

# VIRGINIA BASKETBALL 2002-2003 MEDIA NOTES

Virginia (11-6 / 2-3 ACC)

vs.

Florida State (10-7 / 1-5 ACC)

January 29, 2003 • 7:00 p.m.

University Hall (8,392)

Charlottesville, Va.

## 2002-03 SCHEDULE

11-6 Overall / 2-3 ACC

Home: 8-0

Away: 1-5

Neutral: 2-1

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	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 1	at Georgia Tech (R/JP)	4:00 p.m.
Feb. 6	at Maryland (ESPN2)	9:00 p.m.
Feb. 9	N.C. STATE (R/JP/ESPN)	4:00 p.m.
Feb. 12	at North Carolina (ESPN)	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 15	DUKE (ESPN)	9:00 p.m.
Feb. 18	CLEMSON (R/JP)	8:00 p.m.
Feb. 23	at Wake Forest (FSN)	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 26	at Ohio University	7:00 p.m.
Mar. 1	at Florida State (RSN)	Noon
Mar. 5	GEORGIA TECH (ESPN)	7:00 p.m.
Mar. 9	MARYLAND (FSN)	8:00 p.m.
Mar. 13-16	ACC Tournament^	TBD

\*Maui Invitational, Maui, Hawaii

#ACC/Big 10 Challenge

^Greensboro, N.C.

Rankings listed are from the Associated Press Poll

### TELEVISION

Tonight's game against Florida State will not be televised.

### RADIO

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

### OFFICIALS

### THE GAME

Virginia stands at 11-6 overall and 2-3 in the Atlantic Coast Conference in 2002-2003. The Cavaliers snapped a three-game losing streak with an 85-75 victory over 17th-ranked Wake Forest (Jan. 23) at University Hall. Florida State stands at 10-7 overall and 1-5 in the ACC this season. In their last game, the Seminoles lost to Wake Forest 71-60 (Jan. 26) in Winston-Salem, N.C.

### The Series vs. Florida State

Virginia holds a 13-9 lead in the series with Florida State. The Cavaliers had their three-game winning streak in the series snapped with a 66-59 loss (Feb. 20) to the Seminoles in Tallahassee last season. UVa won the first game of the 2001-2002 season series 91-74 (Jan. 20) in Charlottesville. Virginia swept the 2000-2001 season series from Florida State for the first time since 1996-97. UVa won the first meeting in the 2000-2001 season, 89-71 (Jan. 16) in Charlottesville. Virginia earned the sweep with a 69-66 victory (Feb. 17) in Tallahassee on a three-pointer by Roger Mason, Jr. with one second remaining.

The Cavaliers have won five of the last seven meetings after FSU won three consecutive contests (71-63 and 88-63 in the 1997-98 season and 72-69 in the 1998-99 campaign).

Virginia is 7-4 versus Florida State at University Hall and has won its last three home contests against the Seminoles after losing the previous two. The Seminoles' last win over Virginia at University Hall was a 72-69 triumph (Dec. 1) in the 1998-99 season.

Overall in the series, eight of Virginia's 13 wins over the Seminoles have been by nine points or less, while three of its losses have been by 15 or more points. In addition, five of FSU's last six wins have been by fewer than nine points. Six of the last eight meetings (dating back to the 1998-99 season) have been decided by seven points or less. The only two games that were decided by more than seven points were the first meeting in 2000-2001 which UVa won by 18 points (89-71) and the first meeting last season which the Cavaliers won by 17 points (91-74). The Cavaliers have won three of those six close games.

### 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.

### Virginia's PROBABLE Starters

No.	Pos.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Ppg.	Rpg.	Mpg	Notes
34	F	Jason Clark	6-8	234	So.	4.9	2.5	13.9	Shooting 71.1 % (32-45) from the field
35	F	Travis Watson	6-8	255	Sr.	14.6	10.0	30.8	8 double-doubles this year, 46 in career
4	C	Nick Vander Laan	6-10	255	Jr.	6.4	5.1	16.9	UVa career-high 17 pts. vs. Gardner-Webb
22	G	Todd Billet	6-0	192	Jr.	14.1	1.9	32.4	Shooting 91.8% (56-61) from FT line
33	G	Devin Smith	6-5	230	So.	10.6	4.0	26.1	2nd on team with 20 blocked shots

### Virginia's Key Reserves

5	F	Derrick Byars	6-7	200	Fr.	7.2	3.1	20.8	Averaging 9.6 ppg at home
42	F	Elton Brown	6-9	270	So.	9.8	4.1	18.3	Tallied career-high 22 pts. vs. Chaminade
10	G	Keith Jenifer	6-3	161	So.	6.3	3.8	32.9	Averaging 5.5 assists per game
24	G	Jermaine Harper	6-3	165	So.	4.8	1.4	13.6	Averaging 7.1 ppg at home
11	G	Majestic Mapp	6-2	185	Jr.	2.0	0.3	8.3	Played vs. UNC – first game since 3/15/00

The last time Mapp had played for UVa was March 15, 2000 against Georgetown in the first round of the National Invitation Tournament.

After not seeing any action in the Cavaliers' games at Duke (Jan. 15) and at Clemson (Jan. 18), Mapp played six minutes against Virginia Tech (Jan. 21). He scored three points (on a three-point field goal), grabbed one rebound and handed out one assist.

Mapp saw his most significant playing time of the season in the Cavaliers' 85-75 victory over Wake Forest (Jan. 23). In 17 minutes of action, Mapp had three points, four assists and one steal with only one turnover.

### 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 355-183 record for a .660 winning percentage. Gillen is in his fifth season at Virginia and has posted an 81-55 record (.596 winning percentage). Gillen won the 300th game of his career when Virginia defeated then 21st-ranked North Carolina 87-85 on January 18, 2000 at University Hall.

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

### 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.

### 200

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.

### 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 1,083 points in his collegiate career. Billet scored 844 points in two seasons at Rutgers and has scored a team-high 239 points this season in a Virginia uniform.

### 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.

### Billet and Watson Among NCAA Leaders

Junior guard Todd Billet and senior forward/center Travis Watson are ranked among the NCAA Division I leaders in free throw percentage and rebounding, respectively, for games played through Jan. 20.

Billet is third in the nation in free throw percentage at 94.3 percent (50-53). He is currently shooting 91.8 percent (56-61) from the free throw line.

Watson is 13th among all Division I players in rebounds with an average of 10.1 per game. Watson is currently averaging 10.0 rebounds (160 rebounds in 16 games).

### Home Sweet Home

Virginia snapped a three-game losing streak with an 85-75 win over Wake Forest (Jan. 23) at University Hall. Prior to defeating the Demon Deacons, UVa had lost its last three games and four of the last five – and all four losses were on opponent's home courts. UVa's only win in those five games was a 79-72 victory over North Carolina (Jan. 11) at University Hall. The Cavaliers are a perfect 8-0 at U-Hall this season and just 3-6 away from home, including 1-5 in away games.

Since the beginning of the 1999-2000 season, the Cavaliers are:

- 46-8 (85.2 percent) in all home games
- 20-6 (76.9 percent) in all home ACC games
- 14-25 (35.9 percent) in all away games
- 7-20 (25.9 percent) in all away ACC games
- 7-6 (53.8 percent) in all neutral site games

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## 'Hoos Starting

The Cavaliers have played 17 games this season and have used nine different starting lineups. UVa's latest starting lineup (vs. Wake Forest – Jan. 23) featured sophomore forward Jason Clark, senior forward/center Travis Watson, junior center Nick Vander Laan, sophomore guard/forward Devin Smith and junior guard Todd Billet. Those five comprised UVa's ninth different starting lineup this season.

Billet and Watson lead the team with 15 starts apiece, while sophomore guard Keith Jenifer has drawn 14 starting assignments. Smith has started 13 games, while sophomore forward Elton Brown has started nine times and freshman forward Derrick Byars has eight starts. Eight different players have started games this season for Virginia and all eight have at least three starts this season.

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

<b>LIU</b>	(1)	Byars	Brown	Watson	Jenifer	Billet
<b>Cham</b>	(2)	Byars	Watson	Vander Laan	Jenifer	Billet
<b>Kent</b>	(3)	Byars	Brown	Watson	Billet	Smith
<b>Ind</b>	(4)	Byars	Watson	Vander Laan	Billet	Smith
<b>MSU</b>	(5)	Byars	Brown	Watson	Jenifer	Smith
<b>ETSU</b>	(6)	Smith	Watson	Vander Laan	Jenifer	Billet
<b>GWU</b>	(7)	Smith	Brown	Watson	Jenifer	Billet
<b>Rut</b>	(8)	Smith	Clark	Vander Laan	Jenifer	Billet
<b>G'town</b>	(8)	Smith	Clark	Vander Laan	Jenifer	Billet
<b>Liberty</b>	(7)	Smith	Brown	Watson	Jenifer	Billet
<b>Wofford</b>	(2)	Byars	Watson	Vander Laan	Jenifer	Smith
<b>NCSU</b>	(1)	Byars	Brown	Watson	Jenifer	Billet
<b>UNC</b>	(1)	Byars	Brown	Watson	Jenifer	Billet
<b>Duke</b>	(7)	Smith	Brown	Watson	Jenifer	Billet
<b>Clem</b>	(6)	Smith	Watson	Vander Laan	Jenifer	Billet
<b>Va Tech</b>	(7)	Smith	Brown	Watson	Jenifer	Billet
<b>Wake</b>	(9)	Clark	Watson	Vander Laan	Billet	Smith

## Shooting 50 Percent From the Field

The Cavaliers have shot 50 percent or better in five games this season and are only 3-2 in those games (Virginia is 8-4 when it shoots below 50 percent). The two games UVa shot 50 percent and lost, it out-shot its opponent (Duke – 50.8 to 50.0 and Clemson – 59.2 to 55.4). Virginia is the only ACC school this year to lose a game when shooting 50 percent or better.

## Cavalier Captains

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

## Four Consecutive Double-Doubles

Senior forward/center Travis Watson had his streak of double-doubles in four consecutive games snapped against Duke (Jan. 15). After a "drought" of three games without a double-double, Watson notched his eighth double-double of the season in UVa's win over Wake Forest (Jan. 23). See page 4 of the notes for a listing of those double-doubles.

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 dou-

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## PRESEASON ACC PREDICTIONS

### 2002-2003 ACC Pre-Season Media Prediction

(Indicates first place votes)

1.	Duke (79)	852
2.	Maryland (9)	686
3.	N.C. State (4)	595
4.	Georgia Tech (1)	548
5.	<b>Virginia</b>	<b>488</b>
6.	Wake Forest	380
7.	North Carolina	348
8.	Clemson	168
9.	Florida State	138

### 2002-03 Media Pre-Season All-ACC Selections

#### First Team

<b>Travis Watson, UVa</b>	<b>85</b>
Steve Blake, Md	83
Chris Duhon, Duke	83
Josh Howard, WF	78
Julius Hodge, NCSU	62

#### Second Team

Dahntay Jones, Duke	24
Edward Scott, Clem	12
Tahj Holden, Md	5
Marcus Melvin, NCSU	5
Raymond Felton, UNC	5

### 2002-03 Media Pre-Season ACC Player of Year

Chris Duhon, Duke	26
<b>Travis Watson, Virginia</b>	<b>23</b>
Josh Howard, Wake Forest	20
Steve Blake, Maryland	9
Julius Hodge, N.C. State	5
Dahntay Jones, Duke	3
Drew Nicholas, Maryland	1
Jawad Williams, North Carolina	1

### 2002-03 Media Pre-Season ACC Rookie of Year

Raymond Felton, North Carolina	65
Chris Bosh, Georgia Tech	10
Rashad McCants, North Carolina	4
Shavlik Randolph, Duke	4
Eric Williams, Wake Forest	4
J.J. Redick, Duke	2
Jarrett Jack, Georgia Tech	1

### 2002-2003 UVa ACC Players of the Week

**Jan. 6 – Travis Watson**

**Jan. 13 – Todd Billet**

Junior guard Todd Billet was named the Co-ACC Player of the Week on January 13 after scoring 24 points in UVa's 79-72 home victory over North Carolina (Jan. 11). He also had three rebounds, two assists and two steals in the win. Billet was eight for 15 from the field, including six of 11 from three-point range. He also made both free throw attempts.

Billet reached a career milestone in the victory as he scored his 1,000th career point with a three-point field goal with 4:15 remaining in the first half.

He shared the award with Duke's Dahntay Jones.

ble-doubles in the 1967-68 season.

Watson has led UVa in rebounding in 12 of 17 games this season and is averaging 10.0 boards per game (1st in the ACC). He is also averaging a team-high 14.6 points per game (11th in the ACC) and is shooting 56.5 percent (91-161) 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.

### **Jenifer Finds the Range**

Sophomore guard Keith Jenifer started off the season making only nine of 34 (26.5 percent) attempts from the field. In his last 12 games, Jenifer has made 40.0 percent (26-65) of his field goal attempts – admittedly, not a great percentage. However, when Jenifer has stepped behind the three-point line, he has been very accurate.

Jenifer has made 10 of his last 18 three-point attempts (55.6 percent) over the last 11 games after missing his first six threes of the season. His 10 three-pointers this season are eight more than he had during the entire 2001-2002 season.

He has scored seven or more points in a game eight times this season after scoring seven or more points in only six games last year. He has reached double figures in scoring three times in 2002-2003 after reaching double digits in points only once last season.

Jenifer is averaging 6.3 points, 5.5 assists (6th in the ACC) and 3.8 rebounds per game this season.

### **Making Free Throws Down The Stretch**

The Cavaliers have struggled from the free throw line this season, making just 66.6 percent (255-383) 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 65.9 percent (83-126) from the line. UVa has made 66.9 percent (172-257) of its attempts in the second half of games. In the final five minutes of games, the Cavaliers have made 93 of 132 attempts for 70.5 percent. (UVa is only 79-125 for 63.2 percent in the first 15 minutes of the second half.) In its last 13 games, UVa has made 82 of 110 attempts from the foul line in the final five minutes of games for 74.5 percent.

### **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.

### **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 is second on the team in scoring this season with 14.1 points per game (12th in the ACC). He tops the Cavaliers in three-point field goals (47) and is second among all ACC players in free throw shooting (56-61 for 91.8 percent).

### **More Double-Doubles**

Senior forward/center Travis Watson has picked up where he left off last season as he has recorded eight double-doubles this season, including a stretch of four consecutive double-doubles, which was snapped against Duke (Jan. 15). With the eight double-doubles, Watson is tied for the ACC lead in that category. Watson has 46 in his career which trails only Ralph Sampson's school record 84 career double-doubles.

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)

Watson's 46 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.

### **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 12 games Harper has played he is averaging 4.8 points and 1.4 rebounds per game. He is averaging 13.6 minutes of playing time per game.

### **Vander Laan Joins Growing List**

Junior center Nick Vander Laan became the latest Cavalier to set a UVa career-high in scoring (see notes to follow). Vander Laan poured in 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 also 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.

### **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 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 and Smith Net UVa Career Bests**

Junior guard Todd Billet and sophomore forward/guard Devin Smith scored career-highs as Cavaliers 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 14.1 points per game this season (second on the team).

Smith scored 24 points against the Spartans. He was 9-13 from the floor, including 4-6 from three-point range, and made both of his free throw attempts. Smith is third on the team in scoring at 10.6 points per game.

### **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 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).

### **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.

### **Jenifer Sets Career Highs**

Sophomore guard Keith Jenifer became the third returning player to establish a new career high in scoring this season. Jenifer tallied 13 points in UVa's 75-61 victory over Kentucky (Nov. 26). His previous career high was 10 points against Duke (Feb. 28) last season.

Jenifer has also set a new career high for assists. He handed out a career-best seven assists in the season-opener against Long Island (Nov. 22) and then increased his career high to eight against Indiana (Nov. 27). He equaled his career-best with eight assists against Wofford (Jan. 2).

With nine rebounds against Rutgers (Dec. 21), Jenifer set a new career high in that category. His previous career high for rebounds was five on two occasions.

### **Jenifer Sets Career-High**

Sophomore guard Keith Jenifer has handed out 93 assists (5.5 per game) this season and has surpassed his previous career high of 80. Jenifer has a 1.90 to 1 assist to turnover ratio this season (5th in the ACC).

### **Not Just a Scorer**

Sophomore guard/forward Devin Smith came to Virginia with a reputation as a terrific scorer (19.4 ppg, at Coffeyville Community College), but he has also shown a knack for blocking shots. He has blocked 14 shots in the last nine games, including a season-high four against Liberty (Dec. 30). With 20 blocks this season (1.2 per game), Smith is second on the team in that category.

### **Making the Most of His Opportunities**

Sophomore forward Jason Clark has only taken 45 shots this season, but he's made 32 baskets for an impressive .711 field goal percentage. He has shot 50 percent or better in every game excluding the three games (Indiana – Nov. 27, East Tennessee State – Dec. 17, and Wofford – Jan. 2) he did not attempt a field goal. Clark has been perfect from the field six times this season. He is shooting 63.2 percent (72-114) from the field in his career. In ACC contests during his career, Clark is 37-50 for an amazing 74.0 percent.

### **Home Cookin'**

Freshman forward Derrick Byars is averaging 7.2 points per game this season, however, he is averaging better than nine points per contest in games played at University Hall. (His average at home was 12.3 points per game prior to not scoring against North Carolina – Jan. 11. He injured his left shoulder early in the game against UNC and played only eight minutes). Byars is averaging 9.6 points per game in eight home games and is averaging only 5.0 points in nine games away from home. To go one step further, Byars has only scored 16 points (2.7 per game) in UVa's six games on opponents' home courts.

## Billet Heating Up

In his last five games, junior guard Todd Billet has averaged 19.2 points per game (and 22.5 points per game in his last four ACC games). He has made 30 of 61 attempts from the field for 49.2 percent and 20 of 42 three-point attempts for 47.6 percent. Billet made an ACC season-high seven three-pointers against Clemson (Jan. 18) which ties for the sixth highest single game total in school history.

Billet is averaging 14.1 points per game overall (12th in the ACC) and 20.0 points per ACC contest. On the season, Billet has made 47 three-point field goals (2.76 per game – 3rd in the ACC) and is shooting 38.2 percent from behind the arc (7th in the ACC). In ACC play, he has made 19 of 41 three-point attempts (46.3 percent).

## Brown Finds His Touch

In his last five games, sophomore forward Elton Brown is averaging 12.2 points per game and is shooting 60.0 percent (24-40) from the field. Brown is averaging 9.8 points per game overall and 12.6 points per game in ACC play.

## Watson Heating Up

Senior forward/center Travis Watson has scored in double figures in his last nine games and is averaging 16.1 points per game in those nine contests. On the season, he is averaging 14.6 points per game overall and 15.4 in ACC games.

Watson is shooting a team-best 56.5 percent (91-161) from the field this season and has shot better than 50 percent 10 times (in 16 games). Over the last nine games, he has connected on 60.0 percent (54-90) of his field goal attempts and has shot better than 50 percent in eight of those contests.

When Watson has shot from inside the three-point arc this season, he is 88-145 (60.7 percent). He is just 3-16 (18.8 percent) from three-point range.

## Watson 19th in Scoring

Senior forward/center Travis Watson has moved up to 19th on the Cavaliers' all-time scoring list with 1,335 career points. He needs 81 points to move past Mel Kennedy (1985-88) into 18th place.

## Watson Second in Rebounds

Senior forward/center Travis Watson has grabbed 160 rebounds (10.0 per game) this season in the 16 games he has played. He is now second on Virginia's career rebounding list with 954.

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

1. Ralph Sampson (1980-83)	1,511
<b>2. Travis Watson (2000-pres.)</b>	<b>954</b>
3. Junior Burrough (1992-95)	929
4. Bryant Stith (1989-92)	859
5. Steve Castellan (1976-79)	799
6. Ted Jeffries (1990-93)	787
7. Chris Williams (1999-02)	786

## All-Time Blocked Shot Leaders

Senior Travis Watson ranks among Virginia's all-time leaders in blocked shots. Watson has 111 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 16 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
<b>4. Travis Watson (2000-pres.)</b>	<b>111</b>
5. Steve Castellan (1976-79)	108
6. Chris Williams (1999-02)	97
7. Junior Burrough (1992-95)	96

## 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 2-3 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

## Virginia Returns to Postseason Play

The University of Virginia men's basketball team received an invitation to the National Invitation Tournament (NIT) following the 2001-02 regular season. UVa lost to South Carolina 74-67 in the first round of the tournament. It was the Cavaliers' ninth NIT appearance and the team's third consecutive postseason appearance. Following the 2000-2001 season, UVa received a bid to the 2001 NCAA Tournament. 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. Virginia made the first of three straight postseason appearances with a bid to the 2000 National Invitation Tournament (NIT). UVa lost to Georgetown 115-111 in triple overtime in the first round of the NIT.

## 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 36 times and average 31.3 points and 11.0 rebounds per game. Billet and Smith have made 75 of UVa's 122 three-point field goals this season as well. Billet also leads UVa in free throw percentage (.918 – 56-61) and Smith is second (.800 – 24-30).

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.

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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.

### **Bench Scoring – 48, 47, 46**

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.

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.

### **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* 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.). See page 9 of the notes for bios on the four walk-ons.

## **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 50 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.

### **Watson Named Candidate for CLASS Award**

Senior All-America candidate Travis Watson is one of 36 candidates for the second annual Senior CLASS Award as announced by the award's organizing committee. 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.

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

### **UVa Snaps Slide With 85-75 Win Over Wake Forest**

Virginia halted a three-game skid with an impressive 85-75 victory over 17th-ranked Wake Forest (Jan. 23) at University Hall. The Cavaliers shot 50.8 percent (30-59) from the field in the game and limited the Demon Deacons to 34.5 percent (10-29) shooting in the second half.

Junior guard Todd Billet led all scorers with 23 points and added three assists and two steals. Senior forward/center Travis Watson registered his eighth double-double of the season with 11 points and 13 rebounds. He also handed out a career-high five assists and had two steals. Sophomore guard/forward Devin Smith contributed 17 points, while sophomore forward Jason Clark added 10 points.

Wake Forest got off to a great start as it made its first five field goal attempts of the game, including four threes, to take an early 14-9 lead. The Demon Deacons led by as many as eight points (31-23) in the opening stanza. UVa led 43-41 at the intermission despite Wake Forest's 57.7 percent (15-26) shooting from the floor.

In the second half, the Cavaliers shot 55.6 percent (15-27) from the field. UVa opened up a nine-point lead (53-44) five minutes into the second half and never saw its lead shrink to less than four points.

The Cavaliers held Wake Forest to 45.5 percent (25-55) shooting in the game, while UVa connected on 50.8 percent (30-59) of its attempts. The Demon Deacons outrebounded Virginia 34-32. Virginia had 19 assists in the game while committing 13 turnovers.

Josh Howard and Vytautas Danelius led Wake Forest with 20 points apiece, while Taron Downey added 19 points.

### **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 combined 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 Looks Toward Senior Year**

Senior forward/center Travis Watson has been named to the Wooden Award Preseason All-American Basketball Team and is also a preseason Naismith Award candidate. Watson is a third-team preseason All-America selection by *Street & Smith's* and is rated sixth nationally at center in *Lindy's* preseason basketball magazine. Watson added to his already impressive career at UVa by being named to the All-ACC second team after the 2001-02 season. He led the ACC in four statistical categories last season: double-doubles (17), rebounds (9.7 rpg), offensive rebounds (3.43 pg), and defensive rebounds (6.29 pg).

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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.

#### **Twelve Games against Tournament Teams**

Of Virginia's 29 regular-season games before the 2003 ACC Tournament, 12 are against eight teams that participated in either the 2002 NCAA Tournament or the National Invitation Tournament (NIT). Two of the games are against national champion Maryland. The Cavaliers also meet league foes Duke, N.C. State and Wake Forest twice. Those teams all participated in last season's NCAA Tournament. In addition to

those games, Virginia has 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 3-4 in 2002-2003 against teams that competed in postseason play last season.

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## **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 AA Championship...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.