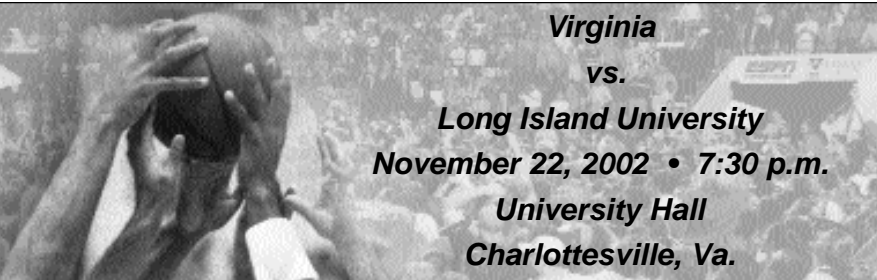


VIRGINIA BASKETBALL 2002-2003 MEDIA NOTES



Virginia

vs.

Long Island University

November 22, 2002 • 7:30 p.m.

University Hall

Charlottesville, Va.

2002-03 SCHEDULE

Nov. 10	Big Apple Basketball (EX)	W, 84-60
Nov. 17	One World All-Stars (EX)	W, 73-57
Nov. 22	LONG ISLAND	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 25-27 Maui Invitational Tournament		
Nov. 25	Chaminade* (ESPN)	2:00 p.m.
Nov. 26	TBD*	TBD
Nov. 27	TBD*	TBD
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^	TBD

*Maui Invitational, Maui, Hawaii

**ACC/Big 10 Challenge

^Greensboro, N.C.

TELEVISION

Tonight's game against Long Island University 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 concluded the exhibition portion of its schedule with a 73-57 victory over One World All-Stars November 17 at University Hall. UVA finished the 2001-2002 season with a 17-12 overall record and a 7-9 mark in the Atlantic Coast Conference in Pete Gillen's fourth year as Virginia's head coach. Long Island University posted a 5-22 overall record and a 5-15 mark in the Northeast Conference.

Cavaliers Open Season Tonight

Virginia begins the 2002-2003 season, its 98th overall and fifth under head coach Pete Gillen, on Friday, November 22, when the Cavaliers host Long Island University at 7:30 p.m. in University Hall.

UVA is 77-20 (.794) all-time in season openers. The Cavaliers have won four consecutive and 13 of their last 15 season openers dating back to 1987-88. Virginia's last loss in a season opener was in 1997-98 when it dropped an 83-79 double overtime decision at Richmond.

The Cavaliers have won their last five season openers at University Hall. Last season, Virginia defeated Wagner College 105-74 in the opener at U-Hall (Nov. 16). In the 2000-2001 season, UVA defeated Long Island 96-50 in the opener at U-Hall. Virginia also posted a 97-66 win over Elon in its home opener in 1999-2000. In 1995-96, the Cavaliers posted an 84-65 victory over Tennessee-Martin and in 1994-95, Virginia registered an 83-80 win over Old Dominion. UVA's last loss in a home opener was a 77-36 setback to Connecticut in the 1993-94 season.

The Series vs. Long Island

Tonight's game is just Virginia's third meeting with Long Island. UVA won the first two meetings of the series. In the initial meeting on December 27, 1985, the Cavaliers defeated Long Island 71-52 in the first round of the Rochester Classic in Rochester, N.Y. Virginia won the second meeting in the series 96-50 at University Hall in the 2000-2001 season-opener on November 17.

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 Northeast Conference

Virginia is 6-0 all-time against teams that were members of the Northeast Conference (formerly the ECAC Metro from 1982-88) when they played the Cavaliers. All six wins have come at home in University Hall. UVa is 2-0 against Long Island University and Wagner College, and 1-0 against Fairleigh Dickinson, and Loyola (Md.).

Head Coach Pete Gillen

Pete Gillen is in his 18th season as a collegiate head coach and sports a 344-177 record for a .660 winning percentage. Gillen is entering his fifth season at Virginia and has posted a 70-49 record (.588 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).

Gillen has compiled a 15-2 record in season openers in his career as a collegiate head coach, winning his last 12 openers. Gillen is 4-0 in season-openers at UVa. He successfully began his coaching career at Virginia with an 86-70 win over VCU on November 13 to start the 1998-99 campaign and coached the team to a 97-66 victory over Elon College to open the 1999-00 season. In 2000-2001, Gillen's Cavaliers registered a 96-50 victory over Long Island, and last year UVa notched a 105-74 win over Wagner College. He was 7-2 at Xavier (1986-94) and 4-0 at Providence (1995-98) in season openers.

Non-Conference Teams at University Hall

Virginia is 194-29 (.870) all-time in University Hall against non-conference opponents since the building opened for the 1965-66 season. The Cavaliers have won 76 of their last 86 home games 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).

No Back-to-Back Losses at Home

The Cavaliers have not lost back-to-back home games since the 1997-98 season. Virginia has played 63 games at University Hall since losing back-to-back home games in the 1997-98 season. The last time Virginia was defeated in consecutive home games was during the 1997-98 season when the Cavaliers lost consecutive home games to Florida State (Feb. 4), 71-63 and North Carolina (Feb. 11), 60-45. UVa also lost to Duke (Jan. 24), 72-65 which was the first of three consecutive home losses.

The streak is on the line against Long Island as UVa lost its final home game of the 2001-2002 season, 74-67, to South Carolina in the first round of the 2002 NIT (Mar. 13).

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.

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
5.	Virginia	488
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

Travis Watson, Virginia	85
Steve Blake, Maryland	83
Chris Duhon, Duke	83
Josh Howard, Wake Forest	78
Julius Hodge, N.C. State	62

Second Team

Dahntay Jones, Duke	24
Edward Scott, Clemson	12
Tahj Holden, Maryland	5
Marcus Melvin, N.C. State	5
Raymond Felton, North Carolina	5

2002-03 Media Pre-Season ACC Player of Year

Chris Duhon, Duke	26
Travis Watson, Virginia	23
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

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.

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 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 four 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.

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.

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.