



# VIRGINIA NIT NOTES



## Cavaliers Meet South Carolina in First Round of National Invitation Tournament

### **UVa Makes Third Consecutive Postseason Appearance**

The Cavaliers bid to the 2002 National Invitation Tournament (NIT) marks their third consecutive postseason appearance. UVa also played in the 2000 NIT and received an NCAA Tournament bid in 2001.

Virginia will host South Carolina (18-14) in the first round of the 2002 NIT on Wednesday, March 13 at 7:30 p.m. in University Hall. The game will be televised by ESPN2. Brad Nessler will handle the play-by-play and Larry Conley is the analyst.

### **Virginia Makes Ninth NIT Appearance**

Virginia is participating in the National Invitation Tournament for the ninth time. The Cavaliers have won the NIT championship twice, in 1980 and in 1992, and have compiled an overall record of 13-6 in their eight previous appearances in the tournament.

UVa's most recent appearance in the NIT was in 2000 when it lost in triple overtime, 115-111, to Georgetown (Mar. 15) in University Hall.

In 1992, the Cavaliers rolled to the tournament championship. Virginia won at Villanova 83-80 in the first round and then defeated Tennessee 77-52 at home in the second round. The Cavaliers defeated New Mexico 76-71 at the Richmond Coliseum in Richmond, Va., in the quarterfinals. In the semifinals at Madison Square Garden, UVa defeated Florida 62-56. Virginia won the 1992 NIT Championship with an 81-76 overtime victory over Notre Dame in the championship game.

### **The Series vs. South Carolina**

Virginia leads the all-time series against South Carolina 25-23. The two schools met often from 1955-71 when South Carolina was a league foe in the Atlantic Coast Conference. Since South Carolina left the ACC following the 1970-71 season, the teams have met just three times - each in early season tournaments - the Maui Invitational, the Great Alaska Shootout and the Puerto Rico Shootout.

The Cavaliers have won two of the last three meetings in the series. UVa won 65-59 in the second round of the Great Alaska Shootout (Nov. 23, 1990) and 93-70 in the first round of the Maui Invitational (Nov. 25, 1996). In the latest meeting in the series in the 1999-2000 season, the Gamecocks won 73-71 in the first round of the Puerto Rico Shootout (Nov. 25, 1999).

The series with South Carolina dates back to the 1920-21 season with the Cavaliers winning 44-9 at home. UVa is 16-7 all-time against South Carolina in Charlottesville.

Virginia is 3-3 versus the Gamecocks in University Hall. In the last game between the two teams in U-Hall, the Cavaliers came away with a 50-49 victory on January 11, 1971 when UVa great Barry Parkhill canded a baseline jumper to help Virginia upset second-ranked South Carolina.

### **Mason and Watson Named to USBWA All-District Team**

Junior guard Roger Mason, Jr., and junior forward/center Travis Watson have both been selected to the 2001-2002 United States Basketball Writers Association All-District III team, as voted by the association's membership.

### **Four Cavaliers Earn ACC Accolades**

Junior guard Roger Mason, Jr., and junior forward/center Travis Watson were both selected to the 2001-2002 All-Atlantic Coast Conference second team. In addition, forward Elton Brown and guard Keith Jenifer were honorable mention selections to the 2002 ACC All-Freshman Team. The teams were voted on by members of the Atlantic Coast Sports Writers Association.

Watson was a second-team All-ACC selection last season, while Mason was a third-team All-ACC pick in 2000-2001.

Members of the All-ACC first team are Carlos Boozer, Mike Dunleavy and Jason Williams of Duke, Juan Dixon of Maryland and Anthony Grundy of N.C. State. In addition to Mason and Watson, the second team is made up of Tony Akins (Georgia Tech), Lonny Baxter (Maryland) and Darius Songaila (Wake Forest). The All-ACC third team is comprised of Steve Blake (Maryland), Jason Capel (North Carolina), Josh Howard (Wake Forest), Edward Scott (Clemson) and Chris Wilcox (Maryland).

The ACC All-Freshman Team is made up of Julius Hodge and Josh Powell of N.C. State, B.J. Elder and Ed Nelson of Georgia Tech, and Jawad Williams of North Carolina.

### **Mason One of 30 Midseason Wooden Candidates**

Junior guard Roger Mason, Jr., is 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 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.



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## Mason and Watson Earn All-District Honors From NABC

Junior guard Roger Mason, Jr., and junior forward/center Travis Watson are members of the 2002 Division I All-District 5 Team as selected by the members of the National Association of Basketball Coaches. Mason is a first-team selection and Watson a second-team selection. Members of the 15 All-District teams are now eligible for the NABC Division I All-America Team to be announced at the conclusion of the 2001-2002 season.

Carlos Boozer, Mike Dunleavy and Jason Williams of Duke and Maryland's Juan Dixon join Mason on the first-team. In addition to Watson, Lonny Baxter (Maryland), Anthony Grundy (N.C. State), Josh Howard (Wake Forest) and Darius Songaila (Wake Forest) were named to the second-team.

## Hall Returns to Action

Senior guard/forward Adam Hall, who missed 10 games, is back in the Cavaliers' lineup. Hall returned to action for Virginia February 20 against Florida State and started the last four games against Georgia Tech (Feb. 23), Duke (Feb. 28), Maryland (Mar. 3) and N.C. State Mar. 8). Hall also played against Maryland January 31, but missed the Cavaliers' next five games before playing in the Florida State game. Hall missed a total of 10 games after injuring his right foot with 41 seconds left in UVa's game against North Carolina (Jan. 12). Hall's injury was a partial tear of the plantar fascia (dense tissue that supports the arch) on the bottom of his right foot.

Against N.C. State in the ACC Tournament (Mar. 8), Hall scored 10 points and added four rebounds and three assists. Hall had seven points, four rebounds, two assists and a steal in 32 minutes against Maryland (Mar. 3). He scored a season-high 21 points, had four rebounds and three assists in a season-high 37 minutes against Duke. Against Georgia Tech, Hall scored 15 points, grabbed six rebounds and had four steals. Hall played 24 minutes against Florida State and had six points, four rebounds and three assists. He played five minutes against Maryland and was 0-2 from the field and had one rebound.

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

## Non-Conference Teams at University Hall

Virginia is 194-28 (.874) all-time in University Hall against non-conference opponents since the building opened for the 1965-66 season. The Cavaliers have won 76 of their last 85 home games, including the last 15, against non-conference opponents dating back to the 1989-90 season.

## 2001-02 SCHEDULE

**17-11 Overall / 7-9 ACC**

**Home: 13-3**

**Away: 3-7**

**Neutral: 1-1**

<b>Nov. 2</b>	<b>Nantucket Nectar Naturals (EX)</b>	<b>W, 82-70</b>
<b>Nov. 11</b>	<b>Los Angeles Stars (EX)</b>	<b>W, 98-69</b>
<b>Nov. 16</b>	<b>WAGNER</b>	<b>W, 105-74</b>
<b>Nov. 18</b>	<b>EAST TENNESSEE STATE</b>	<b>W, 85-62</b>
<b>Nov. 21</b>	<b>HOWARD**</b>	<b>W, 115-66</b>
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.	
<b>Dec. 1</b>	<b>VIRGINIA TECH (FSNS)</b>	<b>W, 69-61</b>
Dec. 8	vs. Auburn+ (ESPN Reg.)	W, 77-72
<b>Dec. 17</b>	<b>CHARLESTON SOUTHERN (Comcast)</b>	<b>W, 74-54</b>
Dec. 20	at #16 Georgetown** (TBS)	W, 61-55
<b>Dec. 23</b>	<b>RUTGERS (FSN)</b>	<b>W, 76-68</b>
<b>Dec. 30</b>	<b>GRAMBLING STATE (Comcast)</b>	<b>W, 112-67</b>
<b>Jan. 5</b>	<b>N.C. STATE (R/JP)</b>	<b>L, 74-81</b>
Jan. 8	at Clemson (FSNS/Sunshine)	L, 52-68
Jan. 12	at North Carolina (ESPN)	W, 71-67
<b>Jan. 15</b>	<b>#14 WAKE FOREST (R/JP/Sun)</b>	<b>W, 86-74</b>
<b>Jan. 20</b>	<b>FLORIDA STATE (R/JP)</b>	<b>W, 91-74</b>
Jan. 22	at Georgia Tech (ESPN2)	W, 69-65
<b>Jan. 24</b>	<b>VMI</b>	<b>W, 93-59</b>
Jan. 27	at #1 Duke (FSN)	L, 81-94
<b>Jan. 31</b>	<b>#3 MARYLAND (ESPN2)</b>	<b>L, 87-91</b>
Feb. 3	at #22 Missouri (ABC)	L, 77-81
Feb. 6	at N.C. State (ESPN2)	L, 68-85
<b>Feb. 10</b>	<b>CLEMSON (R/JP)</b>	<b>W, 85-71</b>
<b>Feb. 12</b>	<b>NORTH CAROLINA (R/JP)</b>	<b>W, 73-63</b>
Feb. 17	at #19 Wake Forest (FSN)	L, 70-92
Feb. 20	at Florida State	L, 59-66
<b>Feb. 23</b>	<b>GEORGIA TECH (RJ/ESPN2)</b>	<b>L, 80-82</b>
<b>Feb. 28</b>	<b>#3 DUKE (ESPN)</b>	<b>W, 87-84</b>
Mar. 3	at #2 Maryland (FSN)	L, 92-112
Mar. 7-10	ACC TOURNAMENT^	
Mar. 8	vs. N.C. State (RJ/ESPN)	L, 72-92
<b>Mar. 13</b>	<b>SOUTH CAROLINA (ESPN2)#</b>	<b>7:30 P.M.</b>

\*ACC/Big Ten Challenge, at Richmond Coliseum

\*\*John Thompson Foundation Classic

+ Arby's Hardwood Classic, Birmingham, Ala.

^Charlotte, N.C.

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Rankings listed are from The Associated Press Poll

(All times are Eastern)



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## Head Coach Pete Gillen

Pete Gillen is in his 17th season as a collegiate head coach and sports a 344-176 record for a .662 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 70-48 record (.593 winning percentage). Gillen won the 300th game of his career when Virginia defeated then 21st-ranked North Carolina 87-85 on January 18, 2000 at University Hall.

Gillen has now led his teams to postseason play 14 times in 17 seasons (nine NCAA, five NIT). He has been selected as the conference Coach of the Year five times - all while coaching Xavier (Midwestern Collegiate Conference).

Gillen is one of 20 finalists for the Naismith Men's College Basketball Coach of the Year Award for the 2001-2002 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.

## Non-Conference Regular Season Winning Streak Stopped

Virginia had won a school record 27 consecutive regular season games against non-conference opponents before having the streak snapped with an 81-77 loss at Missouri (Feb. 3). The previous record for consecutive non-conference regular season victories was 22. During its record streak, UVa won three games against ranked non-ACC teams before falling to Missouri. 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 this season (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 previous 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 (Nov. 21) to start the 1981-82 season. The streak ended the next season when Virginia lost to Chaminade 77-72 (Dec. 23).

## No Back-to-Back Losses at Home

The Cavaliers have not lost back-to-back home games since the 1997-98 season. Virginia has played 62 games at University Hall since losing back-to-back home games in the 1997-98 season. The last time Virginia was defeated in consecutive home games was during the 1997-98 season when the Cavaliers lost consecutive home games to Florida State

(Feb. 4), 71-63 and North Carolina (Feb. 11), 60-45. UVa also lost to Duke (Jan. 24), 72-65 which was the first of three consecutive home losses.

## 304

Virginia has made at least one three-point field goal in each of its last 304 games. It is believed to be the eighth longest active streak in Division I (the NCAA does not track consecutive games with a three-point field goal).

## 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 has not been ranked in the the last three (February 25, March 4 and March 11) Associated Press and *USAToday/ESPN* polls. It snapped a streak of 34 consecutive times UVa appeared in the AP poll. The ranking of fourth in the December 24 and December 31 AP polls was the Cavaliers' highest ranking in the AP poll since the 1982-83 season. UVa was ranked second in the March 8, 1983 AP poll. UVa was ranked fourth in the final AP poll (Mar. 15) of the 1982-83 season.

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

Date	AP	USAToday/ESPN
Preseason	11th	11th
Nov. 12	No Poll	11th
Nov. 19	11th	10th
Nov. 26	9th	8th
Dec. 3	8th	7th
Dec. 10	7th	6th
Dec. 17	5th	5th
Dec. 24	4th	4th
Dec. 31	4th	4th
Jan. 7	7th	5th
Jan. 14	10th	9th
Jan. 21	7th	7th
Jan. 28	8th	5th
Feb. 4	10th	8th
Feb. 11	15th	13th
Feb. 18	22nd	15th
Feb. 25	NR	NR
Mar. 4	NR	NR
Mar. 11	NR	NR



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## Virginia vs. Ranked Teams

UVa is 3-5 this season against teams ranked in the top 25 of the AP poll at the time the game was played. The Cavaliers were also scheduled to play 22nd-ranked Michigan State (Nov. 28), but that game was suspended five minutes into the second half because of slippery floor conditions. Here's a list of Virginia's top 25 games to date:

<b>Opponent (date)</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Site</b>	<b>Result</b>	<b>Score</b>
Georgetown (Dec. 20)	16th	A	W	61-55
Wake Forest (Jan. 15)	14th	H	W	86-74
Duke (Jan. 27)	1st	A	L	81-94
Maryland (Jan. 31)	3rd	H	L	87-91
Missouri (Feb. 3)	22nd	A	L	77-81
Wake Forest (Feb. 17)	19th	A	L	70-92
Duke (Feb. 28)	3rd	H	W	87-84
Maryland (Mar. 3)	2nd	A	L	92-112

## A Top 10 Kind of Guy

Senior forward Chris Williams is ranked in Virginia's career top 10 of seven major statistical categories.

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

<b>Category</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Total</b>
Steals	3rd	188
Blocked shots	5th	97
Rebounds	T6th	781
Scoring	7th	1,804
Field goals	7th	646
Three-point field goals	8th	130
Made Free Throws	9th	382

Williams is the only player in school history to be ranked in the top 10 of all the above categories.

## Four Freshmen Earn First Starts

Virginia's four scholarship freshmen have all earned starts this season. Guard Keith Jenifer leads the way with 14 starts, while forward Elton Brown has started five games. Forward Jason Clark and guard Jermaine Harper have started three games apiece. The foursome have combined to start 25 games this season. UVa freshmen did not have a single start last season.

Jenifer received his first start against North Carolina (Jan. 12) and Brown earned his first collegiate start against Clemson (Jan. 8). Clark and Harper received their first starts against Clemson (Feb. 10).

Brown made his first three starts in place of junior Travis Watson. Watson did not practice the two days before the Clemson game after experiencing cramping in his legs against N.C. State (Jan. 5). Brown started against VMI (Jan. 24) because Watson was sidelined with a hip pointer and earned his third start vs. Missouri (Feb. 3) with Watson slowed with an injury to his left foot. Brown's last two starts were against Florida State (Feb. 20) and Georgia Tech (Feb. 23). Jenifer started in place of senior

forward/guard Adam Hall against North Carolina and remained in the starting lineup for the next eight games as Hall recovered from a partial tear of the plantar fascia in his right foot. Jenifer started for the 14th time this season against N.C. State (Mar. 8) in the ACC Tournament.

Here's a look at Brown's stats in his five starts

Clemson (Jan. 8)	4 pts., 3 rebs., 19 min.
VMI (Jan. 24)	15 pts., 4 rebs., 21 min.
Missouri (Feb. 3)	12 pts., 4 rebs., 2 asts., 1 bs, 28 min.
Florida St. (Feb. 20)	10 pts., 2 rebs., 1 ast., 18 min.
Ga. Tech (Feb. 23)	2 pts., 5 min.

Here are Jenifer's stats in his 14 starts

UNC (Jan. 12)	9 pts., 3 rebs., 4 asts., 1 st., 24 min.
W. Forest (Jan. 15)	4 pts., 1 reb., 3 asts., 25 min.
Florida St. (Jan. 20)	5 pts., 3 rebs., 6 asts., 1 st., 30 min.
Ga. Tech (Jan. 22)	6 pts., 13 min.
VMI (Jan. 24)	4 pts., 4 rebs., 4 asts., 26 min.
Duke (Jan. 27)	8 pts., 1 reb., 4 asts., 1 st., 33 min.
Maryland (Jan. 31)	4 pts., 3 rebs., 3 asts., 1 st., 24 min.
Missouri (Feb. 3)	8 pts., 1 reb., 4 asts., 29 min.
N.C. State (Feb. 6)	0 pts., 3 rebs., 1 ast., 2 st., 31 min.
W. Forest (Feb. 17)	8 pts., 2 rebs., 4 asts., 1 st., 28 min.
Ga. Tech (Feb. 23)	0 pts., 2 rebs., 4 asts., 1 st., 19 min.
Duke (Feb. 28)	10 pts., 6 asts., 2 stls., 31 min.
Maryland (Mar. 3)	4 pts., 1 reb., 1 ast., 1 st., 22 min.
N.C. State (Mar. 8)	5 pts., 2 rebs., 4 asts., 1 bs, 1 st., 31 min.

Here are Clark's stats in his three starts

Clemson (Feb. 10)	2 pts., 1 reb., 1 ast., 1 bs, 15 min.
UNC (Feb. 12)	8 pts., 6 rebs., 1 bs, 15 min.
W. Forest (Feb. 17)	2 pts., 2 rebs., 3 bs., 1 st., 13 min.

Here are Harper's stats in his three starts

Clemson (Feb. 10)	7 pts., 2 rebs., 2 asts., 26 min.
UNC (Feb. 12)	4 pts., 1 ast., 17 min.
Florida St. (Feb. 20)	2 pts., 2 asts., 1 bs, 17 min.

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

## Only One Three

UVa entered the game at N.C. State (Feb. 6) averaging 5.4 three-point field goals per game, but managed to make just one three against the Wolfpack. Freshman guard Jermaine Harper made UVa's lone three in the game with 3:20 left to go.

The last time the Cavaliers made only one three-pointer was against UMBC (Dec. 23) last season.

## 15 Threes

In its 82-80 loss to Georgia Tech (Feb. 23), Virginia gave up 15 three-point field goals which ties the UVa opponent record for made three-point field goals in a game. The Yellow Jackets were 15-25 (60 percent) from beyond the three-point line to equal the UVa opponent record set by Clemson. The Tigers made 15 of 23 (65.2 percent) three-point attempts on January 22, 1983.



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## 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.

## Losing Despite Shooting Well

The Cavaliers shot 55.2 percent (32-58) from the field against Missouri (Feb. 3) and lost 81-77. The previous time UVa shot better than 55 percent from the floor and lost was December 18, 1987 when Virginia shot 56.2 percent (27-48) from the field and lost to Old Dominion 74-72 at the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* Invitational in Richmond, Va.

## Opponents Shooting Well

In its last six losses, Virginia's opponents have shot better than 50 percent from the field while UVa has shot better than 43.9 percent only twice - 50 percent vs. Maryland (Mar. 3) and 48.1 percent vs. N.C. State (Mar. 8). Here's a look at UVa's field goal percentage vs. its opponents' in the six losses:

Team	Virginia	Opponent
N.C. State (Feb. 6)	40.4% (23-57)	50.9% (27-53)
Wake Forest (Feb. 17)	33.8% (23-68)	57.9% (33-57)
Florida State (Feb. 20)	40.0% (22-55)	51.1% (23-45)
Georgia Tech (Feb. 23)	43.9% (29-66)	55.3% (26-47)
Maryland (Mar. 3)	50.0% (32-64)	61.5% (40-65)
N.C. State (Mar. 8)	48.1% (25-52)	60.4% (29-48)
Totals	42.5% (154-362)	56.5% (178-315)

In its last six losses, Virginia has made 24 fewer field goals (154-178) than its opponents while attempting 47 more field goals (362-315).

## Watson Named ACC Player of the Week

Junior forward/center Travis Watson was named the ACC Player of the Week on February 11 after scoring 49 points and grabbing 22 rebounds in the Cavaliers' games against N.C. State (Feb. 6) and Clemson (Feb. 10). He was 14-24 (.583) from the field, including 1-1 from three-point range, and 20-23 (.870) from the free throw line. Watson also had six assists, five steals and one block. He had a double-double in points and rebounds in both games. In the Cavaliers' 85-68 loss at N.C. State, Watson scored a career-high 29 points and had 12 rebounds. He was 7-12 from the field and 15-17 from the free throw line. He also had three assists and three steals in 35 minutes. In Virginia's 85-71 victory over Clemson, Watson scored 20 points and had 10 rebounds. He was 7-12 from the field, including 1-1 from three-point range, and 5-6 from the free throw line. Watson has 16 double-doubles on the season.

## Watson Scores 1,000th Career Point

Junior forward/center Travis Watson became the 37th Cavalier and third this season to score 1,000 career points. Watson reached the milestone with a dunk with 33.8 seconds left in UVa's win over North Carolina (Feb. 12) at University Hall. He concluded the game with 1,001 points. Watson currently has 1,076 points (34th at UVa).

## UVa Snaps Four-Game Slide

The Cavaliers snapped a four-game losing streak with an 85-71 victory over Clemson (Feb. 10). The victory halted UVa's first four-game slide since the end of the 1998-99 season. UVa had lost its previous four games to Duke (94-81 - Jan. 27), Maryland (91-87 - Jan. 31), Missouri (81-77 - Feb. 3) and N.C. State (85-68 - Feb. 6). The previous four-game Cavalier losing streak was at the end of the 1998-99 season. Virginia lost its last four games of the season to Clemson, North Carolina, Georgia Tech and Duke.

## Four Consecutive ACC Victories

Prior to its loss to Duke (Jan. 27), Virginia had won four consecutive ACC games (five games overall) which matched UVa's longest ACC winning streak last season. UVa had beaten North Carolina 71-67 (Jan. 12), Wake Forest 86-74 (Jan. 15), Florida State 91-74 (Jan. 20) and Georgia Tech 69-65 (Jan. 22) before losing to Duke.

Last year, UVa beat Duke 91-89 (Feb. 14), Florida State 69-66 (Feb. 17), North Carolina 86-66 (Feb. 25) and Clemson 84-65 (Feb. 28) for its four consecutive ACC wins.

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

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

## Watson Hot From Field

Junior forward/center Travis Watson has shot 50 percent or better from the field in 10 of the last 12 games. During that span, Watson has connected on 65 of 121 attempts for 53.7 percent. He has also made 37 of his last 51 free throws (72.5 percent).

Watson is shooting 50.9 percent (138-271) from the field this season and is sixth among all ACC players. In ACC games, he's connected on 88-170 field goal attempts for 51.8 percent which is seventh in the conference.



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## Watson Ties Offensive Rebound Record

Junior forward/center Travis Watson tied the school record with 10 offensive rebounds (he had 12 total rebounds in the game) against Maryland (Jan. 31). Watson now shares the record with Matt Blundin and Bryant Stith. Blundin had 10 offensive boards against Clemson on February 10, 1990 and Stith pulled down 10 offensive rebounds against Georgia Tech on March 13, 1992. Both players ended those games with 13 total rebounds.

## Mason Scores 1,000th Career Point

Junior guard Roger Mason, Jr., became the 36th Cavalier to score 1,000 career points when he made two free throws with 9:17 left in the first half against Maryland (Jan. 31). Mason ended the game with 29 points and 1,027 in his career. He currently stands 25th on UVa's all-time scoring list with 1,223 points. Mason needs 22 more points to move all the way up to 22nd place. Billy Langloh (1974-77) is 24th with 1,240 points, Tom Sheehey (1984-87) is 23rd with 1,241 points, and Marc Iavaroni (1975-78) is 22nd with 1,244 points.

## Four With 1,000 Points

The Cavaliers have four players on the team who have scored 1,000 career points at Virginia. It marks the first time in school history UVa has had four 1,000 point scorers on the same team. The Cavaliers have had three players reach the 1,000-point plateau this season which is another program first.

Senior forward Chris Williams has scored 1,804 career points (seventh at UVa). He scored his 1,000th career point during the 2000-01 season.

Senior forward Adam Hall followed Williams in joining the 1,000-point club when he reached the milestone earlier this season against Rutgers (Dec. 23). Hall has 1,096 career points (33rd at UVa).

Junior guard Roger Mason, Jr., became UVa's 36th 1,000-point scorer on January 31 against Maryland. Mason now has scored 1,223 points (25th at UVa).

Junior forward/center Travis Watson joined his trio of teammates in the Cavaliers' 1,000-point club when he reached the milestone against North Carolina (Feb. 12). Watson has 1,076 career points (34th at UVa).

## Brown Named ACC Rookie of the Week For Second Time

Freshman forward Elton Brown was named the Atlantic Coast Conference Rookie of the Week (Jan. 28) after scoring 47 points and grabbing 18 rebounds in Virginia's wins against Georgia Tech (Jan. 22) and VMI (Jan. 24) and its loss to Duke (Jan. 27). For the week, Brown was 21-37 (56.8 percent) from the field, including 3-8 (37.5 percent) from three-point range, and 2-4 from the free throw line in 73 minutes of action. Against Georgia Tech, Brown came off the bench to compile his first double-double with career

highs of 20 points and 10 rebounds. He was 9-11 (81.8 percent) from the field and 2-4 (50 percent) from the free throw line against the Yellow Jackets. Brown got his second start of the season in place of an injured Travis Watson in UVa's win over VMI. He scored 15 points and grabbed four rebounds. Brown was 7-14 (50 percent) from the field, including 1-2 from three-point range. Against Duke, Brown tallied 12 points and four rebounds.

Brown was also named the ACC Rookie of the Week December 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.

## Free Throw Shooting

The Cavaliers struggled a bit from the free throw line earlier this season, but turned things around in the second half of the season. In the past 17 games, the Cavaliers are 308 of 405 from the charity stripe for an outstanding 76.0 percent.

Here's a breakdown of UVa's effort from the free throw line in the last 17 games:

N.C. State (Mar. 8)	15-25	60.0 percent
Maryland (Mar. 3)	20-25	80.0 percent
Duke (Feb. 28)	20-29	69.0 percent
Georgia Tech (Feb. 23)	16-22	72.7 percent
Florida State (Feb. 20)	8-12	66.7 percent
Wake Forest (Feb. 17)	17-21	81.0 percent
North Carolina (Feb. 12)	14-19	73.7 percent
Clemson (Feb. 10)	26-33	78.8 percent
N.C. State (Feb. 6)	21-27	77.8 percent
Missouri (Feb. 3)	10-13	76.9 percent
Maryland (Jan. 31)	23-31	74.2 percent
Duke (Jan. 27)	16-24	66.7 percent
VMI (Jan. 24)	16-23	69.6 percent
Georgia Tech (Jan. 22)	13-16	81.3 percent
Florida State (Jan. 20)	37*-44*	84.1 percent
Wake Forest (Jan. 15)	20-22	90.9* percent
North Carolina (Jan. 12)	16-19	84.2 percent

\*season highs

On the season, UVa is 503-696 (72.3 percent) from the free throw line. UVa led the ACC in free throw shooting in conference games during the regular season, connecting on 76.3 percent (286-375) of its attempts.

## Williams Now Ninth in Free Throws

Senior forward Chris Williams holds the ninth spot on UVa's all-time free throws made list. Williams has made 382 career free throws. He needs 32 more made free throws to move past John Crotty (1988-91) into eighth place.



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## 37 Free Throws Made

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

## Freshmen Stepping Up

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

Brown has made five starts (Clemson - Jan. 8, VMI - Jan. 24, Missouri - Feb. 3, Florida State - Feb. 20 and Georgia Tech - Feb. 23) and is averaging 7.6 points and 3.2 rebounds per game. He has scored in double figures 11 times with a career-high 20 points against Georgia Tech (Jan. 22). He also grabbed a career-high 10 rebounds vs. the Jackets for his first double-double. Brown is averaging 14.6 minutes per game and is shooting 50.6 percent (84-166) from the field, including 38.7 percent (12-31) from three-point range, and 66.7 percent (32-48) from the free throw line. Brown was named the ACC Rookie of the Week on December 24 and January 28.

Clark leads the Cavaliers with 37 blocked shots, including a career-best eight blocks against VMI (Jan. 24). He blocked at least one shot in each of his first eight collegiate games. Clark is averaging 12.1 minutes, 3.8 points and 2.9 rebounds per game, and has played solid interior defense. He scored a career-high 11 points at Duke (Jan. 27) and is shooting 58.0 percent (40-69) from the field. Clark made his first career start against Clemson (Feb. 10) and also started against North Carolina (Feb. 12) and Wake Forest (Feb. 17).

Harper, who earned his first career start vs. Clemson (Feb. 10) and also started vs. North Carolina (Feb. 12) and Florida State (Feb. 20), is evolving into an outside shooting threat for the Cavaliers. He is shooting 43.4 percent (53-122) from the field, including 17-58 (29.3 percent) from three-point range. Harper is 40-47 (85.1 percent) from the free throw line and is averaging 17.2 minutes, 5.8 points and 1.6 rebounds per game. Harper has reached double figures in scoring four times, including a career-best 13 points against VMI (Jan. 24).

Jenifer has started at point guard for UVa 14 times. He started nine consecutive times beginning with North Carolina (Jan. 12) before coming off the bench against Clemson (Feb. 10). He is averaging 21.3 minutes per

game and has played a total of 366 minutes in his 14 starts (26.1 minutes per game). Jenifer is averaging 4.0 points, 2.8 assists and 2.0 rebounds per game. He averaged 4.9 points per game in ACC regular-season play, including a career high 10 points in the victory over Duke at University Hall (Feb. 28.)

## Rebounding

The Cavaliers are having an excellent season in the rebounding department. UVa has outrebounded its opponents by an average of 4.1 per game (38.5 to 34.4), which is second among all ACC teams. Virginia has outrebounded its opponent in 19 of 28 games. The Cavaliers have outrebounded their opponent by nine or more rebounds 11 times. UVa is 15-4 when it outrebounds its opponent and 2-6 when it is outrebounded by the opposition.

Virginia Tech (50-41), Charleston Southern (41-40), Duke - Jan. 27 (39-35), Maryland - Jan. 31 (45-34), Wake Forest - Feb. 17 (44-30), Florida State - Feb. 20 (33-22), Maryland - Mar. 3 (35-27), and N.C. State - Mar. 8 (32-23) are the only teams to rebound UVa in a game. In UVa's game at Clemson (Jan. 8), both teams had 43 rebounds.

## Blocking Elite

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

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

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

Clark has totaled a team-high 37 blocks this season and is averaging 1.4 blocks per game, which is fourth among all ACC players.

## 17 Rebounds

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

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



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## Seven Threes

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

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

## Watson Misses First Game of Career

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

## 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 1,096 points and is 33rd on UVa's all-time scoring list.

Hall is averaging 9.8 points and 4.7 rebounds per game this season.

## Back-to-Back 9-0 Starts

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

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

## Fewest Points in a Win Under Gillen

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

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

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

## Points in a Half

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

## Only 52 Points

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

## 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.

## Williams Among UVa's All-time Field Goal Leaders

Senior forward Chris Williams is in seventh place on Virginia's career field goals leaders list with 646. Junior Burrough (1992-95) is sixth with 759 career field goals.

This season, Williams is shooting 51.7 percent (138-267) from the field. He has also made 28 of 73 three-point attempts (38.4 percent). Williams made eight of nine attempts (he missed his first attempt) from the field against Howard (Nov. 21), including five of six threes. Williams has made 95 of 134 attempts for 70.9 percent from the free throw line. Williams entered the season as a 72.8 percent career free throw shooter.

In his career, Williams is shooting 51.0 percent (646-1,267) from the field.

## 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).





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## Blocked Shot Record

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

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

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

In 28 games in the 2001-2002 season, the Cavaliers have registered 128 blocked shots for an average of 4.6 per game. Virginia has blocked more shots this season than last year (98). Clark leads UVa with 37 blocks and junior forward/center Travis Watson has 25.

## 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

## Mason on a Roll

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

Dating back to last season, Mason has scored 15 or more points in 27 of his last 31 games, including a career-high 31 against Wake Forest (Feb. 17). His former career high was 30 points against Gonzaga in the first round of the 2001 NCAA Tournament. Mason's previous 2001-2002 season high was 29 points against Maryland (Jan. 31). He also scored his 1,000th career point versus the Terrapins. Mason has scored in double figures in 39 consecutive games (dating back to last season) which is second among

all current ACC players.

Mason is averaging a career-best 18.9 points per game, which leads the team and is third among all ACC players. He finished fourth in scoring in ACC regular-season games at 19.4 points per game. He is second among all ACC players with an 88.0 free throw percentage (132-150). Mason tops UVa in assists with 116 (4.1 per game). He has also made 80 three-point field goals this year which is the sixth best single season total at Virginia. Mason needs three more to move past Richard Morgan (1988-89) and Curtis Staples (1995-96) into fourth place on the Cavaliers' single season three-point field goal list.

## 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. Junior guard Roger Mason, Jr., is sixth with 136 three-pointers and senior forward Chris Williams is behind Mason in eighth place with 130 career threes. Mason need seven more three-pointers to move past Cory Alexander (1992-95) for fifth place. Williams needs three threes to surpass Richard Morgan (1986-89) for seventh place. Senior forward/guard Adam Hall is 11th with 88 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
<b>6. Roger Mason, Jr. (2000-pres.)</b>	<b>136</b>
7. Richard Morgan (1986-89)	132
<b>8. Chris Williams (1999-pres.)</b>	<b>130</b>
9. Bryant Stith (1989-92)	114
10. Keith Friel (2000-2001)	107
<b>11. Adam Hall (1999-pres.)</b>	<b>88</b>

## Watson Sets New Career High in Scoring

Junior forward/center Travis Watson established a new career high for points with 29 against N.C. State (Feb. 6). His former career high was 20 points on four occasions. Watson made seven of 12 shots from the floor and 15 of 17 attempts from the free throw line against the Wolfpack. Watson's 15 made free throws is a career-best (11 was his previous high) while the 17 attempts equal his career best. Watson also grabbed 12 rebounds vs. N.C. State.



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## **Brown Records First Career Double-Double**

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

## **Mathis Sets Career Highs with Double-Double**

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

On the season, Mathis is averaging 5.1 points and 4.1 rebounds per game and has started 20 contests. He is also fourth on the team with 15 blocked shots, including a career-high two blocks against East Tennessee State.

## **Sixteen Double-Doubles**

Junior forward/center Travis Watson has notched 16 double-doubles (10 in the ACC) this season to increase his career total to 37. With 16 double-doubles, Watson leads all ACC players in that category in 2001-2002 and has established a new career high. See the next note for a listing of Watson's double-doubles this season.

With 37 career double-doubles, Watson is the ACC's active leader. Watson is second on UVa's all-time double-doubles list. Ralph Sampson (1980-83) holds the Virginia record with 84 career double-doubles. Watson led the ACC a year ago with 13 double-doubles.

Watson has twice registered four consecutive double-doubles this season. His latest four-game streak included double-doubles against N.C. State (Feb. 6), Clemson (Feb. 10), North Carolina (Feb. 12) and Wake Forest (Feb. 17). In his previous streak, Watson registered four-consecutive double-doubles against Georgetown (Dec. 20), Rutgers (Dec. 23), Grambling (Dec. 30) and N.C. State (Jan. 5).

Prior to Watson's efforts this season, 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.

Watson has led UVa in rebounding in 20 of the 27 games he's played this season and is averaging an ACC-best 9.6 boards per game (9.8 in ACC games). He has reached double figures in rebounds 17 times this season. Watson is also averaging 13.6 points per game overall and 14.9 in ACC play.

Senior forward Chris Williams recorded his 14th career

double-double (and fourth of the season) with 18 points and 10 rebounds against North Carolina (Feb. 12). Williams is tied for 15th on UVa's all-time double-doubles list with 14 career double-doubles.

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

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

## **2001-2002 Virginia Double-Doubles**

Virginia players have registered 22 double-doubles this season with junior Travis Watson leading the way with 16. Virginia players notched 20 double-doubles last season. Here's a list of the UVa double-doubles thus far in 2001-2002: Elton Brown - 20 pts., 10 rebs. vs. Georgia Tech (Jan. 22) J.C. Mathis - 20 pts., 15 rebs. vs. VMI (Jan. 24) Travis Watson - 11 pts., 13 rebs. vs. Wagner (Nov. 16) Travis Watson - 14 pts., 13 rebs. vs. East Tenn. St. (Nov. 18) Travis Watson - 11 pts., 10 rebs. vs. Auburn (Dec. 8) Travis Watson - 12 pts., 13 rebs. vs. Georgetown (Dec. 20) Travis Watson - 18 pts., 15 rebs. vs. Rutgers (Dec. 23) Travis Watson - 17 pts., 10 rebs. vs. Grambling (Dec. 30) Travis Watson - 20 pts., 13 rebs. vs. N.C. State (Jan. 5) Travis Watson - 20 pts., 17 rebs. vs. Wake Forest (Jan. 15) Travis Watson - 14 pts., 15 rebs. vs. Florida State (Jan. 20) Travis Watson - 10 pts., 10 rebs. vs. Georgia Tech (Jan. 22) Travis Watson - 19 pts., 12 rebs. vs. Maryland (Jan. 31) Travis Watson - 29 pts., 12 rebs. vs. N.C. State (Feb. 6) Travis Watson - 20 pts., 10 rebs. vs. Clemson (Feb. 10) Travis Watson - 17 pts., 10 rebs. vs. North Carolina (Feb. 12) Travis Watson - 13 pts., 12 rebs. vs. Wake Forest (Feb. 17) Travis Watson - 17pts., 11 rebs. vs. Georgia Tech (Feb. 23) Chris Williams - 26 pts., 10 rebs. vs. Wagner (Nov. 16) Chris Williams - 17 pts., 11 rebs. vs. Georgetown (Dec. 20) Chris Williams - 18 pts., 11 rebs. vs. Missouri (Feb. 3) Chris Williams - 18 pts., 10 rebs. vs. North Carolina (Feb. 12)

## **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).



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## Dialing Long Distance

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

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

Virginia shot a season-low 8.0 percent (2-25) from beyond the three-point arc in its loss to Clemson (Jan. 8). The Cavaliers were just 1-12 from beyond the three-point line against N.C. State (Feb. 6) for 8.3 percent.

On the season, Virginia is shooting 33.8 percent (158-468) from beyond the three-point arc and is averaging 5.6 three-pointers per game. Junior guard Roger Mason, Jr., is 80-215 for 37.2 percent, while senior forward Chris Williams has made 28 of 73 three-point attempts (38.4 percent).

## Williams Stands Seventh on Scoring List

Senior forward Chris Williams has moved into seventh place on Virginia's all-time scoring list with 1,804 career points. Williams needs 46 points to move past Wally Walker (1973-76) into sixth 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.	<b>Chris Williams (1999-pres.)</b>	<b>1,804</b>
8.	Harold Deane (1994-97)	1,763
9.	Curtis Staples (1995-98)	1,757
10.	John Crotty (1988-91)	1,646

## Watson and Williams Sixth in Rebounds

Junior forward/center Travis Watson and senior forward Chris Williams are tied for sixth on the Cavaliers' career rebounding list with 781. The two players both need seven rebounds to move past Ted Jefferies (1990-93) into fifth 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.	<b>Travis Watson (2000-pres.)</b>	<b>781</b>
	<b>Chris Williams (1999-pres.)</b>	<b>781</b>
8.	Norman Nolan (1995-98)	765
9.	Scott McCandlish (1970-72)	761

## All-Time Steals Leaders

Seniors Chris Williams and Adam Hall rank among the Cavaliers' all-time leaders in steals. Williams is third on UVa's career steals list with 188 and needs two to move past Jeff Jones (1979-82) for second place. Hall has 156 career steals to his credit and ranks eighth all-time. He needs five steals to move past Richard Morgan (1986-89).

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

1.	Othell Wilson (1981-84)	222
2.	Jeff Jones (1979-82)	189
3.	<b>Chris Williams (1999-pres.)</b>	<b>188</b>
4.	Harold Deane (1994-97)	179
	Donald Hand (1998-01)	179
6.	Bryant Stith (1989-92)	177
7.	Richard Morgan (1986-89)	160
8.	<b>Adam Hall (1999-pres.)</b>	<b>156</b>
9.	Bobby Stokes (1976-79)	154
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 fifth with 97 career blocks and needs 12 to move past Steve Castellan (1976-79) for fourth place. Watson has 89 career blocked shots and is seventh. He needs eight blocked shots to move past Junior Burrough (1992-95) for sixth place.

Here's a look at UVa'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.	<b>Chris Williams (1999-pres.)</b>	<b>97</b>
6.	Junior Burrough (1992-95)	96
7.	<b>Travis Watson (2000-pres.)</b>	<b>89</b>
8.	Colin Ducharme (1997-00)	88
9.	Olden Polynice (1984-86)	86
10.	Ted Jeffries (1990-93)	82



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## At Home in University Hall

Virginia went 14-1 overall at home during the 2000-01 season and has gone 38-7 (.844 percentage) at University Hall over the past three seasons, including 13-3 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 18-6 at home against ACC opponents.

## 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 has played 11 games against non-conference foes and gone 10-1. UVa's lone loss to a non-conference team was an 81-77 setback at Missouri (Feb. 3). Among Virginia's non-conference wins are victories over Auburn (77-72), Georgetown (61-55), Rutgers (76-68) and Virginia Tech (69-61).

## UVa Reaches Triple Digits for Seventh Time in an Opener

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

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

## Virginia Returns to Postseason Play

The University of Virginia men's basketball team received an invitation to the NCAA Tournament following the 2000-01 regular season. UVa lost to Gonzaga 86-85 in the first round of the 2001 NCAA South Region Tournament. The game marked the Cavaliers first NCAA Tournament appearance since 1997. It was also UVa's second consecutive postseason appearance as the

Cavaliers received a bid to the 2000 National Invitation Tournament (NIT). Virginia lost to Georgetown 115-111 in triple overtime in the first round of the NIT.

## Four Starters Return for 2001-2002

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

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

## Cavaliers Welcome Seven Newcomers

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

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

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

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

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

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

Billet is a 6-0 guard from Middletown, N.J. He started all 58 games for Rutgers the last two seasons and averaged 14.6 points per game. He is a three-point specialist who established the Rutgers' school record for three-point-



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ers 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.

## **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.

## **Cavs Fall to Hot-Shooting N.C. State in ACC Tournament**

Virginia lost to N.C. State 92-72 in the quarterfinals of the ACC Tournament (Mar. 8) at the Charlotte Coliseum in Charlotte, N.C. The Wolfpack shot an impressive 60.4 percent (29-48) from the field in the game, including a blistering 72.2 percent (13-18) from three-point range.

Junior guard Roger Mason, Jr., led UVa with 24 points, while senior forward Chris Williams had a solid all-around game with 16 points, six rebounds, five assists, four steals and two blocked shots. Senior forward/guard Adam Hall added 10 points, four rebounds and three assists.

The Cavaliers got off to a great start as they made their first three shots from the floor and held a 14-7 advantage five minutes into the contest. N.C. State took the lead for good (24-22) at the 7:01 mark on a three-pointer by Ilian Evtimov. The Wolfpack held a 42-35 halftime advantage as they shot 55.6 percent (15-27) from the field.

In the second half, Virginia narrowed the deficit to two points, 47-45, with 17:52 to play when Williams made a layup. The Wolfpack answered with a 7-0 run, including a pair of three-pointers by Archie Miller, to open up a nine-point lead. NCSU built its lead back up to 11 points (65-54) midway through the second stanza, but a three-pointer by freshman guard Jermaine Harper at the 7:45 mark narrowed the gap to seven (67-60). The Wolfpack responded with a pair of threes to open up a double digit lead. In the second half, N.C. State was 9-10 from three-point range and shot 66.7 percent (14-21) from the floor.

N.C. State held a 32-23 edge in rebounds and was also 21-26 (80.8 percent) from the free throw line.

Anthony Grundy led four Wolfpack players in double figure scoring with 32 points.

## **UVa Falls to Maryland 112-92 in Cole Field House Finale**

Virginia jumped out to a 19-14 lead in the first eight minutes of the game, but Maryland responded with a 25-5 run and went on to a 112-92 victory (Mar. 3) over the Cavaliers in the final men's basketball game at Cole Field House in College Park, Md.

The Terrapins shot an impressive 61.5 percent (40-65) from the field in the game, including a blistering 72.7 percent (24-33) in the second half. UVa made 50 percent (32-64) of its attempts from the floor.

Senior forward Chris Williams led Virginia with 28 points, seven rebounds, seven assists and three steals. Junior forward/center Travis Watson had 20 points, while junior guard Roger Mason, Jr., contributed 15 points and four assists.

A layup by freshman forward Jason Clark at the 12:11 mark of the first half, gave UVa its largest lead of the game, 19-14. Maryland answered with a 9-0 run to take the lead for good (23-19). The Terrapins built their lead to 15 points (39-24) with 3:52 remaining in the first half, but a 9-0 Cavalier spurt narrowed the deficit to six (39-33) with 1:39 to go. Maryland eventually took a 43-36 lead at halftime.

The Terps scored the first five points of the second stanza and held a double digit lead for the final 18 minutes of the game.

Chris Wilcox and Steve Bake notched double-doubles for Maryland. Wilcox had 21 points and 11 rebounds, while Blake tallied 15 points and 10 assists. Juan Dixon and Lonny Baxter added 23 and 20 points, respectively.

## **Cavaliers Rally to Beat Duke**

Virginia scored 17 consecutive points over a span of 6:19 late in the second half to erase a 12-point Duke lead and the Cavaliers went on to defeat the third-ranked Blue Devils 87-84 at University Hall (Feb. 28). The victory broke a three-game Virginia losing streak.

UVa trailed 76-61 with 8:01 left in the game and still trailed 77-65 with 6:53 left to play when the run started. Senior guard/forward Adam Hall scored nine points in the run and freshman guard Keith Jenifer scored four points. A basket by Jenifer gave the Cavaliers the lead for good at 78-77 with 1:13 remaining in the game. Hall capped the run with two free throws giving Virginia an 82-77 lead with 34.4 seconds left to play. The Cavaliers then made five of eight free throws down the stretch to hold off the Blue Devils.

Duke led 44-38 at halftime on the strength of a 21-point first half by center Carlos Boozer.

Virginia shot 51.7 percent (30-58) from the field for the game, including 7-13 (53.8 percent) from three-point range. Duke shot 50.8 percent from the field (30-59), but made only three of 18 attempts (16.7 percent) from three-point range. The Cavaliers out-rebounded the Blue Devils 34-33.



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Junior guard Roger Mason, Jr., led the Cavaliers with 22 points. He also tied his career high with seven rebounds and had three assists. Hall added a season-high 21 points, four rebounds and three steals. Senior forward Chris Williams scored 14 points and had four rebounds, junior forward/center Travis Watson finished with 12 points and seven rebounds, and Jenifer had a season-high 10 points and tied his season high with six assists.

Boozer led Duke with 33 points and 10 rebounds.

## **UVa Loses to Georgia Tech 82-80 on Last Second Shot**

Georgia Tech's Marvin Lewis hit a three-pointer with one second remaining to lift the Yellow Jackets to an 82-80 victory (Feb. 23) over Virginia at University Hall.

The Cavaliers led 80-74 with 1:28 left after senior guard/forward Adam Hall hit a running jumper. UVa had a chance to increase its lead, but junior guard Roger Mason, Jr., missed the front end of a one-and one with 57.6 seconds to go. Georgia Tech cut the Virginia lead in half with a three-pointer by B.J. Elder with 45.8 seconds left. With 27.1 seconds on the clock, junior forward/center Travis Watson missed the front end of a one-and-one. After a Cavalier foul with 19.5 seconds to play, the Yellow Jackets' Tony Akins made a pair of free throws to trim the UVa lead to one, 80-79. Watson was fouled again with 18.8 seconds to play and missed two free throws which set up Lewis' game winning three-pointer.

Mason led the Cavaliers with 19 points, grabbed six rebounds and dished out three assists. Watson notched his 16th double-double of the season with 17 points and 11 rebounds. Senior forward Chris Williams added 16 points, four rebounds and two assists, while Hall contributed 15 points, six rebounds and four steals.

The Yellow Jackets shot 55.3 percent (26-47) from the field in the game, including an impressive 60 percent (15-25) from three-point range. Georgia Tech's 15 three-pointers ties for the most threes UVa has ever allowed in a game. The Jackets were also 15-17 (88.2 percent ) from the free throw line. Virginia shot only 43.9 percent (29-66) from the field, but had made 16 of its first 18 attempts from the free throw line before missing its final four attempts. UVa held a 33-29 edge in rebounds, including a 14-3 advantage on the offensive boards, and forced 24 Georgia Tech turnovers while committing 13.

Akins led the Yellow Jackets with 23 points, nine assists and six rebounds. Elder and Lewis added 18 and 15 points, respectively.

## **Cavaliers Suffer 66-59 Loss at Florida State**

Virginia lost to Florida State 66-59 (Feb. 20) in Tallahassee, Fla. in a game that featured 11 ties and 17 lead changes. Neither team led by more than eight points in the game.

Junior guard Roger Mason, Jr., led the Cavaliers with 19 points, three rebounds and three steals. Senior forward Chris Williams and freshman forward Elton Brown tallied 10 points apiece for UVa. Williams also added four rebounds, two assists and two steals.

Virginia led by six points (13-7) five minutes into the contest, but the Seminoles rattled off 11 consecutive points to take an 18-13 lead at the 12:13 mark. Florida State led by eight points (34-26) late in the first half. AMason three-point-er with 1:03 to go cut the FSU edge to 34-29 at halftime.

After UVa freshman guard Jermaine Harper made the first basket of the second half, neither team led by more than three points until FSU's Monte Cummings made a pair of free throws at the 2:13 mark to give Florida State a 60-56 lead. Including the two free throws by Cummings at the 2:13 mark, the Seminoles made six of eight attempts from the charity stripe down the stretch to seal the win.

Florida State shot 51.1 percent (23-45) from the field, while UVa made 22-55 attempts for 40 percent. The Seminoles also held a 33-22 edge in rebounds.

Cummings led FSU with 21 points and seven rebounds, while Nigel Dixon recorded a double-double with 15 points and 10 rebounds.

## **Virginia Falls to Wake Forest 92-70**

The 19th-ranked Demon Deacons shot a blistering 57.9 percent (33-57) from the field in the game in posting a 92-70 victory over Virginia (Feb. 17) in Winston-Salem, N.C. The Cavaliers lost despite a career-high 31 points from junior guard Roger Mason, Jr.

Mason scored 22 of his 31 points in the opening stanza. Junior forward/center Travis Watson notched his 15th double-double of the season with 13 points and 12 rebounds. Freshman guard Jermaine Harper came off the bench to score 12 points.

The Demon Deacons shot 61.3 percent (19-31) in taking a 53-35 halftime advantage. UVa closed to within 13 points twice early in the second half, but could get no closer.

The Cavaliers shot only 33.8 percent (23-68) from the field and were outrebounded 44-30. Virginia only committed seven turnovers in the game which is a season low.

Darius Songaila led Wake Forest with 30 points and 11 rebounds. Craig Dawson scored 17 points, and Antwan Scott and Vyatas Danelius added 13 points apiece.



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## **Cavaliers Start Quick, Hold on for 73-63 Win over UNC**

Virginia jumped out to a quick 19-3 lead, then gave up the lead briefly before going on to a 73-63 victory over North Carolina (Feb. 12) at University Hall.

UVa raced out to a 19-3 lead 4:34 into the game, thanks in part to a trio of three-point field goals by junior guard Roger Mason, Jr. The Cavaliers shot 51.6 percent (16-31) from the floor in the first half and led 39-27 at the intermission.

Trailing by 16 points with 14 minutes left in the game, the Tar Heels went on a 20-3 run (including a 13-0 spurt) over the next 4:37 to take their only lead of the game, 56-55. Mason stopped the 13-0 run with his fourth three-pointer of the game at the 8:56 mark. UVa pushed its lead up to eight points (65-57) with 3:20 to go, but North Carolina whittled the lead down to two, 65-63 with 1:47 to play. The Cavaliers scored the last eight points of the game to make the final score 73-63.

Mason and senior forward Chris Williams led the Cavaliers with 18 points apiece. Williams also pulled down 10 rebounds for his fourth double-double of the season. Junior forward/center Travis Watson notched his 14th double-double of the season with 17 points and 10 rebounds.

Virginia shot 43.5 percent (27-62) from the field, while holding UNC to 34.7 percent (17-49) shooting from the floor. UVa held a 43-29 edge in rebounds, including a 14-6 margin on the offensive glass. The Tar Heels held a big advantage from the free throw line as they made 27-33 attempts (81.8 percent), while UVa was 14-19 (73.7 percent).

Kris Lang led North Carolina with 19 points, while Jason Capel added 12 points and nine rebounds.

## **Second Half Spurt Propels UVa Past Clemson 85-71**

With the game tied at 50-50 with 15 minutes left to play, the Cavaliers went on a 15-0 run in a span of 3:15 to open up a 65-50 lead. UVa went on to an 85-71 victory over Clemson (Feb. 10) at University Hall.

Junior forward/center Travis Watson began the run with a tip-in of junior guard Roger Mason, Jr.'s missed three-point attempt at the 14:18 mark. Mason then made two free throws and converted a steal into a layup. Senior forward Chris Williams and Watson buried two free throws apiece and then Williams added a three-pointer. Freshman guard Keith Jenifer closed out the run at the 11:03 mark with a layup.

Watson posted his 13th double-double of the season with 20 points and 10 rebounds, while Mason led all scorers with 23 points. Watson added three assists, two steals and a blocked shot, while Mason had five rebounds, five assists, two steals and a blocked shot. Williams rounded out UVa's double figure scorers with 18 points, including 15 in the second half.

Clemson led just once in the game, 3-2, in the opening

minute of the contest. UVa made four early threes in racing out to an 18-7 lead at the 14:18 mark. The Cavaliers saw their lead shrink to one, 33-32, with 4:56 remaining in the first half, and went to the locker room with a 44-39 advantage.

The Tigers put together an 11-4 run in the first five minutes of the second half to tie the game at 50-50. UVa then went on its 15-0 run to put the game out of reach.

UVa shot 48.1 percent (26-54) from the field and had only 11 turnovers in the game. Clemson shot 48.2 percent (27-56) from the floor. Virginia held a 34-30 edge in rebounds and made 26 free throws compared to the Tigers' 11.

Jamar McKnight led Clemson with 18 points and five rebounds, while Chris Hobbs had 15 points and five rebounds.

## **Cavaliers Swept by N.C. State**

Virginia lost its fourth consecutive game as N.C. State posted an 85-68 victory over the Cavaliers (Feb. 6) in Raleigh, N.C. It was also UVa's second setback of the season to the Wolfpack.

Junior forward/center Travis Watson paced Virginia with a career-high 29 points and he pulled down 12 rebounds for his 12th double-double of the season. He also added three assists and three steals. Junior guard Roger Mason, Jr., and freshman forward Jason Clark rounded out UVa's double figure scorers with 12 and 10 points, respectively.

N.C. State jumped out to an 11-6 lead three minutes into the contest, but UVa used an 8-0 run to take a 14-11 lead at the 12:58 mark. The Wolfpack took the lead for good, 19-18, at the 9:20 mark on a layup by Scooter Sherrill. N.C. State went on to take a 40-28 halftime advantage.

A 12-4 Wolfpack run to open the second half pushed the lead to 20 points, 52-32 with 16:36 remaining. The Cavaliers closed to within 11 (75-64) with 1:49 left, but could get no closer.

The Wolfpack shot 50.9 percent (27-53) from the floor, including 45.0 percent (9-20) from the three-point line. UVa shot 40.4 percent (23-57) from the field and made just 1-12 (8.3 percent) three-point attempts. The Cavaliers held a 38-31 edge in rebounds, including a 13-5 advantage on the offensive glass. UVa was plagued by 20 turnovers while NCSU committed only 13 miscues.

Anthony Grundy led the Wolfpack with 25 points, seven rebounds, four assists and four steals. Sherrill added 20 points and a pair of steals.



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## Virginia Suffers Third Consecutive Loss to Ranked Team

Adepleted Cavalier squad dropped its third-consecutive decision to a ranked team as UVa lost to 22nd-ranked Missouri 81-77 (Feb. 3) at the Hearnes Center in Columbia, Mo. Virginia played without senior forward/guard Adam Hall and junior forward/center Travis Watson played just 13 minutes because of an injured left foot.

Senior forward Chris Williams led UVa with 18 points and 11 rebounds for his third double-double of the season. Junior guard Roger Mason, Jr., and sophomore forward J.C. Mathis both scored 13 points with Mason dishing out four assists and Mathis adding seven rebounds. Freshman forward Elton Brown contributed 12 points and four rebounds starting in place of the ailing Watson.

The Cavaliers took their biggest lead of the game, 17-12, on a three-pointer by Williams at the 10:53 mark of the first half. Despite shooting 60.7 percent (17-28) in the opening stanza, UVa trailed 40-38 at the intermission.

Neither team led by more than four points in the first 10 minutes of the second half. At the 9:31 mark, the Tigers opened up a six-point lead (62-56). UVa scored the next five points to pull within one point, 62-61, with 7:50 to play. Missouri then went on a 10-3 run over the next 2:47 to take the first of two eight-point leads, 72-64. UVa cut the margin to two, 77-75, on a basket by Mason with 32 seconds left. After two free throws by Missouri's Clarence Gilbert, freshman guard Jermaine Harper brought the Cavaliers back within two with a layup with 15 seconds remaining. Kareem Rush sealed the victory for the Tigers with two free throws with 14 seconds left.

The Cavaliers shot 55.2 percent (32-58) in the game, but were plagued by 20 turnovers. Missouri shot 46.8 percent (29-62) from the floor. UVa also held a 35-30 edge in rebounds. The game featured 11 ties and 24 lead changes.

Rush led the Tigers with 26 points and four steals, while Arthur Johnson added 16 points, eight rebounds and four blocked shots.

## UVa Can't Hold Late Lead Against Maryland

The Cavaliers held a nine-point lead, 83-74 with 3:22 to play, but third-ranked Maryland used a 17-4 run over the final 3:06 to pull out a 91-87 victory over UVa (Jan. 31) at University Hall.

The Terrapins used four free throws, a dunk off a Cavalier turnover and two long three-point field goals to trim a nine-point deficit down to one point (87-86) with 1:20 remaining in the game. A running jumper by Juan Dixon with 31.8 seconds left put the Terrapins ahead for good. Maryland made three of four free throws in the final 13.7 seconds to seal the victory. The Terrapins scored the final eight points of the game.

Junior guard Roger Mason, Jr., led Virginia with 29 points. He also had five assists and three steals. Junior forward/center Travis Watson notched his 11th double-dou-

ble of the season with 19 points and 12 rebounds. Watson tied the school record with 10 offensive boards. Senior forward Chris Williams tallied 13 points, five assists and four rebounds, while freshman forward Elton Brown added 10 points off the bench.

The Terrapins were outstanding from the free throw line, making 25 of 26 attempts (96.2 percent), including their first 24. Maryland also shot 47.0 percent (31-66) from the field in the game and made 16 of 29 attempts (55.2 percent) in the second half. UVa shot 42.4 percent (28-66) from the floor and committed a season-low eight turnovers. Maryland held a 45-34 advantage in rebounds.

Byron Mouton led the Terrapins with 21 points and eight rebounds, while Dixon scored 16 points.

## Cavaliers Succumb to Top-Ranked Duke 94-81

Virginia played the top-ranked team in the country even for one half, but the Cavaliers got into foul trouble and fell to the Blue Devils 94-81 (Jan. 27) in Durham, N.C.

UVa went to the locker room tied with Duke at 42-42, but also had four frontcourt players, including all three starters, saddled with three personal fouls apiece. Duke shot 67.9 percent (19-28) from the field in the second half in outscoring the Cavaliers 52-39.

Junior guard Roger Mason, Jr., led Virginia with 15 points and five assists, while senior forward Chris Williams had 13 points, six rebounds, four assists and three steals. Freshman forward Elton Brown had 12 points, while freshman forward Jason Clark scored a career-high 11 points, all of which came in the first half. Junior forward/center Travis Watson nearly recorded his 11th double-double of the season with a game-high 11 rebounds and nine points.

The Cavaliers trailed by as many as eight points (28-20) in the first half, but used a 10-1 run to take a 30-29 lead with 5:14 remaining in the opening stanza. Freshman guard Keith Jenifer made a pair of free throws with 32 seconds left in the first half to tie the game (for the seventh time) at 42-42 at the intermission.

UVa scored the opening basket of the second half, but the Blue Devils went on a 17-4 run from that point to open up a 59-48 lead five minutes into the half. UVa pulled within seven points, 61-54, with 13:28 to play, but could get no closer.

Duke shot 51.8 percent (29-56) from the field in the game, while the Cavaliers were 31 of 69 (44.9 percent). The big difference in the game was at the foul line where the Blue Devils made 30 of 46 attempts (65.2 percent), while UVa was only 16 of 24 (66.7 percent). Duke also held a 39-35 edge in rebounds.

Jason Williams led Duke with 27 points, six rebounds and six assists, while Carlos Boozer added 25 points and nine rebounds.





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## **Mathis Leads Cavaliers to 93-59 Victory over VMI**

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

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

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

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

Jason Conley led VMI with 25 points and 11 rebounds.

## **Brown Propels Cavaliers Past Georgia Tech, 69-65**

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

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

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

In the second half, Virginia tied the game three times and finally took its first lead of the game (62-61) with 3:12 to play on Harper's three-pointer. After a Yellow Jacket

basket, the Cavaliers took the lead for good, 64-63, on a layup by Watson. A layup by Harper extended UVa's lead to three, 66-63. UVa made three of four free throws in the final 15 seconds to seal the victory.

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

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

## **Williams and Watson Lead UVa Past Florida State 91-74**

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

In addition to his game-high 24 points, Williams added seven rebounds, two assists, two steals and a blocked shot. Watson recorded his 30th career double-double and also notched three assists, three blocked shots and two steals. Junior guard Roger Mason, Jr., and freshman forward Elton Brown scored 16 points apiece with Brown making all three of his three-point field goal attempts. Freshman guard Keith Jenifer dished out six assists and added five points and three rebounds, while freshman guard Jermaine Harper chipped in nine points.

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

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

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

## **Cavaliers Even ACC Record with 86-74 Win Over Wake**

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

Watson registered his eighth double-double of the season with 20 points and a career-high 17 rebounds. He also made 10 of 11 free throws. Mason tallied 25 points and connected on seven three-point field goals, which is a career best. Mason scored eight of his 25 points after returning from the locker room after injuring his right shoulder with 16:01 left in the game (he re-entered the game at the 15:07 mark). Senior forward Chris Williams added 15 points and connected on six of seven attempts from the floor. Freshman guard Jermaine Harper chipped in with 10 points, five rebounds and two steals.



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

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

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

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

## **UVa Tops North Carolina 71-67 for First ACC Victory**

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

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

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

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

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

## **Cavaliers Drop 68-52 Decision to Clemson**

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

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

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

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

Jamar McKnight scored a career-high 25 points and grabbed seven rebounds to lead Clemson.

## **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. 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-pointers (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.



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## Mapp Out

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

Mapp was second on the team in assists in 1999-2000 (2.2 apg) and ranked fourth among all Atlantic Coast Conference freshmen in that category. He averaged 5.3 points a game and was named to the ACC Honor Roll for his academic work and athletic participation.

## Lots of Games against Tournament Teams

Of Virginia's 27 regular-season games before the 2002 ACC Tournament, 13 were against nine teams that participated in either the 2001 NCAA Tournament or the National Invitation Tournament (NIT). Four of the games were against two of last year's Final Four teams, with two games against Duke and two against Maryland. In addition to those games, Virginia played Georgetown, a team that made it to the NCAA Tournament's Sweet Sixteen, and played 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 were versus Georgia Tech (twice) and Wake Forest (twice). Virginia also played Auburn, a team that advanced to the second round of last season's NIT.

Virginia is 7-6 this season against teams that advanced to postseason play in 2000-2001. Here's a breakdown of UVA's games against teams that participated in postseason play in 2001.

Team	Result/Score	Site	2001 Postseason
Auburn (Dec. 8)	Won, 77-72	N	2nd Rd. NIT
G'town (Dec. 20)	Won, 61-55	A	NCAA Sweet 16
UNC (Jan. 12)	Won, 71-67	A	NCAA 2nd Rd.
W. Forest (Jan. 15)	Won, 86-74	H	NCAA 1st Rd.
Ga. Tech (Jan. 22)	Won, 69-65	A	NCAA 1st Rd.
Duke (Jan. 27)	Lost, 81-94	A	NCAA Champs.
Maryland (Jan. 31)	Lost, 87-91	H	NCAA Final Four
Missouri (Feb. 3)	Lost 77-81	A	NCAA 2nd Rd.
UNC (Feb. 12)	Won, 73-63	H	NCAA 2nd Rd.
W. Forest (Feb. 17)	Lost, 70-92	A	NCAA 1st Rd.
Ga. Tech (Feb. 23)	Lost, 80-82	H	NCAA 1st Rd.
Duke (Feb. 28)	Won, 87-84	H	NCAA Champs.
Maryland (Mar. 3)	Lost, 92-112	A	NCAA Final Four

## Mason Competes at World University Games

Junior Roger Mason, Jr., brought 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 781 career rebounds and is averaging an ACC-best 9.6 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 37 career double-doubles, he is the conference's leader in career double-doubles among active players.

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