



VIRGINIA NIT NOTES



Cavaliers Meet Brown in First Round of National Invitation Tournament

UVa Makes Fourth Consecutive Postseason Appearance

The Cavaliers bid to the 2003 National Invitation Tournament (NIT) marks their fourth consecutive postseason appearance. UVa also played in the NIT in 2000 and 2002 and received an NCAA Tournament bid in 2001.

Virginia will host Brown (17-11, 12-2 Ivy League) in the first round of the 2003 NIT on Wednesday, March 19 at 7:30 p.m. in University Hall.

Virginia Makes 10th NIT Appearance

Virginia is participating in the National Invitation Tournament for the 10th time. The Cavaliers have won the NIT championship twice, in 1980 and in 1992, and have compiled an overall record of 13-7 in their nine previous appearances in the tournament.

UVa's most recent appearance in the NIT was in 2002 when it lost 74-67 to South Carolina (Mar. 13) in University Hall. In the 2000 NIT, the Cavaliers 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. Brown

Tonight's first round NIT game against Brown will be Virginia's second meeting all-time against the Bears. The Cavaliers won the initial meeting between the two schools 92-70 at University Hall on January 5, 1987.

Virginia vs. the Ivy League

The Cavaliers are 15-8 all-time against the eight schools from the Ivy League. Virginia's last games against an Ivy League foe were home-and-home contests against Dartmouth in the 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 seasons. The Cavaliers registered a 102-56 win at Dartmouth on December 30, 2000 and also won 89-50 over Dartmouth on January 2, 2000. Prior to the two matchups vs. Dartmouth, the previous time Virginia played a team from the Ivy League was in the 1992-93 season when UVa defeated Pennsylvania 74-68 at the Palestra in the season opener on December 1, 1992.

Virginia is 3-0 vs. Dartmouth, 2-0 vs. Columbia, 1-0 vs. Brown, 7-5 vs. Pennsylvania, 2-1 vs. Yale and 0-2 vs. Princeton. The Cavaliers have never played Cornell and Harvard.

Gillen Registers 350th Career Win

Virginia head coach Pete Gillen won his 350th career game on December 21 when his Cavaliers posted a 61-57 victory over Rutgers.

Gillen is in his 18th season as a collegiate head coach and sports a 359-192 record for a .652 winning percentage. Gillen is in his fifth season at Virginia and has posted an 85-64 record (.570 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 15 times in 18 seasons (nine NCAA, six NIT), including the last four seasons at Virginia. He has been selected as the conference Coach of the Year five times – all while coaching Xavier (Midwestern Collegiate Conference).

Defeating The National Champion

For the second consecutive year, the Cavaliers have defeated the defending national champion. In 2001, Duke won the national title and UVa beat the Blue Devils the following season (87-84 – Feb. 28, 2002) at home. This year, Virginia defeated 2002 NCAA champion Maryland twice. The Cavaliers won 86-78 in College Park, Md. (Feb. 6) and 80-78 in overtime in Charlottesville (Mar. 9).

Among NCAA Leaders

Senior forward/center Travis Watson is ranked among the NCAA Division I leaders in rebounding for games played through March 10. Watson is 11th among all Division I players in rebounds with an average of 10.6 rebounds per game. He is currently averaging 10.5 rebounds per game (305 in 29 games).

Watson Named to USBWA All-District Team

Senior forward Travis Watson was one of 10 players named to the 2002-2003 United States Basketball Writers Association All-District III Team. It marks the second consecutive year Watson has been named to the USBWA All-District III Team.

Two Cavaliers Earn ACC Accolades

Senior forward/center Travis Watson was selected to the 2002-03 All-Atlantic Coast Conference second team and junior guard Todd Billet was an honorable mention selection. It's the third consecutive year Watson is a member of the All-ACC second team. Billet is in his first year of competition at Virginia after transferring from Rutgers University.



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Watson Earns All-District Honors From NABC

Senior forward/center Travis Watson has been named to the 2003 Division I All-District 5 Team as selected by the members of the National Association of Basketball Coaches. Watson is a first-team selection after earning second-team honors last season.

Josh Howard of Wake Forest, Julius Hodge of N.C. State, Steve Blake of Maryland, and Chris Bosh of Georgia Tech join Watson on the first team.

Big Night for Jason Rogers

Senior center/forward Jason Rogers made a big impact in the first start of his four-year Virginia career on Senior Night (Mar. 9) against 13th-ranked Maryland. Rogers established career highs with 12 points, six rebounds, five field goals and 21 minutes played in the Cavaliers' 80-78 overtime victory. He also blocked three shots, was 5-6 from the field and 2-4 from the free throw line in the final regular-season home game of his career.

Rogers also earned a start in UVa's 83-76 loss to Duke (Mar. 14) in the ACC Tournament and had four points, three blocked shots, two rebounds and two steals in 16 minutes.

Prior to his start against Maryland, Rogers had played a total of 14 minutes in nine games this season. He had scored 15 points and had 10 rebounds.

Cavaliers Fall to Duke in ACC Tournament

Despite shooting 56.9 percent (29-51) from the floor, Virginia lost to 12th-ranked Duke 83-76 in the quarterfinals of the ACC Tournament March 14 in the Greensboro Coliseum in Greensboro, N.C.

Sophomore Devin Smith led the Cavaliers with 19 points, while sophomore Elton Brown scored 15 points, all in the second half. Freshman Derrick Byars rounded out UVa's double figure scorers with 11 points. Senior Travis Watson led Virginia in rebounds with seven and also scored eight points.

The Cavaliers led for much of the first half and took a 30-29 lead at the intermission. UVa led by as many as six points during the first stanza.

Duke took the lead for good, 34-33, on Daniel Ewing's three-pointer at the 18:46 mark of the second half. His basket ignited a 22-7 Blue Devil run that opened up a 13-point advantage, 53-40, with 12:06 to play. UVa answered with an 8-0 run to trim the deficit to five points (53-48). It was the first of six times the Cavaliers closed to within five points, but each time UVa closed to within five, Duke answered with a clutch basket to open the lead back up.

Ewing scored a career-high 32 points to pace Duke, while Dahntay Jones added 16 points.

In addition to shooting 56.9 percent from the floor, the Cavaliers were 7-12 (58.3 percent) from three-point range. Duke shot 51.9 percent (28-54) from the field. Virginia outrebounded the Blue Devils 30-27. Duke connected on 18-23 (78.3 percent) free throws, while UVa was only 11-19 (57.9 percent) from the free throw line.

2002-03 SCHEDULE

15-15 Overall / 6-10 ACC

Home: 11-3

Away: 2-10

Neutral: 2-2

Nov. 10	Big Apple Basketball (EX)	W, 84-60
Nov. 17	One World All-Stars (EX)	W, 73-57
Nov. 22	LONG ISLAND	W, 90-86
Nov. 25-27	Maui Invitational Tournament	
Nov. 25	Chaminade* (ESPN)	W, 86-72
Nov. 26	vs. #15 Kentucky* (ESPN)	W, 75-61
Nov. 27	vs. #19 Indiana* (ESPN)	L, 63-70
Dec. 4	at #21 Michigan State# (ESPN)	L, 75-82
Dec. 17	EAST TENN. STATE	W, 84-76
Dec. 19	GARDNER-WEBB	W, 72-65
Dec. 21	at Rutgers	W, 61-57
Dec. 28	GEORGETOWN (CBS)	W, 79-75
Dec. 30	LIBERTY	W, 77-58
Jan. 2	WOFFORD (Com/Sunshine)	W, 87-65
Jan. 5	at N.C. State (FSN)	L, 63-75
Jan. 11	NORTH CAROLINA (ESPN)	W, 79-72
Jan. 15	at #1 Duke (ESPN)	L, 93-104
Jan. 18	at Clemson (R/JP)	L, 77-78
Jan. 21	at Virginia Tech (ESPN2)	L, 55-73
Jan. 23	#17 WAKE FOREST (ESPN2)	W, 85-75
Jan. 29	FLORIDA STATE	W, 85-72
Feb. 1	at Georgia Tech (R/JP)	L, 60-80
Feb. 6	at #8 Maryland (ESPN2)	W, 86-78
Feb. 9	N.C. STATE (R/JP/ESPN)	W, 61-58
Feb. 12	at North Carolina (ESPN)	L, 67-81
Feb. 15	#8 DUKE (ESPN)	L, 59-78
Feb. 18	CLEMSON (R/JP)	L, 64-73
Feb. 23	at #10 Wake Forest (FSN)	L, 71-75
Feb. 26	at Ohio (FSN Reg.)	L, 72-78
Mar. 1	at Florida State (RSN)	L, 59-73
Mar. 5	GEORGIA TECH (ESPN)	L, 73-90
Mar. 9	#13 MARYLAND (FSN)	W, 80-78 (OT)
Mar. 14	vs. #12 Duke^ (RJ/ESPN 2)	L, 76-83
Mar. 19	BROWN%	7:30 p.m.

*Maui Invitational, Maui, Hawaii

#ACC/Big 10 Challenge

^ACC Tournament, Greensboro, N.C.

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Rankings listed are from the Associated Press Poll



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Cavalier Captains

Seniors Travis Watson and Jason Rogers, and junior Majestic Mapp are the captains of the 2002-03 Virginia basketball team.

Watson Sets Offensive Rebound Record

Senior forward/center Travis Watson has set the school record for career offensive rebounds with 376. Watson broke Junior Burrough's (1992-95) previous record of 362 with the first of eight offensive boards against Georgia Tech (Mar. 5). Note – offensive rebounds were not kept prior to the 1986-87 season.

Hoos Starting

The Cavaliers have played 30 games this season and have used 18 different starting lineups. UVa's latest starting lineup (vs. Duke – Mar. 14) featured freshman forward Derrick Byars, senior forward/center Travis Watson, senior center Jason Rogers, junior guard Todd Billet and sophomore guard/forward Devin Smith. Those five players comprised UVa's 18th different starting lineup this season (and fourth consecutive different starting lineup).

Billet leads the team with 28 starts, while Watson has started 25 times. Smith has drawn 21 starting assignments, while sophomore forward Elton Brown and Byars have both started 16 times. Sophomore forward Jason Clark and junior center Nick Vander Laan have started 14 and 13 times respectively. Ten different players have started games this season for Virginia and eight of the 10 have at least 13 starts.

Here's a breakdown of UVa's starting lineup in each game this season with the number of different starting lineups in parenthesis:

LIU	(1)	Byars	Brown	Watson	Jenifer	Billet
Cham	(2)	Byars	Watson	Vander Laan	Jenifer	Billet
Kent	(3)	Byars	Brown	Watson	Billet	Smith
Ind	(4)	Byars	Watson	Vander Laan	Billet	Smith
MSU	(5)	Byars	Brown	Watson	Jenifer	Smith
ETSU	(6)	Smith	Watson	Vander Laan	Jenifer	Billet
GWU	(7)	Smith	Brown	Watson	Jenifer	Billet
Rut	(8)	Smith	Clark	Vander Laan	Jenifer	Billet
G'town	(8)	Smith	Clark	Vander Laan	Jenifer	Billet
Liberty	(7)	Smith	Brown	Watson	Jenifer	Billet
Wofford	(2)	Byars	Watson	Vander Laan	Jenifer	Smith
NCSU	(1)	Byars	Brown	Watson	Jenifer	Billet
UNC	(1)	Byars	Brown	Watson	Jenifer	Billet
Duke	(7)	Smith	Brown	Watson	Jenifer	Billet
Clem	(6)	Smith	Watson	Vander Laan	Jenifer	Billet
Va Tech	(7)	Smith	Brown	Watson	Jenifer	Billet
Wake	(9)	Clark	Watson	Vander Laan	Billet	Smith
FSU	(10)	Clark	Brown	Watson	Billet	Smith
Ga. Tech	(11)	Clark	Watson	Vander Laan	Billet	Byars
Md	(12)	Clark	Brown	Watson	Billet	Byars
NCSU	(11)	Clark	Watson	Vander Laan	Billet	Byars
UNC	(12)	Clark	Brown	Watson	Billet	Byars
Duke	(13)	Byars	Brown	Watson	Billet	Harper
Clem	(10)	Clark	Brown	Watson	Billet	Smith
Wake	(14)	Clark	Brown	Vander Laan	Billet	Smith
Ohio	(14)	Clark	Brown	Vander Laan	Billet	Smith
FSU	(15)	Byars	Clark	Vander Laan	Billet	Smith
Ga. Tech	(16)	Byars	Clark	Watson	Billet	Smith
Md	(17)	Clark	Watson	Rogers	Billet	Smith
Duke	(18)	Byars	Watson	Rogers	Billet	Smith

200 Non-Conference Wins at University Hall

The Cavaliers' 87-65 victory (Jan. 2) over Wofford marked their 200th victory over a non-conference opponent at University Hall since the building opened for the 1965-66 season. Virginia is 200-29 for an impressive .873 winning percentage all-time in University Hall against non-conference opponents.

The Cavaliers have won 82 of their last 92 home games (.891 winning percentage) against non-conference opponents dating back to the 1989-90 season. UVa had its 15-game home winning streak against non-conference opponents snapped with a 74-67 loss to South Carolina in the first round of the 2002 National Invitation Tournament (Mar. 13). Virginia's previous home non-conference loss was also in the NIT as the Cavaliers fell to Georgetown 115-111 in triple overtime in the first round of the 2000 NIT (Mar. 15).

The last time UVa lost a regular season home game to a non-conference opponent was December 12, 1998 when the Cavaliers fell to 12th-ranked St. John's 95-68. Virginia has won 27 consecutive regular season home games against non-conference foes.

8-10 vs. Postseason Field

Virginia is 8-10 this season against teams advancing to the two 2003 postseason tournaments. The Cavaliers are 6-7 vs. teams in the 2003 NCAA Tournament and 2-3 against teams in the 2003 NIT field.

Against NCAA teams, UVa is 2-0 vs. Maryland, 1-0 vs. Kentucky and East Tennessee State, 1-1 vs. N.C. State and Wake Forest, 0-1 vs. Indiana and Michigan State, and 0-3 vs. Duke.

Against teams in the NIT, Virginia is 1-0 vs. Georgetown, 1-1 vs. North Carolina, and 0-2 vs. Georgia Tech.

Cavaliers End Seven-Game Skid

Virginia's 80-78 overtime victory over 13th-ranked Maryland on March 9 ended a seven-game losing streak for the Cavaliers. The losing streak was the longest for the Cavaliers since UVa suffered eight consecutive losses in the 1997-98 season. Virginia lost eight consecutive games (all ACC match-ups) from January 20 (vs. #25 Clemson) through February 18 (vs. N.C. State). Four of those losses were to top 25 teams.



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Streak of Three Consecutive Home Losses Ends

UVa's 80-78 overtime victory over 13th-ranked Maryland on March 9 ended a streak of three consecutive home losses for the Cavaliers (78-59 vs. Duke – Feb. 15, 73-64 vs. Clemson – Feb. 18, and 90-73 vs. Georgia Tech – Mar. 5).

UVa's consecutive home losses (to Duke and Clemson) stopped a streak of 74 games at University Hall since UVa dropped back-to-back home games. The streak dated back to the 1997-98 season. The previous 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.

He's Back

After missing 70 consecutive games spanning 1,032 days, junior guard Majestic Mapp made his long anticipated return to the Cavalier lineup against North Carolina (Jan. 11). Mapp entered the game to a standing ovation with 7:23 remaining in the first half and played just over two minutes.

Mapp had been sidelined after tearing the ACL in his right knee on August 2, 2000. He missed the entire 2000-01 and 2001-02 seasons. The last time Mapp had played for UVa was March 15, 2000 against Georgetown in the first round of the National Invitation Tournament.

Here's a look at Mapp's game-by-game statistics:

Opponent	Pt.	Reb.	Asst.	TO	St.	Min.
North Carolina – Jan. 11	0	0	0	0	0	2
Duke – Jan. 15	Did Not Play					
Clemson – Jan. 18	Did Not Play					
Virginia Tech – Jan. 21	3	1	1	0	0	6
Wake Forest – Jan. 23	3	0	4*	1	1*	17
Florida State – Jan. 29	4	3*	2	2	0	9
Georgia Tech – Feb. 1	2	0	2	2	1*	15
Maryland – Feb. 6	11*	1	1	2	0	19
N.C. State – Feb. 9	5	2	3	0	0	21
North Carolina – Feb. 12	0	1	2	6	0	14
Duke – Feb. 15	0	0	1	3	0	15
Clemson – Feb. 18	0	0	1	0	1*	10
Wake Forest – Feb. 23	3	3*	4*	3	1*	33*
Ohio – Feb. 26	2	2	4*	0	0	22
Florida State – Mar. 1	0	0	0	1	0	11
Georgia Tech – Mar. 5	0	2	2	3	0	14
Maryland – Mar. 9	0	1	2	4	0	17
Duke – Mar. 14	9	3*	0	1	1*	21

* indicates season high

Home Sweet Home

Like many ACC teams, the Cavaliers enjoyed some success playing in front of their home crowd despite losses in three of their last four games at University Hall. Eleven of UVa's 15 victories this season have been at home. Prior to defeating Maryland (86-78 – Feb. 6), Virginia had lost its last five road games.

The Cavaliers are 11-3 at U-Hall this season and just 4-12 away from home, including 2-10 in away games.

Since the beginning of the 1999-2000 season, UVa is:

49-11 (81.7 percent) in all home games
23-9 (71.9 percent) in all home ACC games
15-30 (33.3 percent) in all away games
8-24 (25.0 percent) in all away ACC games
7-7 (50.0 percent) in all neutral site games

Rare ACC Road Win

Against Maryland in College Park (an 86-78 win – Feb. 6), the Cavaliers did what several ACC teams struggled to do this year – defeat a conference opponent on the road. Entering the UVa-Maryland game on February 6, home ACC teams had won 28 of 35 conference games and the top six teams in the league at the time (Wake Forest, Maryland, Duke, N.C. State, Virginia, and Georgia Tech) were undefeated at home – 22-0. During the 2003 regular season, the top four ACC teams were 29-3 in home ACC games.

Virginia had lost its first four ACC road contests this season and nine consecutive ACC road tilts dating back to 2001-2002.

A Top 10 Victory

In addition to earning its only ACC road win of the season and snapping a nine-game losing streak at Maryland, UVa picked up its first top-10 road victory in 10 years. With the Cavaliers' 86-78 victory over the eighth-ranked Terrapins (Feb. 6), UVa captured its first top-10 road win since defeating third-ranked Duke 77-69 on January 17, 1993 in Durham, N.C.

Scoring Slump

After scoring 85 points in back-to-back wins over Wake Forest and Florida State at the end of January, the Cavaliers have failed to reach their scoring average (73.8 ppg.) in nine of the last 12 games. The only times in the last 12 games UVa reached its scoring average were twice against Maryland and once against Duke. Virginia defeated the Terrapins 86-78 in College Park (Feb. 6) and 80-78 in overtime in Charlottesville (Mar. 9). UVa lost to Duke (Mar. 14) 83-76 in the ACC Tournament and the 76 points were the most UVa scored in a loss since scoring 93 in a 104-93 loss at Duke on January 15.

UVa is 3-9 in its last 12 games and is averaging only 69.0 points per game. In the nine losses, Virginia is averaging 66.8 points per game.

Jenifer Leaving Virginia Basketball Program

Sophomore guard Keith Jenifer requested and received his release from the Virginia men's basketball program the week of March 3.

Jenifer, a 6-3 sophomore from Baltimore, Md., had been suspended from the team since February 3 for conduct detrimental to the team. He did not practice or play in games during the suspension.

Jenifer started 14 games and played in the first 19 games of Virginia's 2002-03 season. He averaged 5.6 points, 5.5 assists and 3.5 rebounds a game.

As a freshman during the 2001-02 season, Jenifer played in all 29 of the Cavaliers' games and started 15. He averaged



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4.0 points, 2.8 assists and 2.0 rebounds a game, and was an honorable mention selection to the 2002 Atlantic Coast Conference All-Freshman Team.

In-State Winning Streak Snapped

The Cavaliers' had their 15-game winning streak against in-state opponents snapped with a 73-55 loss at Virginia Tech (Jan. 21). Even with the loss to Virginia Tech, UVa's record against in-state opponents in the last 26 seasons (since 1977-78) is 106-15 for an .876 winning percentage.

No Steals

The Cavaliers did not have a steal against Ohio (Feb. 26). It is the first time UVa has not recorded a steal in a game since January 4, 1998 (vs. Wake Forest). It is the ninth known time Virginia has not recorded a steal in a game since the 1957-58 season.

No Bench Points

In UVa's 73-64 loss to Clemson (Feb. 18), the Cavaliers' five starters scored all 64 points. It marked the first game this season a Virginia player did not score a point off the bench. The previous low for points off the bench in a game this season was nine points in UVa's 61-57 win over Rutgers (Dec. 21). In Virginia's 75-71 loss at Wake Forest (Feb. 23), the Cavaliers only received nine points from players off the bench.

20/20

Against Wofford (Jan. 2), senior forward/center Travis Watson accomplished what no UVa player has been able to do in 20 years – register 20 or more points and rebounds in the same game. In the Cavaliers' 87-65 victory, Watson scored 21 points and pulled down a career-high 20 rebounds.

The last Virginia player to accomplish the feat was Ralph Sampson on Jan. 12, 1983 when he had 33 points and 21 rebounds against N.C. State.

Fewest Points

Virginia held N.C. State to 58 points in a 61-58 victory (Feb. 9), marking the fewest points scored by a UVa opponent in a conference game since the 1998-99 season. The Cavaliers held Wake Forest to 54 points in a 64-54 win at University Hall on February 3, 1999.

The 58 points ties for the second fewest points allowed in an ACC game during Pete Gillen's tenure at UVa. The Cavaliers also held Clemson to 58 points in a 65-58 win on January 17, 1999. That game was also played at U-Hall.

Five Score in Double Figures

The Cavaliers had five players score in double figures in their 85-72 win over Florida State (Jan. 29), marking the first time this season that happened. Senior forward/center Travis Watson led the way with 20 points, while freshman forward Derrick Byars had 15. Junior guard Todd Billet and sophomore forward Elton Brown both scored 14 points, and sophomore forward Jason Clark added 12.

UVa also had five players reach double figures in scoring

in its 78-72 loss to Ohio (Feb. 26). Billet and junior center Nick Vander Laan both scored 15 points, while Watson had 11 points. Brown and sophomore guard/forward Devin Smith both registered 10 points.

The previous time prior to this season UVa had five players score in double figures in the same game was February 28, 2002 against Duke. Roger Mason, Jr. (22), Adam Hall (21), Chris Williams (14), Watson (12) and Keith Jenifer (10) all reached double figures in the scoring column.

Billet Scores 1,000th Career Point

Junior guard Todd Billet reached the 1,000 point milestone in UVa's 79-72 win over North Carolina (Jan. 11). Billet scored his 1,000th career point with a three-point field goal with 4:15 remaining in the first half. Billet tallied 24 points in the game against North Carolina. He has scored 1,252 points in his collegiate career. Billet scored 844 points in two seasons at Rutgers and has scored a team-high 408 points this season in a Virginia uniform.

Shooting 50 Percent From the Field

The Cavaliers have shot 50 percent or better in seven games this season and are only 3-4 in those games (Virginia is 12-11 when it shoots below 50 percent). The four games UVa shot 50 percent and lost, it outshot its opponent (at Duke – 50.8 to 50.0, at Clemson – 59.2 to 55.4, at Wake Forest – 52.0 to 48.1, and vs. Duke – ACC Tournament – 56.9 to 51.9). ACC teams are 67-9 when shooting 50 percent or better in games this year.

Four Consecutive Double-Doubles

Senior forward/center Travis Watson had his streak of double-doubles in four consecutive games snapped against Duke (Jan. 15). His last double-double and 15th of the season came against Maryland (Mar. 9) as he had 26 points and 15 rebounds. He has reached double figures in double-doubles three consecutive seasons. A complete listing of Watson's double-doubles this season can be found later in the notes.

Watson has recorded four consecutive double-doubles three times in his career (he did it twice last season). The last Virginia player other than Watson to notch 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.

Ralph Sampson is the last UVa player to have five consecutive double-doubles as he concluded his stellar career with five double-doubles in a row in the 1982-83 season. Sampson's career high for consecutive double-doubles is nine, but interestingly enough, that is not the school record. Norm Carmichael posted a school record 12 consecutive double-doubles in the 1967-68 season.

Watson has led UVa in rebounding in 23 of 30 games this season and is averaging ACC bests of 10.5 boards per game overall and 11.4 in ACC regular-season play. He leads the team in scoring average with an average of 13.8 points per



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game (12th in the ACC). Watson is shooting 50.5 percent (152-301) from the field (2nd in the ACC).

Free Throw Woes

The Cavaliers set a record for free throw futility in their loss to Virginia Tech (Jan. 21). UVa was just 1-6 (16.7 percent) from the free throw line marking their lowest known free throw percentage in a game since at least the 1963-64 season (and very possibly since the 1957-58 season). Virginia's previous known record for lowest free throw percentage in a game was 20.0 percent when it went 2-10 from the line against Kentucky Wesleyan on December 28, 1963.

The one made free throw vs. Virginia Tech ties for the fewest free throws made in a game. The Cavaliers also made only one free throw vs. Duke – 1-2 (Feb. 9, 1977); North Carolina – 1-1 (Mar. 7, 1982); and Wake Forest – 1-3 (Mar. 9, 1984).

UVa's six free throw attempts against the Hokies ties for the 14th fewest free throws attempted in a game. It is the fewest free throws Virginia has attempted in a game since attempting only three (two were made) against North Carolina on February 11, 1998 and six (five were made) against Georgia Tech on February 14, 1998.

Making Free Throws Down The Stretch

The Cavaliers have struggled from the free throw line this season, making just 65.7 percent (405-616) of their attempts from the charity stripe. However, UVa has been more reliable from the charity stripe in the final five minutes of games.

In the first half of games, Virginia is shooting 67.0 percent (152-227) from the line. UVa has made 65.3 percent (250-383) of its attempts in the second half of games. In the final five minutes of games, the Cavaliers have made 137 of 200 attempts for 68.5 percent. (UVa is only 116-189 for 61.4 percent in the first 15 minutes of the second half.) In its last 26 games, UVa has made 126 of 178 attempts from the foul line in the final five minutes of games for 70.8 percent.

Field Goal Percentage Defense

After allowing its last seven opponent's of the 2001-2002 season to shoot 50 percent or better from the field (and nine overall), the Cavaliers have allowed seven teams to shoot 50 percent or better from the field this season.

Last year, UVa opponents shot 44.2 percent from the field compared to 43.5 percent in 2002-2003. In ACC contests last season, Virginia's opponents shot 48.0 percent from the floor, versus 45.5 percent this season.

Billet Unkind to Former Team

He was booed all game long, but it didn't faze junior guard Todd Billet, who was making his return to Louis Brown Athletic Center and Rutgers on December 21. Billet, who played for Rutgers for two seasons before transferring to Virginia, scored a game-high 22 points in leading his new team to a 61-57 victory over the Scarlet Knights. Among his 22 points were a pair of free throws with 14 seconds remaining that broke a 57-57 tie and gave the Cavaliers the lead for good.

In two seasons at Rutgers, Billet averaged 14.6 points per game, including 16.6 per game in 2000-01. He also established a school record for three-pointers in a season with 82 in 2000-01.

Billet leads the team in points scored this season with 408 points (13.6 points per game, 13th in the ACC). He averaged a team-high 15.4 points per game in regular-season ACC play (8th in the ACC). Billet tops the Cavaliers in three-point field goals (86) and in free throw shooting (74-86 for 86.0 percent).

Eight Consecutive Double Figure Rebounding Games

Senior Travis Watson had his streak of eight consecutive double figure rebounding games snapped in UVa's loss to Wake Forest (Feb. 23). Dating back to the 1966-67 season, Watson's streak tied for the third longest by a UVa player. Here's a list of consecutive double figure rebounding games by a UVa player since 1966-67.

1. Norm Carmichael	1967-68	12 games
2. Ralph Sampson	1982-83	9 games
3. Travis Watson	2002-03	8 games
John Gidding	1968-69	8 games

Watson 14th All-Time Among ACC Players in Rebounding

Senior forward/center Travis Watson is 14th all-time among ACC players in career rebounds. Watson has 1,099 rebounds and needs 18 rebounds to move past South Carolina's Tom Owens (1969-71) into 13th place. Duke's Christian Laettner (1989-92) is 12th with 1,149 career rebounds.

ACC Career Rebounding Leaders

Player	School	Rebs (Avg)
1. Dickie Hemric (1952-55)	Wake Forest	1,802 (17.3)
2. Ron Shavlik (1954-56)	N.C. State	1,598 (16.8)
3. Tim Duncan (1994-97)	Wake Forest	1,570 (12.3)
4. Ralph Sampson (1980-83)	Virginia	1,511 (11.4)
5. Wayne Rollins (1974-77)	Clemson	1,311 (11.9)
6. Mike Gminski (1977-80)	Duke	1,242 (10.2)
7. Dale Davis (1988-91)	Clemson	1,216 (10.0)
8. Len Chappell (1960-62)	Wake Forest	1,213 (13.9)
9. Malcolm Mackey (1990-93)	Georgia Tech	1,205 (9.3)
10. Sam Perkins (1981-84)	North Carolina	1,167 (8.6)
11. Lee Collins (1953-56)	South Carolina	1,159 (12.5)
12. Christian Laettner (1989-92)	Duke	1,149 (7.8)
13. Tom Owens (1969-71)	South Carolina	1,116 (13.3)
14. Travis Watson (2000-pres)	Virginia	1,099 (9.4)
15. George Lynch (1990-93)	North Carolina	1,097 (7.8)
16. Alvin Jones (1998-01)	Georgia Tech	1,075 (8.7)
17. Randy Denton (1969-71)	Duke	1,067 (12.7)
18. Tom Burleson (1972-74)	N.C. State	1,066 (12.7)
19. Billy Cunningham (1963-65)	North Carolina	1,062 (15.4)
20. Len Elmore (1972-74)	Maryland	1,053 (12.2)

(Includes all players who played a portion of their career before the formation of the ACC in 1953. Career totals for players from Georgia Tech and Florida State, who joined the ACC in 1980 and 1992, respectively, reflect only those years played in the ACC.)



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More Double-Doubles

Senior forward/center Travis Watson picked up where he left off last season as he has recorded 15 double-doubles this season. With the 15 double-doubles, Watson leads all ACC players in that category. Watson has 53 in his career which trails only Ralph Sampson's school record 84 career double-doubles.

Watson is the only Cavalier this season to register a double-double. If no other player records a double-double this season it would be the first time since 1978-79 (and only the second time since 1963-64) that only one player has had a double-double. Steve Castellan was the only player with a double-double in 1978-79 (he had five). UVA's list of double-doubles is incomplete prior to the 1963-64 season.

Here's a list of Watson's double-doubles in 2002-03:

Travis Watson – 26 pts., 13 rebs. vs. Long Island (Nov. 22)
Travis Watson – 16 pts., 14 rebs. vs. Chaminade (Nov. 25)
Travis Watson – 14 pts., 11 rebs. vs. Indiana (Nov. 27)
Travis Watson – 20 pts., 15 rebs. vs. Liberty (Dec. 30)
Travis Watson – 21 pts., 20 rebs. vs. Wofford (Jan. 2)
Travis Watson – 10 pts., 12 rebs. vs. N.C. State (Jan. 5)
Travis Watson – 18 pts., 12 rebs. vs. North Carolina (Jan. 11)
Travis Watson – 11 pts., 13 rebs. vs. Wake Forest (Jan. 23)
Travis Watson – 20 pts., 16 rebs. vs. Florida State (Jan. 29)
Travis Watson – 15 pts., 10 rebs. vs. Maryland (Feb. 6)
Travis Watson – 15 pts., 14 rebs. vs. N.C. State (Feb. 9)
Travis Watson – 13 pts., 15 rebs. vs. North Carolina (Feb. 12)
Travis Watson – 14 pts., 13 rebs. vs. Clemson (Feb. 18)
Travis Watson – 24 pts., 15 rebs. vs. Georgia Tech (Mar. 5)
Travis Watson – 26 pts., 15 rebs. vs. Maryland (Mar. 9)

Watson's 53 career double-doubles are the most of any active ACC player. Watson, who recorded an ACC-best 17 double-doubles last year, also had double-doubles in both of UVA's 2002-2003 exhibition games.

Duke Ties a Record

In UVA's game against Duke (Jan. 15), the Blue Devils made 37 of 40 free throws (92.5 percent) with the 37 made free throws tying the school record for most free throws made in a game by a Virginia opponent. St. Joseph's (Pa.) made 37 free throws (43 attempts) against UVA on February 21, 1958.

Raining Threes

UVA set a season-high by making 12 three-point field goals in its 86-78 win over Maryland (Feb. 6). The 12 made threes ties for the 10th-highest single game total in school history.

The Cavaliers made 11 threes in four games this season before draining 12 against the Terrapins. Virginia has made 221 three-pointers this season and is averaging 7.37 per game (3rd in the ACC). The Cavaliers are shooting 37.0 percent (221-597) from three-point land overall (2nd in the ACC) and 37.0 percent (122-330) in ACC contests.

UVA's 37.0 three-point field goal percentage is currently the highest single season mark since the three-point field goal was instituted in the 1986-87 season (UVA shot 46.8 percent – 58-124 – in the 1982-83 season when the three-point field

goal was used as an experimental rule). In 2000-2001, Virginia made a school-record 36.9 percent (204-553) of its three-point attempts.

The Cavaliers' 221 made three-point field goals are the second highest total in school history. The 1994-95 UVA team holds the school record with 232 made three-pointers.

Harper Reinstated

Sophomore guard Jermaine Harper was reinstated to the team December 12 after being suspended for a violation of team rules. Harper missed the Cavaliers' first five games of the season. He did not practice during the suspension.

In the 25 games Harper has played he is averaging 3.7 points and 1.3 rebounds per game. He is averaging 12.5 minutes of playing time per game. Harper made his only start of the 2002-03 season against Duke (Feb. 15) and tallied eight points and two rebounds in 25 minutes.

In UVA's win at Maryland (Feb. 6), Harper made two critical three-pointers late in the second half to help propel the Cavaliers to the victory. He also made a key three-pointer with UVA trailing by four with just over five minutes remaining in Virginia's 61-58 win over N.C. State (Feb. 9).

Smith Scores 30

Sophomore guard/forward Devin Smith scored a UVA career-high 30 points against Clemson (Feb. 18). He made 10-18 field goal attempts, including a career-best six three-pointers. Smith also had seven rebounds in 37 minutes of playing time.

Smith's previous Virginia career-best was 24 points versus Michigan State (Dec. 4). He is third on the team in scoring at 11.3 points per game. Smith averaged 11.1 points per game in regular-season ACC play.

Vander Laan Joins Growing List

Junior center Nick Vander Laan set a UVA career-high in scoring with 17 points in Virginia's 72-65 win over Gardner-Webb (Dec. 19). His previous UVA best was 10 points against then 19th-ranked Indiana (Nov. 27). Vander Laan's overall career-high is 23 points against Oklahoma in the 1999-2000 season while playing for Cal-Berkeley.

Vander Laan set a UVA career-best in rebounds with 11 vs. Rutgers (Dec. 21). His previous season-high was eight rebounds on two occasions. Vander Laan's overall career best rebounding game is 13 against Washington during the 1999-2000 season while playing for Cal-Berkeley.

He blocked three shots in UVA's win over N.C. State (Feb. 9) to set a career-high in that category.

Byars Joins Career High Club

Freshman forward Derrick Byars became another in a long line of Cavaliers to set a career high in scoring. Byars registered career-highs in back-to-back games. Byars scored 16 points, including 14 in the second half, in UVA's 84-76 win over East Tennessee State (Dec. 17). He then scored a game-high 20 points in the Cavaliers' 72-65 victory over Gardner-Webb (Dec. 19). His previous career high was 11



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points against Indiana (Nov. 27).

Byars also registered a career-high five steals against Gardner-Webb. His previous career-best was two steals against Michigan State (Dec. 4).

Billet Nets UVa Career Bests

Junior guard Todd Billet scored a Virginia career-high 28 points in UVa's game against Michigan State (Dec. 4). Billet poured in 28 points off the bench – including 26 in the second half. His career-high is 37 points against James Madison during the 2000-2001 season while playing at Rutgers University. He is averaging 13.6 points per game this season (second on the team in scoring average). Billet set a Virginia career-best with eight assists against Maryland (Feb. 6). His overall career high is 11 vs. Pittsburgh (Feb. 11, 2001) while playing for Rutgers.

New Career High for Clark

Sophomore forward Jason Clark scored 12 points – all in the second half – in the Cavaliers' 90-86 win over Long Island (Nov. 22) to establish a new career high. Clark equaled his career high with 12 points against Rutgers (Dec. 21) in his first start of the season. He also scored 12 points versus Florida State (Jan. 29). Clark also blocked a season-high five shots and grabbed a season-best eight rebounds vs. Rutgers. Clark's former career-best was 11 points against Duke (Jan. 27, 2002).

Clark also set a career-high with three assists against N.C. State (Feb. 9).

Brown Nets New Career High for Points

Sophomore forward Elton Brown established a new career high for points in a game when he scored 22 in UVa's 86-72 victory over Chaminade (Nov. 25). Brown, who surpassed his old career best of 20 points against Georgia Tech (Jan. 22, 2002), made eight of 13 shots from the floor and five of seven attempts from the charity stripe.

Making the Most of His Opportunities

Sophomore forward Jason Clark has only taken 77 shots this season, but he's made 56 baskets for an impressive .727 field goal percentage. He is shooting 73.8 percent (31-42) in ACC games this season. Clark has shot 50 percent or better in every game excluding the five games (Indiana – Nov. 27, East Tennessee State – Dec. 17, Wofford – Jan. 2, North Carolina – Feb. 12, and Duke – Mar. 14) he did not attempt a field goal. Clark has been perfect from the field 12 times this season. He is shooting 65.8 percent (96-146) from the field in his career. In ACC contests during his career, Clark is 58-79 for an amazing 73.4 percent.

Billet Heating Up

In his last 18 games, junior guard Todd Billet has scored 265 points for an average of 14.7 points per game. He has led UVa in scoring in eight of those 18 games.

Billet has started at point guard the last 14 games and averaged 4.2 assists per game. He had a UVa career-high eight assists against Maryland (Feb. 6) and dished out seven assists with no turnovers against N.C. State (Feb. 9).

Billet is averaging 13.6 points per game overall (13th in the ACC) and 15.4 points per ACC regular-season contest (8th in the ACC). On the season, Billet has made 86 three-point field goals overall (2.87 per game – 3rd in the ACC) and averaged a league-best 3.38 three-pointers per game in regular-season conference tilts. Billet is shooting 41.0 per-

50th ANNIVERSARY OF THE ACC

The Atlantic Coast Conference is celebrating its 50th anniversary this season. Former University of Virginia standouts **Jeff Lamp**, **Barry Parkhill** and **Ralph Sampson** were named to the 50th Anniversary ACC Men's Basketball Team.

Sampson was also recently named as one of the top 10 male ACC athletes of all-time.

Lamp lettered four times for Virginia from 1978-81, and was a first-team All-America selection in 1980 and 1981. He helped lead the Cavaliers to the 1980 NIT Championship and the 1981 NCAA Final Four. He was named the Most Valuable Player of the 1981 NCAA East Regional and was an All-Tournament selection at the 1981 Final Four. A team captain during his UVa career, Lamp ranks second on Virginia's all-time scoring list with 2,317 points. Lamp was a first-round selection by the Portland Trail Blazers in the 1981 NBA Draft.

Parkhill lettered for Virginia from 1971-73 and was a first-team All-America selection in 1972 and 1973. He was selected the ACC Basketball Player of the Year and the ACC Athlete of the Year in 1972. Parkhill earned first-team All-ACC honors in 1972 and was a second-team All-Conference selection in 1971 and 1973. He was also an All-ACC Tournament selection in 1971 and 1972. He holds Virginia's single-game scoring record with 51 points against Baldwin-Wallace on December 11, 1971. Parkhill was a first-round draft selection by both the Virginia Squires (ABA) and Portland Trail Blazers (NBA) after his collegiate career.

Sampson lettered four times for Virginia from 1980-83, and was a three-time National and ACC Player of the Year. He was a four-time first-team All-America selection and a three-time first-team All-ACC selection. Sampson received three consecutive Rupp trophies, two consecutive Eastman Awards and two John R. Wooden Awards. He was the ACC Rookie of the Year in 1980. Sampson helped lead the Cavaliers to the 1980 NIT Championship and the 1981 NCAA Final Four. He was named the Most Valuable Player of the 1980 NIT. Sampson holds Virginia career records for rebounds (1,511), field goals made (899) and blocked shots (462). He led the ACC in rebounding three times and ranks fourth on UVa's career scoring list with 2,228 points. Sampson was selected by the Houston Rockets as the NBA's number one draft choice in 1983 and went on to earn NBA Rookie of the Year honors.



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cent from behind the arc (5th in the ACC). In ACC regular-season play, he made 54 of 119 three-point attempts (45.4 percent – 1st in the ACC).

Billet made seven three-pointers against Clemson (Jan. 18) which ties for the sixth highest single game total in school history.

Watson Sets Single Season Career Highs

Senior forward/center Travis Watson has set single season career highs in four categories this season – points, rebounds, assists and steals, and has tied his career high for blocked shots. Watson has scored 400 points this season to better his former career best of 394 points last season. He has pulled down 305 rebounds this year to surpass his former best of 272 set last season. Watson has handed out 66 assists to easily surpass his former best of 31 assists last season. He has come up with a team-high 43 steals (including 22 in his last 12 games) this season. Watson's previous season high for steals was 32 last year.

With 35 blocked shots, Watson has tied his career best (35 in 2000-01).

Watson 13th in Scoring

Senior forward/center Travis Watson has moved up to 13th on the Cavaliers' all-time scoring list with 1,502 career points. Richard Morgan (1986-89) is 12th on the list with 1,540 points.

Here's a look at UVA's all-time scoring leaders:

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.	Chris Williams (1999-2002)	1,812
8.	Harold Deane (1994-97)	1,763
9.	Curtis Staples (1995-98)	1,757
10.	John Crotty (1988-91)	1,646
11.	Bob McCarty (1954-56)	1,625
12.	Richard Morgan (1986-89)	1,540
13.	Travis Watson (2000-pres.)	1,502
14.	Donald Hand (1998-2001)	1,486
15.	Othell Wilson (1981-84)	1,469
16.	Barry Parkhill (1971-73)	1,437
17.	Jim Connelly (1965-67)	1,426
18.	Lee Raker (1978-81)	1,423
19.	Mel Kennedy (1985-88)	1,415
20.	Norman Nolan (1995-98)	1,321

Pulling Down 300

Senior forward/center Travis Watson has grabbed 305 rebounds this season to become the third Cavalier to pull down 300 rebounds in a season. Ralph Sampson had 300 or more rebounds in each of his four years at UVA (381 – 1979-80, 378 – 1980-81, 366 – 1981-82, and 386 – 1982-93), while Norm Carmichael grabbed 300 rebounds in 1967-68.

Career Field Goal Leaders

Senior forward/center Travis Watson has moved into 10th place on Virginia's career field goals leaders list with 587. Richard Morgan (1986-89) is ninth with 605 career field goals.

Single Season Three-Point Field Goal Leaders

Junior guard Todd Billet has made 86 three-point field goals this season and is fourth on the Cavaliers' single season three-point field goals list.

Here's a look at UVA's all-time single season three-point field goal leaders list:

1.	Curtis Staples (1997-98)	130
2.	Curtis Staples (1994-95)	103
3.	Curtis Staples (1996-97)	98
4.	Todd Billet (2002-03)	86
5.	Richard Morgan (1988-89)	82
	Curtis Staples (1995-96)	82
7.	Roger Mason, Jr. (2001-02)	81
8.	Harold Deane (1994-95)	69
9.	John Crotty (1989-90)	66
10.	Cory Alexander (1992-93)	64
	Harold Deane (1995-96)	64

Watson Second in Rebounds

Senior forward/center Travis Watson has grabbed 305 rebounds (10.5 per game) this season in the 29 games he has played. He is second on Virginia's career rebounding list with 1,099.

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

1.	Ralph Sampson (1980-83)	1,511
2.	Travis Watson (2000-pres.)	1,099
3.	Junior Burrough (1992-95)	929
4.	Bryant Stith (1989-92)	859
5.	Steve Castellan (1976-79)	799

All-Time Blocked Shot Leaders

Senior Travis Watson ranks among Virginia's all-time leaders in blocked shots. Watson has 125 career blocked shots and ranks fourth all-time. He blocked a career-high tying five shots against Chaminade (Nov. 25) to jump from seventh to fifth place. He needs two blocked shots to move past Kris Hunter (1997-99) for third 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.	Travis Watson (2000-pres.)	125
5.	Steve Castellan (1976-79)	108

Transfers Making Big Impact

Virginia's three transfers – junior guard Todd Billet (Rutgers), junior center Nick Vander Laan (California-Berkeley), and sophomore guard/forward Devin Smith (Coffeyville Community College) – have made a big impact on the team in 2002-03. The trio have combined to start 62 times and average 30.2 points and 10.7 rebounds per game. Billet and Smith have made 144 of UVA's 221 three-point field goals



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(65.2 percent) this season as well. Billet also leads UVa in free throw percentage (.860 – 74-86) and Smith is second (.746 – 47-63).

Billet and Vander Laan are eligible to play for the Cavaliers during the 2002-03 season after transferring to Virginia prior to the 2001-02 academic year.

Billet, a 6-0 guard from Middletown, N.J., started all 58 games and averaged 14.6 points per game in his two seasons at Rutgers. He is a three-point specialist who established the Rutgers' school record for three-pointers in a season with 82 and tied the school's single-game record when he made eight three-pointers against Lafayette during the 2000-01 season.

Vander Laan, a 6-10 center from Sacramento, Calif., averaged 7.5 points and 6.1 rebounds a game in two seasons at California-Berkeley. He was voted honorable mention Pac-10 All-Freshman following the 1999-2000 season.

The 6-5 Smith averaged 19.4 points and 6.6 rebounds per game while earning first-team Junior College All-America honors as a freshman at Coffeyville Community College in 2001-02.

Cavaliers Finish Second in Maui Invitational

Virginia won two of three games to finish second in the 2002 EA Sports Maui Invitational (Nov. 25-27) at the Lahaina Civic Center in Maui, Hawaii. The Cavaliers defeated Chaminade 86-72 (Nov. 25) and 15th-ranked Kentucky 75-61 (Nov. 26) before falling to 19th-ranked Indiana 70-63 (Nov. 27) in the championship game.

Senior forward/center Travis Watson was named to the All-Tournament team. Watson registered two double-doubles and averaged 12.7 points and 11.0 rebounds in the three games. He also blocked nine shots and added seven assists and five steals.

Tough Early Season Schedule

The Cavaliers played three nationally-ranked teams (Kentucky, Indiana and Michigan State) in their first five games of the season. It is the first time in school history the Cavaliers played three of their first five games of a season against ranked teams. In the 1963-64, 1968-69, 1991-92 and 1996-97 seasons, UVa played two ranked teams in the first five games of the season.

The Cavaliers are 4-6 against nationally-ranked teams this season. Here's a list of UVa's games this season against teams ranked in the Associated Press Poll:

11/26	vs. Kentucky	#15	W	75-61
11/27	vs. Indiana	#19	L	63-70
12/4	at Michigan State	#21	L	75-82
1/15	at Duke	#1	L	93-104
1/23	Wake Forest	#17	W	85-75
2/6	at Maryland	#8	W	86-78
2/15	Duke	#8	L	59-78
2/23	at Wake Forest	#10	L	71-75
3/9	Maryland	#13	W	80-78 (OT)
3/14	vs. Duke	#12	L	76-83

Bench Scoring – 48, 47, 46, 43

Virginia's reserves have played a major role in several of the Cavaliers' wins this season. Reserves have combined to score 46 or more points in three victories this season. UVa's bench was also a key factor in UVa's 86-78 victory over Maryland (Feb. 6).

Four Cavaliers off the bench combined to score 48 of UVa's 72 points in a 72-65 victory over Gardner-Webb (Dec. 19). The 48 points are the most this season scored by players off UVa's bench. Freshman forward Derrick Byars and junior center Nick Vander Laan scored 20 and 17 points, respectively.

The previous 2002-2003 high was 47 points in an 86-72 win over Chaminade (Nov. 25). Sophomore forward Elton Brown led the way with 22 points, while sophomore guard/forward Devin Smith added 16 points.

UVa's bench came through again in a 79-75 victory over Georgetown (Dec. 28) as the four players who came off the bench combined to score 46 points. Senior forward/center Travis Watson led the way with 16 points, while Brown tallied 14 points.

Four players came off the bench to scored 43 points – half the team's total – in an 86-78 victory at Maryland (Feb. 6). Smith led all UVa scorers with 17 points, while junior guard Majestic Mapp added 11 points.

Two Busy Weeks After Final Exams

After a 13-day break for final exams, the Cavaliers won three games in a span of five days. UVa won the first two games of the stretch – 84-76 over East Tennessee State (Dec. 17) and 72-65 over Gardner-Webb (Dec. 19) – at home in University Hall. UVa closed out the stretch with a 61-57 victory at Rutgers (Dec. 21).

Virginia then won three home games in a span of six days. UVa began its homestand with a 79-75 victory over Georgetown (Dec. 28) and posted a 77-58 win over Liberty (Dec. 30). The Cavaliers closed their homestand with an 87-65 victory over Wofford (Jan. 2).

Rod Jensen Joins Coaching Staff

Rod Jensen, formerly the head men's basketball coach at Boise State University, joined the University of Virginia's men's basketball coaching staff during the summer. Jensen joined the staff after Tom Herrion left Virginia to become the head coach at the College of Charleston. Other members of head coach Pete Gillen's staff include assistant coaches Walt Fuller and Alexis Sherard, and director of men's basketball operations Scott Shepherd.

Cavaliers Welcome Six Newcomers

Joining the Cavaliers this season are 6-7 freshman forward Derrick Byars and 6-5 sophomore guard/forward Devin Smith.

Byars, a three-year letterman at Ridgeway High School in Memphis, Tenn., averaged 23.2 points, 10 rebounds and 4.5 assists per game as a high school senior during the 2001-02 season. He shot 37 percent from three-point range and 77 percent from the free throw line. He was a fourth-team *Parade*



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All-America selection and the Gatorade Player of the Year in Tennessee as a high school senior.

Smith earned first-team Junior College All-America honors as a freshman at Coffeyville Community College in Coffeyville, Kan., last season. During the 2001-02 season he averaged 19.4 points and 6.6 rebounds a game, shot 51.8 percent (251-485) from the field, including 45.8 percent (108-236) from three-point range, and made 90.2 percent (129-143) of his free throw attempts.

Four additional players joined the Virginia team after participating in open tryouts October 7-8. The players are guard Billy Campbell (6-0, Fr., Atlanta, Ga.), forward Greg Harrell-Edge (6-8, Sr., Vienna, Va.), guard Robert Lodge (6-4, Fr., Raleigh, N.C.) and forward Rob Williams (6-7, So., Martinsville, Va.). Bios on the four walk-ons can be found later in the notes.

Watson Named Candidate for CLASS Award

Senior Travis Watson was one of 36 candidates for the second annual Senior CLASS Award as announced by the award's organizing committee. He is not one of the 10 finalists. The Senior CLASS Award – an acronym for Celebrating Loyalty and Achievement for Staying in School – is presented annually to the nation's senior player-of-the-year for NCAA Division I men's and women's basketball. The award was developed in response to the recent trend of college basketball players leaving college early to turn professional.

Selection criteria is based on a number of factors, the most important being that the recipient must have exhausted his four years of eligibility and have fulfilled his commitment to his respective university. In addition, the recipient must be working toward his degree, be in good academic standing and be of sound moral character.

The ten finalists will be on the official ballot during the national voting process in March. The winners will be announced during the respective NCAA Final Four events.

UVa Wins Two Exhibition Games

The Cavaliers won both of their 2002-2003 exhibition games. Virginia posted an 84-60 victory over Big Apple Basketball (Nov. 10) and a 73-57 exhibition win over One World All-Stars (Nov. 17) at University Hall.

Against Big Apple Basketball, the Cavaliers' starting front court of senior forward/center Travis Watson, junior center Nick Vander Laan and sophomore forward Elton Brown combined for 69 points and 47 rebounds.

Watson picked up where he left off last year and recorded a double-double with a game-high 32 points and 17 rebounds. Watson connected on 14 of 22 shots from the field, including three of six attempts from three-point range. In his first game as a Cavalier, Vander Laan grabbed a game-high 24 rebounds, including 13 offensive, and added 14 points for a double-double. Brown made 10 of 20 attempts from the field en route to 23 points. He also pulled down six rebounds. Junior guard Todd Billet rounded out UVa's double digit scorers with 13 points. He also contributed five rebounds and three assists. Watson, Brown, Vander Laan and Billet com-

bined to score 82 of UVa's 84 points.

The Cavaliers used just eight players in the game as sophomores Jason Clark, Jermaine Harper and Keith Jenifer were serving a one-game suspension for a violation of team rules. Junior Majestic Mapp, sophomore Devin Smith and freshman Derrick Byars missed the game with injuries.

In the 73-57 win over One World All-Stars, Watson registered a double-double with 16 points and 16 rebounds to lead the Cavaliers. He also blocked four shots. Billet led all scorers with 17 points and also recorded a game-high seven assists. Vander Laan and Smith rounded out UVa's double figure scorers. Vander Laan scored 12 points and added seven rebounds, two blocked shots and two assists. In his first game for the Cavaliers, Smith tallied 11 points.

One World All-Stars built a five-point lead (40-35) early in the second half, only to see the Cavaliers quickly respond with baskets by Watson, Billet and Vander Laan. UVa took the lead for good midway through the second half when sophomore forward Elton Brown converted a layup off an offensive rebound to give the Cavaliers a 51-50 lead.

Cavaliers Ink Two

University of Virginia men's head basketball coach Pete Gillen has announced the signing of two individuals to national letters of intent with Virginia. The two individuals are 6-6 Gary Forbes of Brooklyn, N.Y., and 6-3 J. R. Reynolds of Roanoke, Va.

Forbes, a guard, averaged 25 points, 11 rebounds and five assists a game as a junior during the 2001-02 season at Benjamin Banneker Academy.

Reynolds, a combination guard, started for four seasons at Roanoke Catholic High School before transferring to Oak Hill Academy for his senior year. He scored 2,237 points, made 217 three-point field goals and had 570 assists during his career at Roanoke Catholic. He was named the Most Valuable Player in the Virginia Independent Schools Division II three times.

"We are thrilled to officially have these two young men join our Virginia basketball family," Gillen said. "They are both very talented guards who can play a couple of positions. I sincerely feel they will be impact players on our team next season."

Watson Recognized During The Preseason

Senior forward/center Travis Watson was named to the Wooden Award Preseason All-American Basketball Team and was also a preseason Naismith Award candidate. Watson was a third-team preseason All-America selection by *Street & Smith's* and was rated sixth nationally at center in *Lindy's* preseason basketball magazine.

At the ACC's annual Operation Basketball, Watson was selected to the conference's 2002-03 Pre-Season First Team. He received 85 votes, the most of any player. Watson was also second to Duke's Chris Duhon in the Pre-Season ACC Player of the Year voting.



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Thirteen Games against Tournament Teams

Of Virginia's 30 games before the 2003 National Invitation Tournament, 13 were against eight teams that participated in either the 2002 NCAA Tournament or the NIT. Two of the games were against national champion Maryland. The Cavaliers also met league foe Duke three times as well as N.C. State and Wake Forest twice. Those teams all participated in last season's NCAA Tournament. In addition to those games, Virginia played Michigan State, an NCAA participant and Rutgers, which earned an NIT bid.

At the Maui Invitational (November 25-27), UVa played Kentucky (NCAA) and Indiana (NCAA runners-up).

UVa is 6-7 in 2002-2003 against teams that competed in postseason play last season.

2002-2003 VIRGINIA MEN'S BASKETBALL ADDITIONAL PLAYER BIOS

BILLY CAMPBELL

Freshman Guard 6-0
Atlanta, Ga./Paideia School

HIGH SCHOOL: Lettered four times as a point guard in basketball, four times in baseball as a pitcher and center fielder, and once in soccer as a goalkeeper at the Paideia School...scored more than 1,000 career points, and had more than 400 assists and 400 rebounds in basketball...earned Most Valuable Player honors...was captain of the basketball team and received the Coaches' Award...twice earned All-Fulton County honors in baseball...honored as the baseball team's Most Valuable Player, Best Offensive Player and Best Defensive Player during his career...also received the Coaches' Award in baseball. **PERSONAL:** William R. Campbell...born October 12, 1983 in Atlanta, Ga....son of Sharon and William Campbell...has a younger sister, Christina...his uncle, Ed Tapscott, was formerly the head basketball coach at American...was a National Achievement Finalist as a high school senior...received the Dartmouth Book Club Award as a junior.

GREG HARRELL-EDGE

Senior Forward 6-8
Vienna, Va./Jefferson

HIGH SCHOOL: Lettered twice in basketball at Jefferson High School...received the Coaches' Award as a senior...earned National Merit honorable mention recognition as a senior.

PERSONAL: Gregory Thomas Harrell-Edge...born May 22, 1981 in Richmond, Va....son of Sharon Harrell and Robert Edge...has a younger sister...would like to be a basketball coach...government major.

ROBERT LODGE

Freshman Guard 6-4
Raleigh, N.C./Millbrook

HIGH SCHOOL: Lettered three times in basketball and three times in football at Millbrook High School...earned All-Conference honors as a guard/forward in basketball...honored as a Regional Most Valuable Player during the 2002 state tournament...earned All-Conference honors as a receiver in football. **PERSONAL:** Robert Jenkins Lodge...born September 6, 1983 in Atlanta, Ga....son of Suzanne and Marc Lodge...has a sister, Elizabeth (17)...member of the National Honor Society and a student government class representative at Millbrook High School...has worked with Habitat for Humanity, and taken mission trips to Mexico and Jamaica.

ROB WILLIAMS

Sophomore Forward 6-7
Martinsville, Va./Martinsville

HIGH SCHOOL: Lettered and started four years in basketball at Martinsville High School...earned All-State, All-Region and All-District honors as a senior during the 2000-01 season when Martinsville won the State AAChampionship...established the record for most total blocks in three state tournament games...named the team's Most Valuable Player as a junior and senior...also earned Scholar-Athlete honors his last two years in high school...played in the 2001 Virginia High School League All-Star Game...member of the National Honor Society. **PERSONAL:** Robert A. Williams, Jr....born November 25, 1982 in Winston-Salem, N.C....son of Patricia and Robert Williams, Sr....has a younger sister, Jamiese.