

VIRGINIA BASKETBALL 2002-2003 MEDIA NOTES

Virginia (13-7 / 4-4 ACC)

vs.

N.C. State (12-6 / 5-3 ACC)

February 9, 2003 • 4:00 p.m.

University Hall (8,392)

Charlottesville, Va.

2002-03 SCHEDULE

13-7 Overall / 4-4 ACC

Home: 9-0

Away: 2-6

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	W, 85-72
Feb. 1	at Georgia Tech (R/JP)	L, 60-80
Feb. 6	at #8 Maryland (ESPN2)	W, 86-78
Feb. 9	N.C. STATE (R/JP/ESPN)	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

Today's game against N.C. State will be televised by Raycom/Jefferson-Pilot and ESPN. For Raycom/Jefferson-Pilot, Bob Rathbun will handle the play-by-play and Dan Bonner is the analyst. For ESPN, Mike Patrick will handle the play-by-play and Brad Daugherty is the analyst.

RADIO

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

OFFICIALS

THE GAME

Virginia stands at 13-7 overall and 4-4 in the Atlantic Coast Conference in 2002-2003. The Cavaliers are coming off an 86-78 victory over eighth-ranked Maryland (Feb. 6) at Comcast Center in College Park, Md. N.C. State stands at 12-6 overall and 5-3 in the ACC this season. In its last game, the Wolfpack lost to 14th-ranked Wake Forest 73-58 (Feb. 6) in Winston-Salem, N.C.

The Series vs. N.C. State

N.C. State leads the overall series with Virginia 74-49 (dating back to 1912-13), including a 75-63 victory (Jan. 5) over the Cavaliers in the first meeting of the 2002-2003 season. N.C. State has won five consecutive meetings in the series. In addition to the win earlier this season, the Wolfpack earned three wins in the 2001-2002 season. NCSU won 81-74 (Jan. 5) in Charlottesville, 85-68 (Feb. 6) in Raleigh, and 92-72 (Mar. 8) in the quarterfinals of the ACC Tournament in Charlotte. Despite the last five losses, the Cavaliers have won 15 of 25 contests against NCSU in the last 12 seasons. Since 1980, the Cavaliers are 32-20 in all games against the Wolfpack.

N.C. State's current five-game winning streak (and six of the last seven) over Virginia began with a 90-80 victory (Feb. 7) in Raleigh in the second meeting of the 2000-2001 season. The Cavaliers' last win in the series was an 88-81 triumph (Jan. 6) in Charlottesville in the 2000-2001 season.

The two teams had split the regular season series four consecutive seasons before N.C. State swept the series last year. It marked the Wolfpack's first sweep over UVa since winning both match-ups (by a combined seven points) in 1988. Virginia has swept the season series six times since then, but the last time UVa swept the season series was in the 1996-97 season.

The Cavaliers have won 22 of the last 25 games between the two teams at University Hall. UVa had its 13-game home winning streak over the Wolfpack snapped last season (81-74 – Jan. 5). State's previous two wins in Charlottesville during that stretch came in 1985 and 1988 by a combined margin of three points.

Virginia is 24-12 against the Wolfpack at University Hall and 30-21 in Charlottesville.

Defeating The National Champion

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

Virginia's PROBABLE Starters

No.	Pos.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Ppg.	Rpg.	Mpg	Notes
34	F	Jason Clark	6-8	234	So.	5.4	2.7	14.8	Shooting 71.2 % (42-59) from the field
42	F	Elton Brown	6-9	270	So.	9.9	4.3	19.2	Shooting 57.1 % (36-63) in last eight games
35	F	Travis Watson	6-8	255	Sr.	14.3	10.4	31.1	ACC-best 10 double-doubles, 48 in career
5	F	Derrick Byars	6-7	200	Fr.	7.7	2.9	21.2	Averaging 10.2 ppg at home
22	G	Todd Billet	6-0	192	Jr.	14.1	2.0	32.8	Shooting 88.7% (63-71) from FT line

Virginia's Key Reserves

4	C	Nick Vander Laan	6-10	255	Jr.	6.3	5.0	16.4	UVa career-high 17 pts. vs. Gardner-Webb
33	G	Devin Smith	6-5	230	So.	10.2	3.8	24.2	Tied for 2nd on team with 21 blocked shots
24	G	Jermaine Harper	6-3	165	So.	4.4	1.3	12.6	Scored season-high 12 points vs. Liberty
11	G	Majestic Mapp	6-2	185	Jr.	3.8	0.8	11.3	Played vs. UNC – first game since 3/15/00

Cavaliers and Wolfpack Battle to the Wire

The history of the series between these two schools since the late 1970s has been one marked by many closely contested games. Since 1978, 38 of the 57 games have been decided by less than 10 points. UVa is 26-12 (.684) in those games.

Virginia's last eight wins (going back seven seasons) over the Wolfpack have been by a combined 40 points (5.0/g).

Since 1978, four games have been decided by one point, five by two points, six by three points, three by four points and three by five points.

It's curious to note in the long history of the series going back to the first meeting 90 years ago that only three games have gone to overtime. Virginia has been victorious in all three overtime contests. UVa won the first overtime game 81-73 in 1977-78 and won 84-82 in double overtime in 1995-96. In the most recent overtime affair, the Cavaliers won 82-79 in 1998-99. During one stretch (1985-1988) nine consecutive games were decided by nine points or less.

In a bit of an aberration, eight of the last 10 N.C. State wins in the series have been by double digits—67-54 in 1994, 74-55 in 1998, 82-72 in 1999, 76-65 in 2000, 90-80 in 2001, 85-68, 92-72 in 2002, and 75-63 in 2003. The exceptions were a 65-62 Wolfpack win on Jan. 12, 2000, and an 81-74 win on Jan. 5, 2002.

Field Goal Percentage is Key to Wins Over 'Pack

Virginia has had the upper hand in the series versus N.C. State over the last 13 years and one of the keys to the Cavaliers' success is field goal percentage defense. Since the 1989-90 season, Virginia has won 17 of 29 contests. In the 17 wins, UVa has held N.C. State below 45 percent field goal shooting 13 times and under 40 percent nine times. In the Wolfpack's 12 victories, they have shot 51.3 percent from the floor, including 61.0 percent (25-41) in the 2000 ACC Tournament (Mar. 10) and 60.4 percent (29-48) in the 2002 ACC Tournament (Mar. 8). The lowest NCSU has shot in a victory over the Cavaliers since 1989-90 was 46.9 percent (23-49) in a 75-63 win (Jan. 5) in Raleigh earlier this season.

The Wolfpack shot 44.5 percent from the field and averaged 71.7 points per game against Virginia over the last 14 seasons. In wins over UVa, N.C. State has shot 52.2 percent from the floor and averaged 79.5 points, compared to 39.8 percent shooting and 66.2 points per game in losses to Virginia.

In the last seven meetings (six NCSU wins), N.C. State shot 54.9 percent (192-350) from the field, including a trio of 60+ percent contests. Only twice in the last seven games have the Cavaliers held N.C. State under 50 percent shooting

– 49.1 percent (28-57) and 46.9 percent (23-49).

A look at N.C. State's field goal shooting and points scored against Virginia since the 1989-90 season follows.

Year	Site	FGM	FGA	Pct.	Pts.	Winner
1989-90	NCSU	33	62	53.2	84	NCSU
	UVa	26	69	37.7	71	UVa
1990-91	UVa	27	59	45.8	72	UVa
	NCSU	28	58	48.3	83	NCSU
1991-92	NCSU	24	66	36.4	69	UVa
	UVa	26	62	41.9	68	UVa
1992-93	NCSU	19	64	29.7	56	UVa
	UVa	28	62	45.2	66	UVa
1993-94	UVa	21	68	30.9	58	UVa
	NCSU	25	53	47.2	67	NCSU
1994-95	NCSU	24	65	36.9	65	UVa
	UVa	24	62	38.7	55	UVa
1995-96	UVa	25	77	32.5	69	UVa
	NCSU	26	61	42.6	82	UVa
1996-97	UVa	20	44	45.5	50	UVa
	NCSU	15	39	38.5	46	UVa
1997-98	UVa	17	49	34.7	56	UVa
	NCSU	25	50	50.0	74	NCSU
1998-99	NCSU	29	50	58.0	82	NCSU
	UVa	25	59	42.4	79	UVa
1999-00	NCSU	25	52	48.1	65	NCSU
	UVa	30	68	44.1	82	UVa
2000-01	ACC	25	41	61.0	76	NCSU
	UVa	30	49	61.2	81	UVa
2001-02	NCSU	30	53	56.6	90	NCSU
	UVa	28	57	49.1	81	NCSU
2002-03	NCSU	27	53	50.9	85	NCSU
	ACC	29	48	60.4	92	NCSU
2002-03	NCSU	23	49	46.9	75	NCSU

UVa Wins since 1989-90 (17) 39.8 66.2

UVa Losses since 1989-90 (12) 52.2 79.5

Overall since 1989-90 (28) 44.5 71.7

Earlier This Season Vs. N.C. State

Virginia fell to N.C. State 75-63 (Jan. 5) in the Atlantic Coast Conference opener for both teams in Raleigh, N.C. The Wolfpack made nine three-pointers, including several timely threes, in the game to pull out the victory.

Senior forward/center Travis Watson registered his sixth double-double of the season with 10 points and 12 rebounds to lead UVa. Sophomore guard/forward Devin Smith led the Cavaliers in scoring with 14 points off the bench. Junior guard Todd Billet added 10 points, while sophomore forward

Elton Brown tallied nine points and seven rebounds.

After falling behind by as many as nine points (15-6) with 14:56 to play in the first half, the Cavaliers went on a 13-2 run to grab a 19-17 lead. Watson capped off the run with a layup at the 7:33 mark. N.C. State scored the final seven points of the half to take a 29-24 lead at the intermission.

The Wolfpack shot 52 percent (13-25) from the field in the second half and also converted 17 of 23 (73.9 percent) of their free throws to outscore UVa 46-39 in the second half.

N.C. State shot 46.9 percent (23-49) from the floor in the game, while the Cavaliers only made 26 of 65 (40.0 percent) attempts from the floor. The Wolfpack made 20 of 27 free throw attempts (74.1 percent) in the game, while UVa was seven of 12 (58.3 percent) from the foul line. Virginia held a 39-33 advantage in rebounds.

Julius Hodge led N.C. State with 21 points and 11 rebounds. Clifford Crawford added 14 points.

'Hoos Starting

The Cavaliers have played 20 games this season and have used 12 different starting lineups. UVa's latest starting lineup (vs. Maryland – Feb. 6) featured sophomore forward Jason Clark, sophomore forward Elton Brown, senior forward/center Travis Watson, junior guard Todd Billet and freshman forward Derrick Byars. Those five comprised UVa's 12th different starting lineup this season. It was also Virginia's fourth consecutive game using a new starting lineup.

Billet and Watson lead the team with 18 starts apiece, while sophomore guard/forward Devin Smith and sophomore guard Keith Jenifer have drawn 14 starting assignments. Brown has started 11 contests, while Byars and junior center Nick Vander Laan have started 10 and nine times, respectively. Eight different players have started games this season for Virginia and all eight have at least six 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:

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

A Rare ACC Road Win

Against Maryland (an 86-78 win – Feb. 6), the Cavaliers did what many ACC teams haven't been able to do this year – defeat a conference opponent on the road. Entering Thursday night's UVa-Maryland game, home ACC teams had won 28 of 35 conference games and the top six teams in the league (Wake Forest, Maryland, Duke, N.C. State, Virginia, and Georgia Tech) were undefeated at home – 22-0.

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

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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.	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, UVa	85
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
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

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.

A Top 10 Victory

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

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 357-184 record for a .660 winning percentage. Gillen is in his fifth season at Virginia and has posted an 83-56 record (.597 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).

Community Service

Junior guard Todd Billet is having an influence both on and off the court for Virginia. Billet's on-the-court exploits are apparent, but his off-the-court contributions to the Charlottesville community are even more impressive. Billet is organizing a minority bone marrow registration and blood drive which will be held on Saturday, February 15 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at The Cage, located in Onesty Hall. Billet is organizing the event after being involved in the same activity at Rutgers.

Although the bone marrow registration and blood drive is specifically targeting minorities, all ethnicities are encouraged to register and/or donate blood.

Billet said that he wanted to start the registration and drive at UVa to spread awareness about the importance of becoming a bone marrow and blood donor, especially for minority groups.

"For someone with leukemia, their only hope may be a bone marrow transplant, which requires a donor. However, minorities face a limited number of possible bone marrow matches because a relatively low number of minorities register.

"We are targeting minorities because they are the largest group in need, but we want everyone to come out to donate and register," said Billet. "By doing so, you might possibly save someone's life."

He's Back

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

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

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.

In the Cavaliers' 85-75 victory over Wake Forest (Jan. 23), Mapp saw 17 minutes of action, and had three points, four assists and one steal with only one turnover. Against Florida State (Jan. 29), he scored four points and had three rebounds, two assists and two turnovers in nine minutes. Mapp played 15 minutes vs. Georgia Tech (Feb. 1) and had two points, two assists and one steal.

Mapp saw his most significant playing time of the season in UVa's 86-78 win over Maryland (Feb. 6). In 19 minutes of action, Mapp had 11 points, including a 9-10 effort from the free throw line, one rebound, one assist and one blocked shot. His 11 points were just one shy of his career high.

Jenifer Suspended Indefinitely

Sophomore guard Keith Jenifer is suspended from the team indefinitely for conduct detrimental to the team. He will not practice or play in games during the suspension.

Jenifer started 14 games and played in all 19 of the Cavaliers' games this season. He leads the team in assists (104) and is averaging 5.6 points and 3.5 rebounds a game.

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 February 3.

Billet is tied for seventh in the nation in free throw percentage at 92.3 percent (60-65). Presently, Billet is shooting 88.7 percent (63-71) from the free throw line.

Watson is 12th among all Division I players in rebounds with an average of 10.4 per game (197 in 19 games).

Home Sweet Home

Like many ACC teams, the Cavaliers are enjoying terrific success playing in front of their home crowd. Nine of UVa's 13 victories this season have been at University Hall. Prior to defeating Maryland (86-78 – Feb. 6), Virginia had lost its last five road games.

The Cavaliers are a perfect 9-0 at U-Hall this season and just 4-7 away from home, including 2-6 in away games.

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

47-8 (85.5 percent) in all home games
21-6 (77.8 percent) in all home ACC games
15-26 (36.6 percent) in all away games
8-21 (27.6 percent) in all away ACC games
7-6 (53.8 percent) in all neutral site games

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.

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Cavalier Captains

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

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.

Five Score in Double Figures

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

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

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 1,125 points in his collegiate career. Billet scored 844 points in two seasons at Rutgers and has scored 281 points this season in a Virginia uniform.

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 10-5 when it shoots below 50 percent). The two games UVa shot 50 percent and lost, it outshot its opponent (Duke – 50.8 to 50.0 and Clemson – 59.2 to 55.4). Virginia is one of only two ACC schools (Clemson is the other) this year to lose a game when shooting 50 percent or better.

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 has notched three double-doubles in his last four games. His eighth double-double of the season came in UVa's win over Wake Forest (Jan. 23). He recorded

his second straight double-double with 20 points and 16 rebounds in the Cavaliers' win over Florida State (Jan. 29). His 10th double-double of the season came against Maryland (Feb. 6) – 15 points and 10 rebounds. See page 6 of the notes for a listing of Watson's double-doubles this season.

Watson has recorded four consecutive double-doubles three times in his career (he did it twice last season). The last Virginia player other than Watson to notch four consecutive double-doubles was in the 1997-98 season when Norman Nolan accomplished the feat. Nolan posted consecutive double-doubles against Clemson (Feb. 21) - 24 pts., 12 rebs., Maryland (Feb. 24) - 26 pts., 15 rebs., Florida State (Feb. 28) - 24 pts., 10 rebs., and Duke (Mar. 3) - 13 pts., 15 rebs.

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

Watson has led UVa in rebounding in 15 of 20 games this season and is averaging ACC bests of 10.4 boards per game overall and 10.9 in ACC play. He leads Virginia in scoring with an average of 14.3 points per game (12th in the ACC). Watson is shooting 53.3 percent (105-197) from the field (2nd in the ACC).

Free Throw Woes

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

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

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

Making Free Throws Down The Stretch

The Cavaliers have struggled from the free throw line this season, making just 66.6 percent (297-446) 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 68.5 percent (102-149) from the line. UVa has made 65.7 percent (195-297) of its attempts in the second half of games. In the final five minutes of games, the Cavaliers have made 110 of 161 attempts for 68.3 percent. (UVa is only 85-136 for 62.5 percent in the first 15 minutes of the second half.) In its last 16 games, UVa has made 99 of 139 attempts from the foul line in the final five minutes of games for 71.2 percent.

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Field Goal Percentage Defense

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

Last year, UVa opponents shot 44.2 percent from the field compared to 42.2 percent in 2002-2003. In ACC contests last season, Virginia's opponents shot 48.0 percent from the floor, versus 45.7 percent this season.

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 (13th in the ACC). He is averaging a team-high 17.8 points per game in ACC play (5th in the ACC). Billet tops the Cavaliers in three-point field goals (58) and is second among all ACC players in free throw shooting (63-71 for 88.7 percent).

Watson 28th All-Time Among ACC Players in Rebounding

Senior forward/center Travis Watson is 28th all-time among ACC players in career rebounds. Watson has 991 rebounds and needs seven rebounds to surpass Matt Harpring, who played for Georgia Tech from 1995-98 for 27th place and tie Maryland's Lonny Baxter (1999-02) for 26th place.

ACC Career Rebounding Leaders

Player	School	Rebs (Avg)
1. Dickie Hemric (1952-55)	Wake Forest	1,802 (17.3)
2. Ron Shavlik (1954-56)	N.C. State	1,598 (16.8)
3. Tim Duncan (1994-97)	Wake Forest	1,570 (12.3)
4. Ralph Sampson (1980-83)	Virginia	1,511 (11.4)
5. Wayne Rollins (1974-77)	Clemson	1,311 (11.9)
6. Mike Gminski (1977-80)	Duke	1,242 (10.2)
7. Dale Davis (1988-91)	Clemson	1,216 (10.0)
8. Len Chappell (1960-62)	Wake Forest	1,213 (13.9)
9. Malcolm Mackey (1990-93)	Georgia Tech	1,205 (9.3)
10. Sam Perkins (1981-84)	North Carolina	1,167 (8.6)
11. Lee Collins (1953-56)	South Carolina	1,159 (12.5)

12. Christian Laettner (1989-92)	Duke	1,149 (7.8)
13. Tom Owens (1969-71)	South Carolina	1,116 (13.3)
14. George Lynch (1990-93)	North Carolina	1,097 (7.8)
15. Alvin Jones (1998-01)	Georgia Tech	1,075 (8.7)
16. Randy Denton (1969-71)	Duke	1,067 (12.7)
17. Tom Burleson (1972-74)	N.C. State	1,066 (12.7)
18. Billy Cunningham (1963-65)	North Carolina	1,062 (15.4)
19. Len Elmore (1972-74)	Maryland	1,053 (12.2)
20. Mike Lewis (1966-68)	Duke	1,051 (12.5)
21. Antawn Jamison (1996-98)	North Carolina	1,027 (9.9)
22. Mitch Kupchak (1973-76)	North Carolina	1,006 (8.5)
23. Brad Daugherty (1983-86)	North Carolina	1,003 (7.4)
Danny Ferry (1986-89)	Duke	1,003 (7.0)
25. Joe Smith (1952-55)	South Carolina	1,001 (10.3)
26. Lonny Baxter (1999-02)	Maryland	998 (7.2)
27. Matt Harpring (1995-98)	Georgia Tech	997 (8.0)
28. Travis Watson (2000-pres) Virginia		991 (9.3)
29. Gene Banks (1978-81)	Duke	985 (7.9)
30. Horace Grant (1983-87)	Clemson	981 (8.0)

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

More Double-Doubles

Senior forward/center Travis Watson has picked up where he left off last season as he has recorded 10 double-doubles this season. With the 10 double-doubles, Watson leads all ACC players in that category. Watson has 48 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)
Travis Watson – 20 pts., 16 rebs. vs. Florida State (Jan. 29)
Travis Watson – 15 pts., 10 rebs. vs. Maryland (Feb. 6)

Watson's 48 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.

Watson has six double-doubles in nine career games against N.C. State.

Duke Ties a Record

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

Raining Threes

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

The Cavaliers made 11 threes in four games this season

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before draining 12 against the Terrapins. Virginia has made 153 three-pointers this season and is averaging 7.7 per game. The Cavaliers are shooting 38.1 percent (153-402) from three-point land overall and 40.7 percent (68-167) in ACC contests.

UVa is shooting 48.4 percent from long range in its last three games (31-64).

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 15 games Harper has played he is averaging 4.4 points and 1.3 rebounds per game. He is averaging 12.6 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). Billet set a Virginia career-best with eight assists against Maryland (Feb. 6). His overall career high is 11 vs. Pittsburgh (Feb. 11, 2001) while playing for Rutgers.

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 10.2 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 scored 12 points versus Florida State (Jan. 29). Clark also blocked a season-high five shots and grabbed a season-best eight rebounds vs. Rutgers. Clark's former career-best was 11 points against Duke (Jan. 27, 2002).

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

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.

Tech (Jan. 22, 2002), made eight of 13 shots from the floor and five of seven attempts from the charity stripe.

Smith Finds Scoring Touch

After scoring a total of six points in his previous two games (and reaching double figures only once in the last seven games), sophomore guard/forward Devin Smith scored 17 points in 18 minutes in UVa's 86-78 victory over Maryland (Feb. 6). Coming off the bench, Smith made six of 11 field goal attempts, including five of seven three-point field goal attempts.

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 is tied for second on the team with 21 blocked shots (1.1 per game), including a season-high four against Liberty (Dec. 30).

Making the Most of His Opportunities

Sophomore forward Jason Clark has only taken 59 shots this season, but he's made 42 baskets for an impressive .712 field goal percentage. He is shooting 74.1 percent (20-27) in ACC games this season. Clark 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 seven times this season. He is shooting 64.1 percent (82-128) from the field in his career. In ACC contests during his career, Clark is 47-64 for an amazing 73.4 percent.

Home Cookin'

Freshman forward Derrick Byars is averaging 7.7 points per game this season, however, he is averaging better than 10 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 10.2 points per game in nine home games and is averaging only 5.5 points in 11 games away from home. To go one step further, Byars has only scored 32 points (4.0 per game) in UVa's eight games on opponents' home courts. Eleven of those points came in UVa's game at Georgia Tech (Feb. 1).

Billet Heating Up

In his last eight games, junior guard Todd Billet has scored 138 points for an average of 17.3 points per game (and 132 points – 18.9 points per game in his last seven ACC games). He has made 42 of 90 attempts from the field for 46.7 percent and 31 of 66 three-point attempts for 47.0 percent. Billet made 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 (13th in the ACC) and 17.8 points per ACC contest (5th in the ACC). On the season, Billet has made 58 three-point field goals overall (2.90 per game – 3rd in the ACC) and is averaging a league-best 3.75 three-pointers per game in conference tilts. Billet is shooting 39.5 percent from behind the arc (7th in the ACC). In ACC play, he has made 30 of 65 three-point attempts (46.2 percent – 3rd in the ACC).

Brown Finds His Touch

In his last eight games, sophomore forward Elton Brown has scored 92 points for an average of 11.5 points per game and is shooting 57.1 percent (36-63) from the field. In his last six ACC games, Brown has made 29 of 49 attempts from the floor (59.2 percent).

Brown is averaging 9.9 points per game overall and 11.8 points per game in ACC play. In ACC games, he is shooting 53.6 percent (37-69) from the field.

Watson Heating Up

Senior forward/center Travis Watson has scored in double figures in 11 of his last 12 games and is averaging 15.3 points per game in those 12 contests. On the season, he is averaging 14.3 points per game overall and 14.5 in ACC games.

Watson is shooting 53.3 percent (105-197) from the field this season and has shot 50 percent or better 11 times (in 19 games). Over the last 12 games, he has connected on 54.0 percent (68-126) of his field goal attempts and has shot 50 percent or better in nine of those contests. Watson is shooting 53.1 percent (43-81) in ACC games (3rd in the ACC).

When Watson has shot from inside the three-point arc this season, he is 101-178 (56.7 percent). He is just 4-19 (21.1 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 1,374 career points. He needs 42 points to move past Mel Kennedy (1985-88) into 18th place.

Watson Second in Rebounds

Senior forward/center Travis Watson has grabbed 197 rebounds (10.4 per game) this season in the 19 games he has played. He is second on Virginia's career rebounding list with 991.

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

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| 1. Ralph Sampson (1980-83) | 1,511 |
| 2. Travis Watson (2000-pres.) | 991 |
| 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 113 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 14 blocked shots to move past Kris Hunter (1997-99) for third place.

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

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| 1. Ralph Sampson (1980-83) | 462 |
| 2. Chris Alexander (1993-96) | 148 |
| 3. Kris Hunter (1997-99) | 126 |
| 4. Travis Watson (2000-pres.) | 113 |
| 5. Steve Castellan (1976-79) | 108 |
| 6. Chris Williams (1999-02) | 97 |
| 7. Junior Burrough (1992-95) | 96 |

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 41 times and average 30.6 points and 10.7 rebounds per game. Billet and Smith have made 92 of UVa's 153 three-point field goals this season as well. Billet also leads UVa in free throw percentage (.887 – 63-71) and Smith is second (.781 – 25-32).

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

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

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

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

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 3-3 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
2/6	at Maryland	#8	W	86-78

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) and then against Florida State (Jan. 29).

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 104 assists (5.5 per game – 6th in the ACC) this season and has surpassed his previous career high of 80. Jenifer has a 2.0 to 1 assist to turnover ratio this season (4th in the ACC). He possesses a 2.43 to 1 assist to turnover ratio in ACC play (2nd in the ACC).

Jenifer has had five or more assists in 14 games this season. He has not had more turnovers than assists in any game this season.

Virginia Players Among the ACC Leaders

(Includes all games)

Player	Category	Avg./Pct.	Rank
Travis Watson	Rebounding	10.4	1st
Travis Watson	Defensive Rebs.	7.21	1st
Travis Watson	Field Goal %	53.3	2nd
Todd Billet	Free Throw %	88.7	2nd
Todd Billet	3 PT FG Made	2.90	3rd
Travis Watson	Offensive Rebs.	3.16	3rd
Keith Jenifer	Asst-TO Ratio	2.00	4th
Keith Jenifer	Assists	5.47	6th
Travis Watson	Blocked Shots	1.21	7th
Todd Billet	3 Pt FG %	39.5	7th
Jason Clark	Blocked Shots	1.11	T10th
Travis Watson	Scoring	14.3	12th
Todd Billet	Scoring	14.1	13th
Devin Smith	Blocked Shots	1.05	14th
Nick Vander Laan	Rebounding	5.0	21st

Virginia in the ACC Team Statistics

(Includes all games)

Category	Avg./Pct.	Rank
3 Pt FG % Defense	31.3	2nd
3 Pt Field Goal %	38.1	2nd
Scoring Offense	76.6	4th
Field Goal %	46.0	4th
3 Pt Field Goals Made	7.65	4th
Rebounding Offense	37.8	5th
Blocked Shots	4.70	5th
Defensive Rebounds	24.65	5th
Free Throw %	66.6	6th
FG % Defense	42.2	6th
Offensive Rebounds	13.20	6th
Rebounding Defense	35.9	6th
Rebounding Margin	+1.9	6th
Assists	14.80	6th
Asst-Turnover Ratio	0.93	8th
Scoring Margin	+2.9	8th
Steals	6.10	9th
Scoring Defense	73.7	9th
Turnover Margin	-2.40	9th

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.

Bench Scoring – 48, 47, 46, 43

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

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

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

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

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

Two Busy Weeks After Final Exams

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

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

Rod Jensen Joins Coaching Staff

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

Cavaliers Welcome Six Newcomers

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

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

percent from the free throw line. He was a fourth-team *Parade* 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 12 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.

Virginia Defeats Maryland For First ACC Road Victory

The Cavaliers jumped out to an early lead, then fought-back from a 12-point second half deficit to register an 86-78 victory over eighth-ranked Maryland (Feb. 6) at Comcast Center in College Park, Md. The win is Virginia's first ACC road victory of the season and snapped a pair of nine-game Cavalier losing streaks – nine consecutive losses in College Park and nine straight ACC road losses.

Virginia took a 13-point lead (33-20) midway through the first half, but Maryland, the defending national champions, used a 17-2 run to take a 37-35 advantage with just over four minutes remaining in the first half. The Cavaliers regained the lead a minute later and stretched their lead to six, but needed a layup by freshman forward Derrick Byars as time expired in the first half to take a 47-45 halftime lead.

The Terrapins used a 20-6 spurt in the first 7:14 of the second half to take a 12-point lead (65-53), their biggest of the game. Virginia then put together a 22-4 run, which included 16 consecutive points, to take the lead for good, 75-69, with 3:58 to play.

Sophomore guard/forward Devin Smith led UVA with 17 points off the bench, while senior forward/center Travis Watson notched his 10th double-double of the season with 15 points and 10 rebounds. He also added four steals and three assists. Junior guard Majestic Mapp scored a season-high 11

points, while sophomore forward Elton Brown contributed 10 points, five rebounds, three assists and two steals.

UVa shot 55.2 percent (16-29) from the floor in the opening half and 49.1 percent (28-57) in the game. UVa connected on a season-best 12 three-pointers and shot 54.5 percent (12-22) from beyond the arc. UVa held Maryland to 41.8 percent (28-67) marksmanship from the field, which helped overcome 20 turnovers. The Cavaliers also won the battle of the boards, 40-36.

Drew Nicholas led Maryland with 20 points and six assists, while Ryan Randle added 17 points and six rebounds.

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).

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 4-4 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.