

# VIRGINIA BASKETBALL 2002-2003 MEDIA NOTES

Virginia (3-0)

vs.

#19 / #20 Indiana (2-0)

Maui Invitational

November 27, 2002 • 9:30 p.m. (ET)

Lahaina Civic Center

Maui, Hawaii

## 2002-03 SCHEDULE

3-0 Overall / 0-0 ACC

Home: 1-0

Away: 0-0

Neutral: 2-0

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)	9:30 p.m.
Dec. 4	at Michigan State** (ESPN)	9:00 p.m.
Dec. 17	EAST TENN. STATE	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 19	GARDNER-WEBB	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 21	at Rutgers	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 28	GEORGETOWN (CBS)	2:00 p.m.
Dec. 30	LIBERTY	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 2	WOFFORD (Com/Sunshine)	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 5	at N.C. State (FSN)	5:30 p.m.
Jan. 11	NORTH CAROLINA (ESPN)	Noon
Jan. 15	at Duke (ESPN)	7:00 p.m.
Jan. 18	at Clemson (R/JP)	3:00 p.m.
Jan. 21	at Virginia Tech (ESPN2)	7:00 p.m.
Jan. 23	WAKE FOREST (ESPN2)	7:00 p.m.
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 <sup>^</sup>	TBD

\*Maui Invitational, Maui, Hawaii

\*\*ACC/Big 10 Challenge

<sup>^</sup>Greensboro, N.C.

### TELEVISION

Tonight's game against Indiana will be televised by ESPN. Dave O'Brien will handle the play-by-play. Bill Raftery is the analyst. Jay Bilas is the sideline reporter.

### 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 (2001-2002: 17-12/7-9 ACC) has advanced to the championship game of the 19th annual Maui Invitational with a pair of victories. UVa defeated host Chaminade 86-72 (Nov. 25) and 15th-ranked Kentucky 75-61 (Nov. 26) at the Lahaina Civic Center. With the two wins the Cavaliers improve to 3-0 on the season. Indiana (2001-2002: 25-12/11-5 Big Ten) is ranked 19th in the AP Poll and 20th in the *USA Today*/ESPN Poll. The Hoosiers are 2-0 in the 2002-2003 season with Maui Invitational victories over Massachusetts (84-71) and 20th-ranked Gonzaga (76-75).

### Playing for the Title

The Cavaliers have reached the championship game of the Maui Invitational for the second time and are seeking their first title. UVa won its first two games in the 1996 Maui Invitational before falling to Kansas 80-63 in the finals.

### The Series vs. Indiana

Today's game is Virginia's third meeting with Indiana with the series tied at one game apiece. The series began in the 1962-63 season with Indiana recording a 90-59 victory (Dec. 1) in the Cavaliers' season opener in Bloomington. UVa evened the series with a 50-48 victory (Mar. 24) in the 1984 NCAA East Regional Final in Atlanta, Ga.

### Back-to-Back

The Cavaliers are trying to accomplish a feat which no Virginia men's basketball team has been able to do in nearly 25 years – to win back-to-back games in consecutive days against nationally-ranked teams. The Cavaliers accomplished the first step with a 75-61 win over 15th-ranked Kentucky Tuesday (Nov. 26).

The last time UVa won back-to-back games in consecutive days against ranked teams was in the 1976-77 season when the Cavaliers defeated 16th-ranked Wake Forest 59-57 (Mar. 3) and 18th-ranked Clemson 72-60 (Mar. 4). The games took place in the ACC Tournament in Greensboro, N.C.

The last time Virginia defeated ranked teams in back-to-back games was in the 2000-2001 season. UVa posted a 99-78 win over ninth-ranked Maryland (Jan. 31) and an 82-71 victory over 16th-ranked Wake Forest (Feb. 3). Both games were in Charlottesville.

### Cavalier Captains

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

## Virginia vs. the Big Ten

Virginia is 13-13 all-time against the 11 current Big Ten schools. UVa is 1-0 vs. Purdue, 5-2 vs. Penn State, 3-1 vs. Minnesota, 1-1 vs. Wisconsin and Indiana, 1-2 vs. Michigan, 1-3 vs. Ohio State, 0-1 vs. Iowa and 0-2 vs. Michigan State. The Cavaliers have never faced Illinois and Northwestern. In their last completed game against a Big Ten school, the Cavaliers defeated Purdue 98-79 (Nov. 29) in the ACC/Big Ten Challenge in the 2000-2001 season in Charlottesville. UVa was scheduled to play Michigan State last year in the ACC/Big Ten Challenge (Nov. 28) at the Richmond Coliseum, but the game was halted with UVa leading 31-28 with 15:04 left in the contest due to wet floor conditions.

## Head Coach Pete Gillen

Pete Gillen is in his 18th season as a collegiate head coach and sports a 347-177 record for a .662 winning percentage. Gillen is in his fifth season at Virginia and has posted a 73-49 record (.598 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).

## Eighth Time to the Aloha State

This is the eighth time in school history the Cavaliers have traveled to Hawaii to play, including three trips during Ralph Sampson's career at Virginia. UVa has registered a 12-6 record in its eight trips to Hawaii (including the 86-72 win over Chaminade Monday and a 75-61 win over 15th-ranked Kentucky Tuesday). This is Virginia's third time participating in the Maui Invitational. UVa made its first appearance in the inaugural event in 1984 (then called the Hawaiian Airlines Silversword Invitational) and participated in the 1996 tournament, advancing to the championship game.

Virginia's first trip to Hawaii occurred during the 1979-80 season when the Cavaliers defeated BYU-Hawaii 82-64 and Chaminade 79-54 during Sampson's freshman year.

The Cavaliers returned two years later (December of 1981) just after the first semester exam period and defeated Chaminade 75-59 and BYU-Hawaii 118-84. Virginia suffered its first loss in Hawaii when the Cavaliers were upset by Chaminade 77-72 on December 24, 1982.

During the last three trips to Hawaii, Virginia has participated in several tournaments, starting with the Hawaiian Airlines Silversword Invitational to begin the 1984-85 season. UVa lost to Providence 75-71 in overtime in the first round and then defeated Davidson 69-65.

The Cavaliers returned to Hawaii to play in the Chaminade Christmas Classic in December 1987. They lost to Oklahoma in the opening round 109-61, but rebounded to defeat Georgia 87-54 and Chaminade 66-58.

The Cavaliers opened the 1996-97 season by advancing to the championship game of the Maui Invitational. They downed South Carolina 93-70 in the first round, and UMass 75-68 in the semifinals before losing to Kansas 80-

63 in the finals.

In its last trip to the Aloha State in December of 1997, UVa won one of three games in the Rainbow Classic in Honolulu. The Cavaliers lost to Nebraska 80-65 (Dec. 27), defeated Brigham Young 72-54 (Dec. 29) and lost to New Mexico State in overtime 87-82 (Dec. 30).

## Three Experimental Rules Being Used

Three experimental rules will be used in the Maui Invitational. The three experimental rules are:

\* Widening the free-throw lane by two feet on each side (a repeat of this past season's experimental rule).

\* Moving the three-point line nine inches behind the current three-point line to create a new experimental distance of 20 feet, 6 inches.

\* Relocating the free throw lane block between the first free throw lane space adjacent to the end line and the next lane space on both sides of the lane.

## 2002-2003 ACC Pre-Season Media Prediction

(Indicates first place votes)

Team	Points
1. Duke (79)	852
2. Maryland (9)	686
3. N.C. State (4)	595
4. Georgia Tech (1)	548
<b>5. 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	Second Team
<b>Travis Watson, UVa</b> 85	Dahntay Jones, Duke 24
Steve Blake, Md 83	Edward Scott, Clem 12
Chris Duhon, Duke 83	Tahj Holden, Md 5
Josh Howard, WF 78	Marcus Melvin, NCSU 5
Julius Hodge, NCSU 62	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

### **Another Double-Double**

Senior forward/center Travis Watson has picked up where he left off last season as he recorded double-doubles in the first two games of the season. With the two double-doubles, Watson has 40 in his career which trails only Ralph Sampson's school record 84 career double-doubles. Watson opened the season with 26 points and 13 rebounds in UVa's 90-86 win over Long Island (Nov. 22). He tallied 16 points and 14 boards in the Cavaliers' 86-72 victory over Chaminade (Nov. 25). Watson's 40 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.

### **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's former career-best was 11 points against Duke (Jan. 27, 2002). He made four of six shots from the field and four of five attempts from the free throw line.

### **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 High**

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 also handed out six assists (with no turnovers) against the Wildcats, just one shy of his career-high set against Long Island (Nov. 22) earlier this season.

### **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 post-season 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.

### **50th Anniversary of the ACC**

The Atlantic Coast Conference is celebrating its 50th anniversary this season. Former University of Virginia

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standouts Jeff Lamp, Barry Parkhill and Ralph Sampson were named to the 50th Anniversary ACC Men's Basketball Team.

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.

### **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.

### **Transfers Ready to Play**

Guard Todd Billet (Rutgers) and center Nick Vander Laan (California-Berkeley) are eligible to play for the Cavaliers during the 2002-03 season after transferring to Virginia prior to the 2001-02 academic year.

Billet is a 6-0 guard from Middletown, N.J. He started all 58 games and averaged 14.6 points per game in his

### **Maui Invitational Championship Game**

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 is a 6-10 center from Sacramento, Calif. He transferred to Virginia from California-Berkeley where he averaged 7.5 points and 6.1 rebounds a game in two seasons. He was voted honorable mention Pac-10 All-Freshman following the 1999-2000 season.

### **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 six of the notes for bios on the four walk-ons.

### **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.

### **Watson Moves Up to Fourth in Rebounds**

Senior forward/center Travis Watson has opened the 2002-2003 season by grabbing 35 rebounds (11.7 per game)

in the Cavaliers' first three games. He now stands fourth on Virginia's career rebounding list with 829. Watson needs 31 rebounds to move past Bryant Stith (1989-92) into third place.

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

1. Ralph Sampson (1980-83)	1,511
2. Junior Burrough (1992-95)	929
3. Bryant Stith (1989-92)	859
<b>4. Travis Watson (2000-pres.)</b>	<b>829</b>
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 102 career blocked shots and ranks fifth all-time. He blocked a career-high tying five shots against Chaminade (Nov. 25) to jump from seventh to fifth place. He needs seven blocked shots to move past Steve Castellan (1976-79) for fourth place.

Here's a look at UVa's all-time blocked shots leaders:

1. Ralph Sampson (1980-83)	462
2. Chris Alexander (1993-96)	148
3. Kris Hunter (1997-99)	126
4. Steve Castellan (1976-79)	108
<b>5. Travis Watson (2000-pres.)</b>	<b>102</b>
6. Chris Williams (1999-02)	97
7. Junior Burrough (1992-95)	96
8. Colin Ducharme (1997-00)	88

### **UVa Notches Upset Win Over 15th-Ranked Kentucky**

The Cavaliers made several key three-pointers down the stretch to break open a tight game and post a 75-61 victory over 15th-ranked Kentucky Tuesday (Nov. 26) in the Maui Invitational. With the win, UVa earned a berth in the championship game of the tournament.

Sophomore guard/forward Devin Smith and junior guard Todd Billet led the way with game-highs of 15 points apiece. Smith made three three-pointers in the final six minutes of the game, while Billet made his three treys in the second stanza as UVa outscored the Wildcats 45-29. Sophomore guard Keith Jenifer scored a career-high 13 points and handed out six assists, while freshman forward Derrick Byars reached double figures for the first time in his collegiate career with 10 points. Smith, senior forward/center Travis Watson and junior center Nick Vander Laan each pulled down eight rebounds.

Kentucky led by as many as nine points (18-9) in the first half and took a 32-30 advantage at the intermission. The Cavaliers took the lead for good (44-42) on Billet's first three-pointer of the game at the 14:30 mark. UVa stretched its lead to eight (61-53) on a Smith three-pointer with 5:51 to play, but Kentucky answered with six consecutive points to pull within two (61-59). Smith then nailed back-to-back threes to increase Virginia's lead to 67-59 and put the game out of reach.

Marquis Estill, Keith Bogans and Jules Camara each scored 12 points for the Wildcats. Camara led all players with 10 rebounds and four blocked shots.

UVa shot 47.5 percent (28-59) from the field while Kentucky made only 25 of 67 attempts (37.3 percent).

### **Maui Invitational Championship Game**

Virginia made eight threes in the game compared to the Wildcats' two. UVa shot a season-best 11-12 (91.7 percent) from the free throw line. The Wildcats were equally as accurate, making 9-10 from the line. The Cavaliers held a 41-32 edge in rebounds.

### **Cavaliers Knock Off Chaminade**

Virginia opened the Maui Invitational with an 86-72 victory over Chaminade Monday (Nov. 25) at the Lahaina Civic Center. Sophomore forward Elton Brown scored a career-high 22 points and senior forward/center Travis Watson recorded his second double-double of the season with 16 points and 14 rebounds in leading the Cavaliers to the victory.

Brown made eight of 13 attempts from the field and was five for seven from the free throw line en route to his career-high 22 points. His previous career-best was 20 points vs. Georgia Tech (Jan. 22, 2002). Brown also added six rebounds. Watson posted his 40th career double-double and second of the season with 16 points and 14 boards. He also equaled his career-high with five blocked shots, and added two steals and two assists. Sophomore guard/forward Devin Smith had 16 of the Cavaliers' 47 points off the bench.

The Cavaliers, who held Chaminade to 28 percent (7-25) shooting in the first half, led by five, 36-31, at the intermission. UVa shot a sizzling 65.4 percent (17-26) while putting 50 points on the scoreboard in the second half. For the game, Virginia shot 48.4 percent (31-64) from the field while limiting the Silverswords to 34.9 percent (22-63) accuracy. UVa held a 44-40 edge in rebounds as well.

Roy Stigall led Chaminade with 18 points, while Rahshaw McAfee added 10.

### **Virginia Downs Long Island in Season-opener**

Senior forward/center Travis Watson registered a double-double with 26 points and 13 rebounds in leading UVa to a 90-86 season-opening win over Long Island University Friday (Nov. 22) at University Hall.

Watson made 11 of 13 attempts from the field en route to his game-high 26 points. In addition to his game-best 13 rebounds, Watson led all players with four blocked shots and four steals.

Junior guard Todd Billet also turned in an outstanding performance with 20 points, four rebounds, three assists and a key blocked shot of a three-point attempt with the Cavaliers leading by three points late in the game. Billet made five of 10 three-point attempts. Sophomore forward Jason Clark came off the bench to score a career-high 12 points, all of which came in the second half. Sophomore guard Keith Jenifer chipped in with a career-high seven assists, four points and two steals.

The Cavaliers shot a blistering 66.7 percent (18-27) in the first half, but the Blackbirds' trailed by only four points (44-40) at the intermission, thanks in part to six three-pointers.

Virginia trailed just once in the second half (47-46 with 16:47 to play), but could never put Long Island away. UVa built a 10-point lead, 78-68, with 4:40 to play, only to see Long Island go on an 11-2 run to pull within a point, 80-79,

with 3:21 left. With the Cavaliers leading 86-83 with 12 seconds to go, Billet blocked Antawn Dobie's three-point attempt to help seal the victory.

UVa shot 50 percent (33-66) in the game, while LIU connected on 33-68 attempts from the floor (48.5 percent), including 10 three-pointers. The Blackbirds held a 41-30 edge in rebounds. UVa committed only nine turnovers in the game while forcing 15 Blackbird miscues.

JaJa Bey had four three-pointers and led Long Island with 21 points, while Maurice Yearwood drained five three-point field goals and finished with 17 points. Derek Bell and Dobie added 16 and 15 points, respectively.

### **UVa Closes Exhibition Season with 73-57 Victory**

Senior forward/center Travis Watson registered a double-double with 16 points and 16 rebounds to lead the Cavaliers to a 73-57 exhibition win over One World All-Stars Sunday (Nov. 17) at University Hall.

In addition to his 16 points and game-high 16 rebounds, Watson blocked a pair of shots. Junior guard Todd Billet led all scorers in the game with 17 points while playing 39 minutes. He also recorded a game-high seven assists. Junior center Nick Vander Laan and sophomore guard Devin 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.

Virginia trailed for most of the first half, but a layup by Watson with 22 seconds remaining gave UVa a 35-34 half-time advantage. 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.

Gordon Malone led One World All-Stars with 15 points, 13 rebounds and two blocked shots, while Kareem Reid tallied 14 points.

UVa shot 44.6 percent (29-65) from the field in the game while limiting One World All-Stars to 31.1 percent (19-61) accuracy. The Cavaliers also held a 45-38 edge in rebounds.

### **Cavaliers Open Exhibition Season with 84-60 Win**

Virginia began the exhibition portion of the 2002-03 season with an 84-60 victory over Big Apple Basketball November 10 at University Hall. 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. He also added three assists, two steals and a blocked shot. 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. Senior center/forward Jason Rogers was the only other Cavalier to score as he had two points.

Virginia shot 44.7 percent (34-76) from the field in the game while holding Big Apple Basketball to 34.3 percent (23-67) shooting from the floor. The Cavaliers also held a 63-37 advantage in rebounding, including a 29-14 edge on the offensive glass. UVa shot 52.6 percent (20-38) in the first half as it took a 47-28 lead at the intermission.

Forward Michael Tabb led Big Apple Basketball with 19 points, a game-high four blocked shots and five rebounds. Forward Roberto Gittens added 13 points and eight rebounds, while former Cavalier guard Harold Deane contributed 10 points and three assists.

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.

### **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).

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.

### **Eleven Games against Tournament Teams**

Of Virginia's 29 regular-season games before the 2003 ACC Tournament, 11 are against seven 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. In addition to those games, Virginia plays Michigan State, an NCAA participant and Rutgers, which earned an NIT bid.

At the Maui Invitational (November 25-27), UVa will play either Kentucky (NCAA) or Arizona State (NIT) in the second round. Indiana, the national runners-up, as well as NCAA participants Utah and Gonzaga, are also possible opponents in the Maui Invitational which could bring Virginia's total number of games against teams making postseason appearances to 12.

### **Harper Suspended**

Sophomore guard Jermaine Harper is suspended indefinitely from the team for a violation of team rules. He will not practice or play in games during the suspension.

## 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.