 6:00 p.m.**

**University Hall**

**Charlottesville, Va.**

## 2001-02 SCHEDULE

**7-0 Overall / 0-0 ACC**

**Home: 5-0**

**Away: 1-0**

**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)	6:00 p.m.
Dec. 30	GRAMBLING STATE (Comcast)	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

\*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 Rutgers will be televised by Fox Sports Net. Bob Neal will handle the play-by-play. Dan Bonner is the analyst. Ralph Sampson is the guest analyst.

### RADIO

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

### OFFICIALS

### THE GAME

**Virginia** (2000-2001: 20-9/9-7 ACC), ranked fifth in the AP poll and fifth in the *USAToday*/ESPN poll, stands at 7-0 this season. The Cavaliers are coming off a 61-55 victory over 16th-ranked Georgetown (Dec. 20) at MCI Center in Washington, D.C. **Rutgers** (2000-2001: 11-16/3-13 Big East) stands at 8-2 in the 2001-2002 season. The Scarlet Knights, who have won eight consecutive games, are coming off a 67-51 victory over UMBC (Dec. 15) at the Louis Brown Athletic Center in Piscataway, N.J.

### The Series vs. Rutgers

Tonight's game is just Virginia's second meeting against Rutgers. UVa won the initial meeting 74-56 in the consolation game of the ECAC Holiday Festival December 29, 1986 at Madison Square Garden in New York, N.Y.

### Virginia vs. the Big East

The Cavaliers are 116-87 (.571) against the 14 schools in the Big East Conference. Most of the games occurred prior to a school's membership in the Big East. Tonight's game is the third and final contest against Big East teams this season. UVa defeated Virginia Tech 69-61 (Dec. 1) at University Hall and Georgetown 61-55 (Dec. 20) at MCI Center.

In all games against the current membership of the Big East, Virginia is 72-44 vs. Virginia Tech, 10-12 vs. Georgetown, 8-8 vs. West Virginia, 7-3 vs. Pittsburgh, 5-1 vs. Notre Dame, 4-1 vs. Villanova, 3-0 vs. Boston College, 3-1 vs. Providence, 2-6 vs. Connecticut, 1-0 vs. Rutgers, 1-1 vs. Syracuse, 0-2 vs. Miami (Fla.) and Seton Hall, and 0-6 vs. St. John's.

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

### Cavaliers Move up to Fifth

Virginia is ranked fifth in The Associated Press (as well as the *USAToday*/ESPN) Poll, marking the Cavaliers' highest ranking in the AP poll since the 1982-83 season. UVa was ranked fourth in the final AP poll of the 1982-83 season.

### Virginia's Probable Starters

No.	Pos.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Ppg.	Rpg.	Mpg	Notes
32	F	J.C. Mathis	6-8	224	So.	4.1	4.3	17.6	Career high - 10 rebs (ETSU), 9 pts (Aub)
33	F	Chris Williams	6-7	216	Sr.	17.1	7.0	31.0	Shooting 62.9% (44-70) from the field
35	C	Travis Watson	6-8	255	Jr.	11.7	10.0	28.3	Four double-doubles in 2001-02
21	G	Roger Mason, Jr.	6-5	199	Jr.	19.0	3.9	34.1	Averaging 5.4 assists per game
31	G	Adam Hall	6-5	203	Sr.	10.6	4.6	26.6	Needs six points for 1,000 career points

### Virginia's Key Reserves

42	F	Elton Brown	6-9	265	Fr.	8.7	3.6	14.9	Shooting 56.1% (23-41) from the field
34	F	Jason Clark	6-8	225	Fr.	3.4	3.7	14.3	Leads team with 13 blocked shots
10	G	Keith Jenifer	6-3	155	Fr.	2.0	2.1	13.0	Averaging 2.3 assists per game
24	G	Jermaine Harper	6-3	166	Fr.	4.3	1.3	13.1	Scored career-high 8 points vs. Howard

### Non-Conference Regular Season Winning Streak

Virginia has won a school record 24 consecutive regular season games against non-conference opponents. The previous record for consecutive non-conference regular season victories was 22. During its current streak, UVa has won all three of its games against ranked non-ACC teams. Virginia beat fourth-ranked Tennessee 107-89 (Dec. 19) and 20th-ranked Missouri 85-72 (Jan. 20) during the 2000-01 season and defeated 16th-ranked Georgetown 61-55 on Thursday (Dec. 20) at MCI Center in Washington, D.C. The streak began with a 98-67 win against Loyola (Md.) at University Hall on December 8, 1999. The last time the Cavaliers lost to a non-conference opponent during the regular season was on December 4, 1999 when they lost 85-63 to St. John's University at Madison Square Garden. Since joining the Atlantic Coast Conference, Virginia won 22 consecutive non-conference regular season games from November 21, 1981 to December 19, 1982. UVa began the streak with a 63-61 win over Brigham Young (Dec. 19) to start the 1981-82 season. The streak ended the next season when Virginia lost to Chaminade 77-72 (Dec. 23).

### Non-Conference Teams at University Hall

Virginia is 191-28 (.872) all-time in University Hall against non-conference opponents since the building opened for the 1965-66 season. The Cavaliers have won 73 of their last 82 home games, including the last 12, against non-conference opponents dating back to the 1989-90 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.

### Back-to-Back 7-0 Starts

With its 7-0 start this season, Virginia has posted back-to-back 7-0 starts for the first time since the 1982-83 and 1983-84 seasons. The Cavaliers won their first 10 games of the 2000-2001 season.

In 1982-83, UVa won its first eight games to start the season, then Virginia won its first 10 games in the 1983-84 season.

### 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.

### Head Coach Pete Gillen

Pete Gillen is in his 17th season as a collegiate head coach and sports a 334-165 record for a .669 winning percentage. Tonight's game is Gillen's 500th as a collegiate head coach. Gillen is in his fourth season at Virginia and has posted a 60-37 record (.619 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).

### 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.

### And Then There Were Seven

With its perfect 7-0 record, UVa is one of only seven Division I teams without a blemish on their record in 2001-2002. Here's a list of the remaining undefeated Division I teams with their next opponent:

Butler (11-0)	vs. Samford (Dec. 28)
Duke (10-0)	vs. San Diego State (Dec. 29)
Marquette (10-0)	vs. Wisconsin (Dec. 22)
Miami (10-0)	vs. Charlotte (Dec. 22)
Mississippi State (11-0)	vs. Cincinnati (Dec. 21)
Oklahoma State (10-0)	vs. Arkansas (Dec. 22)
Virginia (7-0)	vs. Rutgers (Dec. 23)

## Rebounding

The Cavaliers are off to an excellent start in the rebounding department. UVa has outrebounded its opponents by an average of 10.1 per game (44.7 to 34.6), tops among all ACC teams. Virginia has outrebounded its opponent in five of seven games. In the games UVa has outrebounded its opponent, the narrowest margin has been by 14 rebounds (Wagner, 50-36). Virginia Tech (50-41) and Charleston Southern (41-40) are the only teams to outrebound UVa in a game.

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

## 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.

## Maurice Young Leaves Team

Sophomore forward/guard Maurice Young has left the Virginia basketball team. Young asked for and received his immediate release. 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.

## 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.

## 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

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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

## 2001-2002 ACC Pre-Season Media Prediction

(Indicates first place votes)

Team	Points
1. Duke (69)	661
2. Maryland (5)	596
<b>3. Virginia</b>	<b>483</b>
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
<b>Roger Mason, Jr., UVa</b>	<b>24</b>
Jason Capel, UNC	14
Josh Howard, WF	11
<b>Travis Watson, UVa</b>	<b>11</b>

#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
<b>Elton Brown, Virginia</b>	<b>2</b>
Barry Elder, Georgia Tech	1

## Williams Hot from the Field

Senior forward Chris Williams is off to an outstanding start shooting the basketball from the field in 2001-2002. Williams has made 44 of 70 attempts from the field for an outstanding 62.9 percentage. He has also made 11 of 20 three-point attempts (55.0 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 21 of 36 attempts for 58.3 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 51.6 percent (552-1070) 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.

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

## 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 Passes Hand for 12th on Scoring List

Senior forward Chris Williams has moved into 12th place on Virginia's all-time scoring list with 1,525 career points, surpassing former teammate Donald Hand (1998-2001), who scored 1,486 career points. Williams needs 16 points to move past Richard Morgan (1986-89) for 11th place.

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

1. Bryant Stith (1989-92)	2,516
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. Richard Morgan (1986-89)	1,540
<b>12. Chris Williams (1999-pres.)</b>	<b>1,525</b>
13. Donald Hand (1998-01)	1,486

## Shooting the Long Ball

Virginia's current roster features two of the top 10 career three-point field goal leaders in school history and a third who stands 11th. Senior forward Chris Williams is currently in eighth place with 113 three-pointers. Williams needs two more three-pointers to move past Byrant Stith

(1989-92) for seventh place. Senior forward/guard Adam Hall is 10th with 82, while junior guard Roger Mason, Jr., is 11th with 77 career threes.

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. Bryant Stith (1989-92)	114
<b>8. Chris Williams (1999-pres.)</b>	<b>113</b>
9. Keith Friel (2000-2001)	107
<b>10. Adam Hall (1999-pres.)</b>	<b>82</b>
<b>11. Roger Mason, Jr. (2000-pres.)</b>	<b>77</b>

## Dialing Long Distance

With the graduation 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 its 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).

On the season, Virginia is shooting an ACC best 41.5 percent (44-106) from beyond the three-point arc and is averaging 6.3 three-pointers per game. Senior forward Chris Williams has made 11 of 20 threes for 55.0 percent, while junior guard Roger Mason, Jr., is 21-47 (44.7 percent).

## Cavaliers Block 11 Buccaneer Shots

Virginia registered 11 blocked shots against East Tennessee State (Nov. 18) which ties for the sixth highest single game total in school history. The school record is 14 blocks vs. Army (Dec. 22, 1979). Last season, UVa's highest single game blocked shot total was seven against Gonzaga in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

In seven games in the 2001-2002 season, the Cavaliers have registered 38 blocked shots for an average of 5.4 per game. Freshman forward Jason Clark leads UVa with 13 blocks.

## Williams Closing in on Another Top 10 Entry

Senior forward Chris Williams has 657 career rebounds and needs just 10 more to tie Olden Polynice (1984-86) for 10th on UVa's career rebounding list.

### Hall Closing in on 1,000 Career Points

Senior forward/guard Adam Hall has scored 994 career points and needs six to reach 1,000 for his career. Hall would be the 35th Virginia player to reach the 1,000 career point plateau. Chris Williams became the 34th UVa player to score 1,000 career points last season against Coastal Carolina (Nov. 20, 2000).

Hall is averaging 10.6 points per game this season and is shooting 42.2 percent (27-64) from the field. He has made six of 17 three-pointers (35.3 percent).

### Mason on a Roll

Junior guard Roger Mason, Jr., moved to point guard this season, but it has not slowed his offensive production.

Dating back to last season, Mason has scored 16 or more points in nine of his last 10 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 18 consecutive games (dating back to last season).

Mason is averaging a career-best 19.0 points per game, which leads the team. He also tops UVa in assists with 38 (5.4 per game).

### All-Time Steals Leaders

Seniors Chris Williams and Adam Hall rank among the Cavaliers' all-time leaders in steals. Williams is seventh with 155 career steals and needs six more to move past Richard Morgan (1986-89) for sixth place. Hall has 141 career steals to his credit and ranks ninth all-time. He needs 14 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. Richard Morgan (1986-89)	160
7. <b>Chris Williams (1999-pres.)</b>	<b>155</b>
8. Bobby Stokes (1976-79)	154
9. <b>Adam Hall (1999-pres.)</b>	<b>141</b>
10. Ricky Stokes (1981-84)	140

### Mathis Grabs Career-High 10 Rebounds

Sophomore forward J.C. Mathis 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 the Buccaneers.

On the season, Mathis is averaging 4.3 rebounds and 4.1 points per game.

### All-Time Blocked Shot Leaders

Senior Chris Williams and junior Travis Watson rank among Virginia's all-time leaders in blocked shots. Williams is seventh with 87 career blocks and needs two to move past Colin Ducharme (1997-2000) for sixth place. Watson has 71 career blocked shots and ranks 10th all-

time.

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. Colin Ducharme (1997-00)	88
7. <b>Chris Williams (1999-pres.)</b>	<b>87</b>
8. Olden Polynice (1984-86)	86
9. Ted Jeffries (1990-93)	82
10. <b>Travis Watson (2000-pres.)</b>	<b>71</b>

### Four Double-Doubles

Junior forward/center Travis Watson has notched four double-doubles this season to increase his career total to 25. Watson tallied 11 points and 13 rebounds against Wagner (Nov. 16), and 14 points and 13 rebounds versus East Tennessee State (Nov. 18). He had 11 points and 10 rebounds against Auburn (Dec. 8) and notched 12 points and 13 rebounds versus Georgetown (Dec. 20) for his fourth double-double of the season. With 25 career double-doubles, Watson is one behind Maryland's Lonny Baxter who is the ACC's active leader in career double-doubles with 26. Watson is also tied with Norman Nolan, Bill Gerry and Gus Gerard for fifth place all-time at UVa with 25 career double-doubles. Watson led the ACC a year ago with 13 double-doubles.

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).

### At Home in University Hall

Virginia went 14-1 overall at home during the 2000-01 season and has gone 30-4 at University Hall over the past three seasons, including 5-0 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 two seasons Virginia has gone 13-3 at home against ACC opponents, which ties the Cavaliers with Duke over that span.

### 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 let-termen 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.

## **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 and Virginia Tech (won 69-61).

## **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.

## **UVa Downs ETSU 85-62 to Improve to 2-0**

Virginia used a balanced scoring effort to post an 85-62 win over East Tennessee State November 18 at University Hall.

Junior guard Roger Mason, Jr., led all scorers with 20 points, while senior forward/guard Adam Hall chipped in with 19 points, including 15 in the second half. Junior forward/center Travis Watson registered his second double-double of the season with 14 points and 13 rebounds and added three blocked shots. Senior forward Chris Williams contributed 13 points and three steals. Sophomore forward J.C. Mathis pulled down a career-high 10 rebounds, while freshman forward Jason Clark established a career high with three blocked shots.

The Cavaliers, who never trailed in the game, used a 14-1 run midway through the first half to open up a 36-19 lead. UVa took a 42-31 lead at the intermission. Virginia never saw its lead fall below 11 points (44-33) and led by as many as 27 points (69-42 and 76-49) in the second half.

UVa made 31 of 41 free throw attempts in the game for 75.6 percent and blocked 11 ETSU shots.

Jerald Fields and Zakee Wadood tallied 12 points and six rebounds apiece to lead the Buccaneers.

## **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 forward/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, UVa went on an 18-2 run to take a 22-6 lead with 12:52 left in the first half. The Seahawks slowly crept back in the game and narrowed the deficit to three, 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.

### **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.

### **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 and Missouri). UVa's other games against 2001 NCAA Tournament participants are versus Georgia Tech (twice) and Wake Forest (twice). Virginia defeated Auburn, a team that advanced to the second round of last season's NIT, 77-72 in Birmingham, Ala., on December 8.

### **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 8 • Virginia vs. Rutgers, December 23, 2001

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. He currently has 592 career rebounds and is averaging 10.0 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 25 career double-doubles, he is one behind Maryland's Lonny Baxter for the conference lead 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.

### **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.

### **Two More Stations Join Virginia Sports Radio Network**

Cavalier Sports Marketing, the marketing and broadcast partner for University of Virginia Athletics, has announced an agreement with two new radio stations in the Commonwealth. WNTW 610 AM in Winchester and WLES 580 AM in Lawrenceville are joining the Virginia Sports Network family and will broadcast the remaining Cavalier men's basketball games for the 2001-2002 season.

The entire list of UVa Basketball radio affiliates is available in the 2001-2002 Virginia men's basketball media guide.

### **Sellouts**

Virginia's next three games against Rutgers, Grambling and N.C. State are sold out.