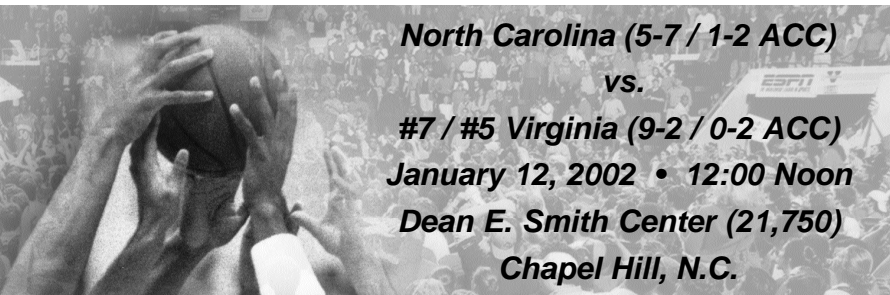


# VIRGINIA BASKETBALL 2001-2002 MEDIA NOTES



**North Carolina (5-7 / 1-2 ACC)**

**vs.**

**#7 / #5 Virginia (9-2 / 0-2 ACC)**

**January 12, 2002 • 12:00 Noon**

**Dean E. Smith Center (21,750)**

**Chapel Hill, N.C.**

## 2001-02 SCHEDULE

**9-2 Overall / 0-2 ACC**

**Home: 7-1**

**Away: 1-1**

**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)	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 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

Today's game against North Carolina will be televised by ESPN. Dan Shulman will handle the play-by-play. Dick Vitale is the analyst.

### RADIO

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

### OFFICIALS

### THE GAME

Virginia, ranked seventh in the AP poll and fifth in the USA Today/ESPN poll, stands at 9-2 overall and 0-2 in the Atlantic Coast Conference this season. The Cavaliers are coming off a 68-52 loss to Clemson (Jan. 8) at Littlejohn Coliseum. North Carolina stands at 5-7 overall and 1-2 in the ACC. In their last outing, the Tar Heels lost 112-79 to fourth-ranked Maryland (Jan. 9) at Cole Field House in College Park, Md.

### The Series vs. North Carolina

North Carolina leads the all-time series with the Cavaliers 114-43 in a rivalry that dates back to the 1910-11 season. UVa split the 2000-2001 season series with the Tar Heels with both teams winning at home. North Carolina won the first meeting of the 2000-2001 season 88-81 in Chapel Hill (Jan. 24), while Virginia posted an 86-66 victory in Charlottesville (Feb. 25). The Cavaliers sweep of the 1999-2000 regular season series, marked the first time that has happened since the 1980-81 season. (UNC, however, won the meeting in the 1981 NCAA Tournament's Final Four).

Virginia's victory in Chapel Hill in the 1999-2000 season was its first ever triumph at the Smith Center. The Cavaliers lost their previous 14 games in the Dean Dome. The win also snapped UVa's 18-game losing streak in Chapel Hill. Prior to 1999-2000, the previous Virginia victory in Chapel Hill came on February 3, 1981, when UVa posted an 80-79 overtime victory.

Despite Virginia's win in 1999-2000, the Tar Heels have dominated the series in games played in Chapel Hill, winning 57 of the 61 meetings. The Cavaliers are 1-15 at the Smith Center.

Virginia's wins in Chapel Hill occurred on: February 24, 1911 - UVa 18, UNC 15; January 25, 1973 - UVa 84, UNC 78 (UNC ranked fifth); February 3, 1981 - UVa 80, UNC 79 (UNC ranked 11th) in overtime; and February 20, 2000 - UVa 90, UNC 76.

North Carolina has won nine of the last 13 games and 19 of the last 26 games between the two teams.

### 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.	5.5	4.2	18.3	Career high - 10 rebs (ETSU), 16 pts (Rut)
33	F	Chris Williams	6-7	216	Sr.	14.4	6.4	30.3	Shooting 56.9% (58-102) from the field
35	C	Travis Watson	6-8	255	Jr.	13.0	10.4	28.5	Seven double-doubles in 2001-02
21	G	Roger Mason, Jr.	6-5	199	Jr.	18.4	4.2	34.0	Averaging 5.5 assists per game
31	G	Adam Hall	6-5	203	Sr.	9.9	5.5	28.1	Scored 1,000th career point vs. Rutgers

### Virginia's Key Reserves

42	F	Elton Brown	6-9	265	Fr.	8.1	3.3	14.9	Made first career start vs. Clemson
34	F	Jason Clark	6-8	225	Fr.	3.4	3.2	13.7	Leads team with 15 blocked shots
10	G	Keith Jenifer	6-3	155	Fr.	2.3	2.0	14.4	Scored career-high 9 points vs. Clemson
24	G	Jermaine Harper	6-3	166	Fr.	4.5	1.2	12.4	Scored career-high 12 points vs. Grambling

### Shooting Lots of Three-Pointers Against the Tar Heels

Since the 1989-90 season, the Cavaliers attempted an average of 21.3 three-point field goals (618 in 29 games) per game against North Carolina. Virginia made 203 of those 618 attempts (32.8 percent) for 7.0 made threes per game. Since the 1988-89 season, the Cavaliers have attempted 20 or more threes in a game against the Tar Heels 19 times.

Three of Virginia's top six games in terms of three-point field goals attempted have come against North Carolina (the other three are against Clemson). Prior to attempting a school-record 38 three-pointers against Clemson (Jan. 15, 2000), Virginia's 32 attempts against UNC on February 14, 1990 and March 7, 1997 marked the Cavaliers' all-time high for three-pointers attempted in a game.

Virginia also set its school record for most three-point field goals made in the February 14, 1990 game against UNC with 15. (Virginia equaled the mark of 15 threes made in a game against Hampton on November 25, 1998.)

### Ending Smith Center Drought

The Cavaliers will try for their second victory ever at the Smith Center today. In the 1999-2000 season, Virginia defeated UNC 90-76 (Feb. 20) at the Smith Center for the first time. It also marked UVa's first victory over North Carolina on its home court since an 80-79 overtime win at Carmichael Auditorium on February 3, 1981.

The Smith Center has not been a successful arena for the Cavaliers as their 1-15 all-time record attests.

Virginia has suffered from some scoring droughts in the Smith Center through the years. The Cavaliers have scored fewer than 70 points in seven of their last 11 games in the Smith Center.

The Cavaliers average 66.8 points per game against UNC at the Smith Center, while the Tar Heels average 79.6 vs. UVa.

Virginia has shot better than 42 percent from the field at the Smith Center only four times and is shooting 38.9 percent all-time in the building. The Cavaliers have topped 44 percent only twice at the Smith Center (50.8 percent in their first game in the arena during the 1985-86 season, and 44.9 percent (31-69) in the 1999-2000 season's win). Carolina is shooting 49.1 percent all-time against UVa at the Smith Center and has shot at least 50 percent seven times (twice in the last nine games).

### Keys to the Game

Virginia needs to shoot the ball well today to help its chances to win. Since the 1989-90 season, the Cavaliers are 9-20 against North Carolina, but are 6-2 when they out-shoot the Tar Heels. The Wahoos are 3-18 when the Tar Heels out-shoot them.

Here's a look at the two teams' field goal percentages since the 1989-90 season. The winner is listed in bold.

Year	Site	UNC	UVa
<b>1989-90</b>	UNC	<b>.583</b>	.397
	UVa	.524	<b>.441</b>
	ACC Trn.	.493	<b>.515</b>
<b>1990-91</b>	UVa	<b>.464</b>	.400
	UNC	<b>.500</b>	.356
	ACC Trn.	<b>.471</b>	.400
<b>1991-92</b>	UNC	<b>.533</b>	.362
	UVa	.446	<b>.472</b>
<b>1992-93</b>	UNC	<b>.476</b>	.400
	UVa	<b>.474</b>	.313
	ACC Trn.	<b>.379</b>	.414
<b>1993-94</b>	UVa	.462	<b>.483</b>
	UNC	<b>.390</b>	.309
	ACC Trn.	<b>.491</b>	.403
<b>1994-95</b>	UNC	<b>.482</b>	.418
	UVa	.452	<b>.439</b>
<b>1995-96</b>	UVa	<b>.386</b>	.322
	UNC	<b>.471</b>	.400
<b>1996-97</b>	UVa	.385	<b>.481</b>
	UNC	<b>.517</b>	.355
	ACC Trn.	<b>.519</b>	.371
<b>1997-98</b>	UNC	<b>.488</b>	.433
	UVa	<b>.431</b>	.300
<b>1998-99</b>	UNC	<b>.412</b>	.277
	UVa	<b>.426</b>	.435
<b>1999-00</b>	UVa	.586	<b>.465</b>
	UNC	.433	<b>.449</b>
<b>2000-01</b>	UNC	<b>.569</b>	.426
	UVa	.438	<b>.470</b>

### Since the 1989-90 Season:

Combined	.470	.403
UVa wins	.468	.468
UVa losses	.471	.375

## **0-2 ACC Start**

Virginia has lost its first two ACC contests this season, marking the first time since the 1998-99 season UVa has lost its first two conference games. The Cavaliers started the 1998-99 conference slate with five consecutive losses.

## **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.

## **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.

## **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 336-167 record for a .668 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 62-39 record (.614 winning percentage). Gillen won the 300th game of his career when Virginia defeated then 21st-ranked North Carolina 87-85 on January 18, 2000 at University Hall.

Gillen has led his teams to postseason play 13 times in 16 seasons (nine NCAA, four NIT). He has been selected as the conference Coach of the Year five times - all while coaching Xavier (Midwestern Collegiate Conference).

## **Cavalier Captains**

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

## **Rebounding**

The Cavaliers are off to an excellent start in the rebounding department. UVa has outrebounded its opponents by an average of 8.3 per game (43.8 to 35.5), second to Clemson among all ACC teams. Virginia has outrebounded its opponent in eight of 11 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 seven 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.

## **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.

## **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.

## **Brown Earns First Start**

Freshman forward Elton Brown earned his first collegiate start against Clemson (Jan. 8). He started in place of junior Travis Watson, who did not practice the prior two days before the game after experiencing cramping in his legs against North Carolina State on January 5. In 19 minutes of playing time, Brown tallied four points and three rebounds.

It was the first time UVa's starting lineup changed this season. J.C. Mathis, Chris Williams, Travis Watson, Roger Mason, Jr., and Adam Hall started the previous 10 games.

## 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 7 Associated Press Poll, and fifth in the January 7 *USAToday/ESPN* 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

## 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 has scored in double figures in 87 of 101 career games.

## 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.	<b>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#	Chris Duhon, Duke	24
Juan Dixon, Md.	69	<b>Roger Mason, Jr., UVa</b>	<b>24</b>
Lonny Baxter, Md.	58	Jason Capel, UNC	14
Carlos Boozer, Duke	37	Josh Howard, WF	11
Mike Dunleavy, Duke	35	<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 Leads ACC in Field Goal Percentage

Senior forward Chris Williams currently leads all ACC players in field goal percentage in 2001-2002. Williams has made 58 of 102 attempts from the field for an excellent 56.9 percentage. He has also made 13 of 33 three-point attempts (39.4 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 29 of 47 attempts for 61.7 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 51.4 percent (566-1102) 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 11 games in the 2001-2002 season, the Cavaliers have registered 63 blocked shots for an average of 5.7 per game. Freshman forward Jason Clark leads UVa with 15 blocks.

## 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 1,563 career points, surpassing Richard Morgan (1986-89) for 11th place. Williams needs 63 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
<b>11. Chris Williams (1999-pres.)</b>	<b>1,563</b>
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 115 three-point-

ers. Williams needs 18 more three-pointers to move past Richard Morgan (1986-89) for sixth place. Junior guard Roger Mason, Jr., is 10th with 88 career threes and senior forward/guard Adam Hall is 11th with 82 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
<b>7. Chris Williams (1999-pres.)</b>	<b>115</b>
8. Bryant Stith (1989-92)	114
9. Keith Friel (2000-2001)	107
<b>10. Roger Mason, Jr. (2000-pres.)</b>	<b>88</b>
<b>11. Adam Hall (1999-pres.)</b>	<b>82</b>

## 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 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).

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 34.3 percent (59-172) from beyond the three-point arc and is averaging 5.4 three-pointers per game. Junior guard Roger Mason, Jr., is 32-78 for 41.0 percent, while senior forward Chris Williams has made 13 of 33 threes (39.4 percent).

## Williams Enters Top 10 List in Rebounds

Senior forward Chris Williams has 678 career rebounds and stands 10th on UVA's career rebounding list. Williams needs 29 more rebounds to move past Kenny Turner (1988-91) and into ninth place.

Junior forward/center Travis Watson is 13th on the Cavaliers' rebounding list with 636 and needs 30 to move past Wally Walker (1973-76) for 12th place.

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
<b>10. Chris Williams (1999-pres.)</b>	<b>678</b>
11. Olden Polynice (1984-86)	667
12. Wally Walker (1973-76)	665
<b>13. Travis Watson (2000-pres.)</b>	<b>636</b>
14. Norman Carmichael (1967-69)	622

## 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 1,029 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 9.9 points per game this season and is shooting 39.8 percent (41-103) from the field.

## 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 15 or more points in 13 of his last 14 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 22 consecutive games (dating back to last season).

Mason is averaging a career-best 18.4 points per game, which leads the team and is third among all ACC players. He also leads all ACC players with a 90.6 free throw percentage (48-53). Mason also tops UVA in assists with 61 (5.5 per game).

## All-Time Steals Leaders

Seniors Chris Williams and Adam Hall rank among the Cavaliers' all-time leaders in steals. Williams is tied with Richard Morgan (1986-89) for sixth place with 160 career steals. Bryant Stith (1989-92) is fifth with 177 steals. Hall has 143 career steals to his credit and ranks ninth all-time. He needs 12 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
<b>6. Chris Williams (1999-pres.)</b>	<b>160</b>
Richard Morgan (1986-89)	160
8. Bobby Stokes (1976-79)	154
<b>9. Adam Hall (1999-pres.)</b>	<b>143</b>
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 90 career blocks and needs seven to move past Junior Burrough (1992-95) for fifth place. Watson has 76 career blocked shots and ranks 10th all-time. He needs seven 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
<b>6. Chris Williams (1999-pres.)</b>	<b>90</b>
7. Colin Ducharme (1997-00)	88
8. Olden Polynice (1984-86)	86
9. Ted Jeffries (1990-93)	82
<b>10. Travis Watson (2000-pres.)</b>	<b>76</b>

## 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 5.5 points and 4.2 rebounds per game.

## Seven Double-Doubles

Junior forward/center Travis Watson has notched seven double-doubles this season to increase his career total to 28. With seven double-doubles, Watson is tied with Duke's Carlos Boozer for the ACC lead 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

With 28 career double-doubles, Watson is the ACC's active leader. Watson is also fourth on UVa's all-time double-doubles list. Scott McCandlish (1970-72) is third with 29 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 is tied for 10th in the nation in double-doubles with seven. He is also tied for eighth among active players with 28 career double-doubles.

Watson has led UVa in rebounding in nine of 11 games this season and is averaging 10.4 boards per game. He is also averaging 13.0 points per game.

Senior forward Chris Williams recorded his 12th career double-double (and second of the season) with 17 points and 11 rebounds against Georgetown (Dec. 20). He had 26 points and 10 rebounds against Wagner (Nov. 16). Williams is tied for 18th on UVa's all-time double-doubles list with John Crotty (1988-91).

## 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

## John Thompson Foundation Classic All-Tournament

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

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

## At Home in University Hall

Virginia went 14-1 overall at home during the 2000-01 season and has gone 32-5 (.865 percentage) at University Hall over the past three seasons, including 7-1 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 13-4 at home against ACC opponents.

## 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

## 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).

## 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.

## 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.

## **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 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 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 636 career rebounds and is averaging 10.4 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 28 career double-doubles, he is the conference's leader in career double-doubles among active players.

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

### **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.