

VIRGINIA BASKETBALL 2002-2003 MEDIA NOTES

Virginia (14-11 / 5-8 ACC)

vs.

Ohio (9-14 / 6-9 MAC)

February 26, 2003 • 7:00 p.m.

The Convo (13,000)

Athens, Ohio

2002-03 SCHEDULE

14-11 Overall / 5-8 ACC

Home: 10-2

Away: 2-8

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)	W, 61-58
Feb. 12	at North Carolina (ESPN)	L, 67-81
Feb. 15	#8 DUKE (ESPN)	L, 59-78
Feb. 18	CLEMSON (R/JP)	L, 64-73
Feb. 23	at #10 Wake Forest (FSN)	L, 71-75
Feb. 26	at Ohio University (FSN Reg.)	7:00 p.m.
Mar. 1	at Florida State (RSN)	Noon
Mar. 5	GEORGIA TECH (ESPN)	7:00 p.m.
Mar. 9	MARYLAND (FSN)	8:00 p.m.
Mar. 13-16	ACC Tournament^	TBD

*Maui Invitational, Maui, Hawaii

#ACC/Big 10 Challenge

^Greensboro, N.C.

Rankings listed are from the Associated Press Poll

TELEVISION

Tonight's game against Ohio will be televised by Fox Sports Net Regional. Hub Burton will handle the play-by-play. Chad Estis is the analyst.

RADIO

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

OFFICIALS

THE GAME

Virginia stands at 14-11 overall and 5-8 in the Atlantic Coast Conference in 2002-2003. The Cavaliers have lost their last four games and are coming off a 75-71 loss to 10th-ranked Wake Forest (Feb. 23) in Winston-Salem, N.C. Ohio stands at 9-14 overall and 6-9 in the MAC this season. In its last game, the Bobcats lost to Akron 84-82 in overtime (Feb. 23) in Akron, Ohio.

The Series vs. Ohio

The Cavaliers are 1-1 all-time vs. Ohio. The Bobcats won the initial meeting at University Hall 94-83 in the second round of the Preseason National Invitation Tournament on November 18, 1994. Virginia evened the series at 1-1 with a 90-71 victory at U-Hall on December 6, 2000.

Virginia vs. the MAC

Tonight's game is just the sixth all-time for the Cavaliers against an opponent from the Mid-American Conference. UVa is 3-2 all-time versus the MAC. Tonight's game is UVa's first game on a MAC team's home court. Three of the five games were played at University Hall, while the other two contests were at neutral sites.

Virginia's first win against a MAC school came in the 1974-75 season when the Cavaliers defeated Kent 58-40 in U-Hall. Virginia's second win against the MAC came in the second round of the 1995 NCAA Tournament when UVa posted a 60-54 overtime victory over Miami of Ohio in Dayton, Ohio. The third win was a 90-71 triumph over Ohio at University Hall in the 2000-2001 season. Virginia's two losses were to Ohio 94-83 in the preseason NIT at U-Hall in 1994 and Bowling Green 76-72 in the 1967-68 season in Huntington, W.Va.

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 358-188 record for a .656 winning percentage. Gillen is in his fifth season at Virginia and has posted an 84-60 record (.583 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).

Virginia's PROBABLE Starters

No.	Pos.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Ppg.	Rpg.	Mpg	Notes
34	F	Jason Clark	6-8	234	So.	4.9	2.5	15.1	Shooting 71.2 % (47-66) from the field
35	F	Travis Watson	6-8	255	Sr.	13.5	10.5	30.6	ACC-best 13 double-doubles, 51 in career
42	F	Elton Brown	6-9	270	So.	10.3	4.2	19.8	Shooting 56.0 % (61-109) in last 13 games
33	G	Devin Smith	6-5	230	So.	11.0	4.0	25.4	Averaging 24.0 points in last two games
22	G	Todd Billet	6-0	192	Jr.	13.8	2.1	33.6	Shooting 85.4% (70-82) from FT line

Virginia's Key Reserves

4	C	Nick Vander Laan	6-10	255	Jr.	5.3	4.5	15.1	UVa career-high 17 pts. vs. Gardner-Webb
5	F	Derrick Byars	6-7	200	Fr.	7.0	2.8	20.6	Has started 13 games
24	G	Jermaine Harper	6-3	165	So.	4.3	1.5	13.7	Made first start of season vs. Duke (2/15/03)
11	G	Majestic Mapp	6-2	185	Jr.	2.8	1.0	14.6	Played vs. UNC – first game since 3/15/00

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.

Back-to-Back Home Losses

The Cavaliers have lost their last two home games (78-59 vs. Duke – Feb. 15 and 73-64 vs. Clemson – Feb. 18) and it stopped a streak of 74 games at University Hall since UVa has dropped back-to-back home games. The streak dated back to the 1997-98 season. The previous time Virginia was defeated in consecutive home games was during the 1997-98 season when the Cavaliers lost consecutive home games to Florida State (Feb. 4), 71-63 and North Carolina (Feb. 11), 60-45. UVa also lost to Duke (Jan. 24), 72-65 which was the first of three consecutive home losses.

He's Back

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

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

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

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

* indicates season high

Cavalier Captains

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

Home Sweet Home

Like many ACC teams, the Cavaliers are enjoying great success playing in front of their home crowd despite their last two losses at University Hall. Ten of UVa's 14 victories this season have been at home. Prior to defeating Maryland (86-78 – Feb. 6), Virginia had lost its last five road games.

The Cavaliers are 10-2 at U-Hall this season and just 4-9 away from home, including 2-8 in away games.

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

48-10 (82.8 percent) in all home games
22-8 (73.3 percent) in all home ACC games
15-28 (34.9 percent) in all away games
8-23 (25.8 percent) in all away ACC games
7-6 (53.8 percent) in all neutral site games

Watson Closing in on Offensive Rebound Record

Senior forward/center Travis Watson needs just five more offensive rebounds to set a new school record. Watson has pulled down 358 offensive rebounds in his career. Junior Burrough (1992-95) holds the record with 362 offensive boards. Note – offensive rebounds were not kept prior to the 1986-87 season.

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 the UVa-Maryland game on February 6, home ACC teams had won 28 of 35 conference games and the top six teams in the league at the time (Wake Forest, Maryland, Duke, N.C. State, Virginia, and Georgia Tech) were undefeated at home – 22-0. Through games played February 23, the top four ACC teams are 25-1 in home ACC games this season.

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

A Top 10 Victory

In addition to earning its 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.

'Hoos Starting

The Cavaliers have played 25 games this season and have used 14 different starting lineups. UVA's latest starting lineup (vs. Wake Forest – Feb. 23) featured sophomore forward Jason Clark, sophomore forward Elton Brown, junior center Nick Vander Laan, junior guard Todd Billet and sophomore guard/forward Devin Smith. Those five comprised UVA's 14th different starting lineup this season.

Billet leads the team with 23 starts, while senior forward/center Travis Watson has started 22 times. Smith has drawn 16 starting assignments and Brown has started 15 times. Sophomore guard Keith Jenifer and freshman forward Derrick Byars have started 14 and 13 games, respectively. Nine different players have started games this season for Virginia and eight of the nine have at least 10 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
NCSU	(11)	Clark	Watson	Vander Laan	Billet	Byars
UNC	(12)	Clark	Brown	Watson	Billet	Byars
Duke	(13)	Byars	Brown	Watson	Billet	Harper
Clem	(10)	Clark	Brown	Watson	Billet	Smith
Wake	(14)	Clark	Brown	Vander Laan	Billet	Smith

Scoring Slump

After scoring 85 points in back-to-back wins over Wake Forest and Florida State at the end of January, the Cavaliers have failed to reach their scoring average (74.2 ppg.) in six of the last seven games. The only time in the last seven games UVA reached its scoring average was against Maryland (Feb. 6) in an 86-78 victory.

UVA is 2-5 in its last seven games and is averaging only 66.9 points per game. In the five losses, Virginia is averaging 64.2 points per game.

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 which began on February 3.

Jenifer started 14 games and played in the first 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.

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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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

Feb. 10 – Travis Watson

Senior forward/center Travis Watson was tabbed the ACC Player of the Week on February 10 after recording double-doubles in UVA's wins over eighth-ranked Maryland (86-78 – Feb. 6) and N.C. State (61-58 – Feb. 9).

Watson, who earned the award for the second time this season, scored 30 points, grabbed 24 rebounds and had eight steals in the two games. He shot 50 percent (13-for-26) from the field and had six assists and one blocked shot. In UVA's win at Maryland, Watson scored 15 points and had 10 rebounds. Against N.C. State, Watson tallied 15 points and 14 rebounds.

Among NCAA Leaders

Senior forward/center Travis Watson is ranked among the NCAA Division I leaders in rebounding for games played through February 17. Watson is 11th among all Division I players in rebounds with an average of 10.7 per game. He is currently averaging 10.5 rebounds per game (253 in 24 games).

No Bench Points

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

20/20

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

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

Fewest Points

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

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

Five Score in Double Figures

The Cavaliers had five players score in double figures in their 85-72 win over Florida State (Jan. 29), marking the first time this season that 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 1,190 points in his collegiate career. Billet scored 844 points in two seasons at Rutgers and has scored a team-high 346 points this season in a Virginia uniform.

Shooting 50 Percent From the Field

The Cavaliers have shot 50 percent or better in six games this season and are only 3-3 in those games (Virginia is 11-8 when it shoots below 50 percent). The three games UVa shot 50 percent and lost, it outshot its opponent (at Duke – 50.8 to 50.0, at Clemson – 59.2 to 55.4, and at Wake Forest – 52.0 to 48.1). Virginia is one of only three ACC schools (Clemson and N.C. State are the others) this year to lose a game when shooting 50 percent or better. ACC teams are 55-5 when shooting 50 percent or better in games this year.

Four Consecutive Double-Doubles

Senior forward/center Travis Watson had his streak of double-doubles in four consecutive games snapped against Duke (Jan. 15). After a "drought" of three games without a double-double, Watson has notched six double-doubles in his last nine games. His last double-double and 13th of the season came against Clemson (Feb. 18) as he had 14 points and 13 rebounds. He has reached double figures in double-doubles three consecutive seasons. See page 5 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 19 of 25 games this season and is averaging ACC bests of 10.5 boards per game overall and 11.0 in ACC play. He is averaging 11.8 rebounds a game in his last nine contests and has reached double figures in rebounds in eight of the last nine games. He is second on the team in scoring with an average of 13.5 points per game (13th in the ACC). Watson is shooting 50.2 percent (123-245) from the field (3rd 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 66.5 percent (348-523) 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 68.1 percent (124-182) from the line. UVa has made 65.7 percent (224-341) of its attempts in the second half of games. In the final five minutes of games, the Cavaliers have made 121 of 176 attempts for 68.8 percent. (UVa is only 103-165 for 62.4 percent in the first 15 minutes of the second half.) In its last 21 games, UVa has made 110 of 154 attempts from the foul line in the final five minutes of games for 71.4 percent.

Field Goal Percentage Defense

After allowing its last seven opponent's of the 2001-2002 season to shoot 50 percent or better from the field (and nine overall), the Cavaliers have allowed only four 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 42.7 percent in 2002-2003. In ACC contests last season, Virginia's opponents shot 48.0 percent from the floor, versus 45.3 percent this season.

Billet Unkind to Former Team

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

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

Billet leads the team in scoring this season with 13.8 points per game (12th in the ACC). He is averaging a team-high 15.9 points per game in ACC play (8th in the ACC). Billet tops the Cavaliers in three-point field goals (70) and is fourth among all ACC players in free throw shooting (70-82 for 85.4 percent).

Watson 21st All-Time Among ACC Players in Rebounding

Senior forward/center Travis Watson is 21st all-time among ACC players in career rebounds. Watson has 1,047 rebounds and needs five rebounds to move past Duke's Mike Lewis (1966-68) into 20th place. Maryland's Len Elmore

(1972-74) is 19th with 1,053 career rebounds.

ACC Career Rebounding Leaders

Player	School	Rebs (Avg)
1. Dickie Hemric (1952-55)	Wake Forest	1,802 (17.3)
2. Ron Shavlik (1954-56)	N.C. State	1,598 (16.8)
3. Tim Duncan (1994-97)	Wake Forest	1,570 (12.3)
4. Ralph Sampson (1980-83)	Virginia	1,511 (11.4)
5. Wayne Rollins (1974-77)	Clemson	1,311 (11.9)
6. Mike Gminski (1977-80)	Duke	1,242 (10.2)
7. Dale Davis (1988-91)	Clemson	1,216 (10.0)
8. Len Chappell (1960-62)	Wake Forest	1,213 (13.9)
9. Malcolm Mackey (1990-93)	Georgia Tech	1,205 (9.3)
10. Sam Perkins (1981-84)	North Carolina	1,167 (8.6)
11. Lee Collins (1953-56)	South Carolina	1,159 (12.5)
12. Christian Laettner (1989-92)	Duke	1,149 (7.8)
13. Tom Owens (1969-71)	South Carolina	1,116 (13.3)
14. 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. Travis Watson (2000-pres)	Virginia	1,047 (9.3)
22. Antawn Jamison (1996-98)	North Carolina	1,027 (9.9)
23. Mitch Kupchak (1973-76)	North Carolina	1,006 (8.5)
24. Brad Daugherty (1983-86)	North Carolina	1,003 (7.4)
Danny Ferry (1986-89)	Duke	1,003 (7.0)
26. Joe Smith (1952-55)	South Carolina	1,001 (10.3)

(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 13 double-doubles this season. With the 13 double-doubles, Watson leads all ACC players in that category. Watson has 51 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)
 Travis Watson – 15 pts., 14 rebs. vs. N.C. State (Feb. 9)
 Travis Watson – 13 pts., 15 rebs. vs. North Carolina (Feb. 12)
 Travis Watson – 14 pts., 13 rebs. vs. Clemson (Feb. 18)

Watson's 51 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.

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Eight Consecutive Double Figure Rebounding Games

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

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

Duke Ties a Record

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

Raining Threes

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

The Cavaliers made 11 threes in four games this season before draining 12 against the Terrapins. Virginia has made 186 three-pointers this season and is averaging 7.44 per game (3rd in the ACC). The Cavaliers are shooting 37.1 percent (186-501) from three-point land overall and 38.0 percent (101-266) in ACC contests.

UVa's 37.1 three-point field goal percentage is currently the highest single season mark since the three-point field goal was instituted in the 1986-87 season (UVa shot 46.8 percent – 58-124 – in the 1982-83 season when the three-point field goal was used as an experimental rule). In 2000-2001, Virginia made 36.9 percent (204-553) of its three-point attempts.

The Cavaliers' 186 made three-point field goals are the sixth highest total in school history. The 1994-95 UVa team holds the school record with 232 made three-pointers.

Harper Reinstated

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

In the 20 games Harper has played he is averaging 4.3 points and 1.5 rebounds per game. He is averaging 13.7 minutes of playing time per game. Harper made his first start of the 2002-03 season against Duke (Feb. 15) and tallied eight points and two rebounds in 25 minutes.

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

Smith Scores 30

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

Smith's previous Virginia career-best was 24 points versus Michigan State (Dec. 4). He is third on the team in scoring at 11.0 points per game. Smith is also averaging 11.0 points per game in ACC play.

Vander Laan Joins Growing List

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

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

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

Byars Joins Career High Club

Freshman forward Derrick Byars became another in a long line of Cavaliers to set a career high in scoring. Byars registered career-highs in back-to-back games. Byars scored 16 points, including 14 in the second half, in UVa's 84-76 win over East Tennessee State (Dec. 17). He then scored a game-high 20 points in the Cavaliers' 72-65 victory over Gardner-Webb (Dec. 19). His previous career high was 11 points against Indiana (Nov. 27).

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

Billet Nets UVa Career Bests

Junior guard Todd Billet scored a Virginia career-high 28 points in UVa's game against Michigan State (Dec. 4). Billet poured in 28 points off the bench – including 26 in the second half. His career-high is 37 points against James Madison during the 2000-2001 season while playing at Rutgers University. He is averaging 13.8 points per game this season (first 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.

New Career High for Clark

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

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

Brown Nets New Career High for Points

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

of seven attempts from the charity stripe.

Making the Most of His Opportunities

Sophomore forward Jason Clark has only taken 66 shots this season, but he's made 47 baskets for an impressive .712 field goal percentage. He is shooting 73.5 percent (25-34) in ACC games this season. Clark has shot 50 percent or better in every game excluding the four games (Indiana – Nov. 27, East Tennessee State – Dec. 17, Wofford – Jan. 2, and North Carolina – Feb. 12) he did not attempt a field goal. Clark has been perfect from the field nine times this season. He is shooting 64.4 percent (87-135) from the field in his career. In ACC contests during his career, Clark is 52-71 for an amazing 73.2 percent.

Billet Heating Up

In his last 13 games, junior guard Todd Billet has scored 203 points for an average of 15.6 points per game (and 197 points – 16.4 points per game in his last 12 ACC games).

Billet has started at point guard the last nine games and averaged 4.4 assists per game. He had a UVa career-high eight assists against Maryland (Feb. 6) and dished out seven assists with no turnovers against N.C. State (Feb. 9).

Billet is averaging 13.8 points per game overall (12th in the ACC) and 15.9 points per ACC contest (8th in the ACC). On the season, Billet has made 70 three-point field goals overall (2.80 per game – 3rd in the ACC) and is averaging a league-best 3.23 three-pointers per game in conference tilts. Billet is shooting 39.5 percent from behind the arc (6th in the ACC). In ACC play, he has made 42 of 95 three-point attempts (44.2 percent – 3rd in the ACC).

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

Watson Sets Single Season Career Highs

Senior forward/center Travis Watson has set single season career highs in two categories this season – but interestingly enough – not in rebounds, points or blocked shots, but in assists and steals. Watson has handed out 56 assists to easily surpass his former best of 31 assists last season. He has come up with 35 steals (including 14 in his last seven games) this season. Watson's previous season high for steals was 32 last year.

Brown Finds His Touch

In his last 13 games, sophomore forward Elton Brown has scored 151 points for an average of 11.6 points per game and is shooting 56.0 percent (61-109) from the field. In his last 11 ACC games, Brown has made 54 of 95 attempts from the floor (56.8 percent).

Brown is averaging 10.3 points per game overall and 11.8 points per game in ACC play. In ACC games, he is shooting 53.9 percent (62-115) from the field and 50.7 percent (104-205) overall.

Single Season Three-Point Field Goal Leaders

Junior guard Todd Billet has made 70 three-point field goals this season and is seventh on the Cavaliers' single season three-point field goals list.

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

1.	Curtis Staples (1997-98)	130
2.	Curtis Staples (1994-95)	103
3.	Curtis Staples (1996-97)	98
4.	Richard Morgan (1988-89)	82
	Curtis Staples (1995-96)	82
6.	Roger Mason, Jr. (2001-02)	81
7.	Todd Billet (2002-03)	70
8.	Harold Deane (1994-95)	69
9.	John Crotty (1989-90)	66
10.	Cory Alexander (1992-93)	64
	Harold Deane (1995-96)	64

Watson 17th in Scoring

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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.

Senior forward/center Travis Watson has moved up to 17th on the Cavaliers' all-time scoring list with 1,425 career points. He needs two points to move past Jim Connelly (1965-67) into 16th place and 13 to surpass Barry Parkhill (1971-73) for the 15th spot.

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

1.	Bryant Stith (1989-92)	2,516
2.	Jeff Lamp (1978-81)	2,317
3.	Buzzy Wilkinson (1953-55)	2,233
4.	Ralph Sampson (1980-83)	2,228
5.	Junior Burrough (1992-95)	1,970
6.	Wally Walker (1973-76)	1,849
7.	Chris Williams (1999-2002)	1,812
8.	Harold Deane (1994-97)	1,763
9.	Curtis Staples (1995-98)	1,757
10.	John Crotty (1988-91)	1,646
11.	Bob McCarty (1954-56)	1,625
12.	Richard Morgan (1968-69)	1,540
13.	Donald Hand (1998-2001)	1,486
14.	Othell Wilson (1981-84)	1,469
15.	Barry Parkhill (1971-73)	1,437
16.	Jim Connelly (1965-67)	1,426
17.	Travis Watson (2000-pres.)	1,425
18.	Lee Raker (1978-81)	1,423
19.	Mel Kennedy (1985-88)	1,415
20.	Norman Nolan (1995-98)	1,321

Watson Second in Rebounds

Senior forward/center Travis Watson has grabbed 253 rebounds (10.5 per game) this season in the 24 games he has played. He is second on Virginia's career rebounding list with 1,047.

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

1.	Ralph Sampson (1980-83)	1,511
2.	Travis Watson (2000-pres.)	1,047
3.	Junior Burrough (1992-95)	929
4.	Bryant Stith (1989-92)	859
5.	Steve Castellán (1976-79)	799

All-Time Blocked Shot Leaders

Senior Travis Watson ranks among Virginia's all-time leaders in blocked shots. Watson has 119 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 eight blocked shots to move past Kris Hunter (1997-99) for third place.

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

1.	Ralph Sampson (1980-83)	462
2.	Chris Alexander (1993-96)	148
3.	Kris Hunter (1997-99)	126
4.	Travis Watson (2000-pres.)	119
5.	Steve Castellán (1976-79)	108

Transfers Making Big Impact

Virginia's three transfers – junior guard Todd Billet (Rutgers), junior center Nick Vander Laan (California-Berkeley), and sophomore guard/forward Devin Smith (Coffeyville Community College) – have made a big impact on the team in 2002-03. The trio have combined to start 50 times and average 30.3 points and 10.6 rebounds per game. Billet and Smith have made 116 of UVa's 186 three-point field goals (62.4 percent) this season as well. Billet also leads

UVa in free throw percentage (.854 – 70-82) and Smith is second (.822 – 37-45).

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

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

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

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

Cavaliers Finish Second in Maui Invitational

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

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

Tough Early Season Schedule

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

The Cavaliers are 3-5 against nationally-ranked teams this season. Here's a list of UVa's games this season against teams ranked in the Associated Press Poll:

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

Virginia Players Among the ACC Leaders

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(Includes all games played through Feb. 23)

Player	Category	Avg./Pct.	Rank
Travis Watson	Rebounding	10.5	1st
Travis Watson	Defensive Rebs.	7.54	1st
Travis Watson	Field Goal %	50.2	3rd
Todd Billet	3 Pt FG Made	2.80	3rd
Travis Watson	Offensive Rebs.	3.00	3rd
Todd Billet	Free Throw %	85.4	4th
Keith Jenifer	Asst-TO Ratio	2.00	4th
Keith Jenifer	Assists	5.47	6th
Todd Billet	3 Pt FG %	39.5	6th
Travis Watson	Blocked Shots	1.21	7th
Todd Billet	Assists	3.20	10th
Todd Billet	Asst-TO Ratio	1.10	11th
Travis Watson	Steals	1.46	12th
Devin Smith	3 Pt FG Made	1.84	12th
Todd Billet	Scoring	13.8	12th
Travis Watson	Scoring	13.5	13th
Nick Vander Laan	Rebounding	4.5	23rd
Devin Smith	Scoring	11.0	24th
Elton Brown	Scoring	10.3	25th

Virginia in the ACC Team Statistics

(Includes all games played through Feb. 23)

Category	Avg./Pct.	Rank
3 Pt FG % Defense	31.4	2nd
3 Pt Field Goal %	37.1	2nd
3 Pt Field Goals Made	7.44	3rd
Defensive Rebounds	24.68	4th
Field Goal %	45.1	5th
Scoring Offense	74.2	5th
Rebounding Offense	37.5	5th
Assists	14.48	6th
Offensive Rebounds	12.84	6th
Rebounding Defense	36.0	6th
Rebounding Margin	+1.5	6th
Blocked Shots	4.40	7th
FG % Defense	42.7	7th
Free Throw %	66.5	8th
Asst-Turnover Ratio	0.90	9th
Scoring Margin	+0.6	9th
Steals	5.84	9th
Scoring Defense	73.6	9th
Turnover Margin	-2.84	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.

Jenifer Sets Career Highs

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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.

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.

Bench Scoring – 48, 47, 46, 43

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

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

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

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

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

Two Busy Weeks After Final Exams

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

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

Rod Jensen Joins Coaching Staff

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

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

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

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

Virginia Falls Short Against Wake Forest

The Cavaliers battled the 10th-ranked Demon Deacons down to the wire, but a late desperation three-pointer by Justin Gray helped Wake Forest hold off UVa 75-71 (Feb. 23) at Joel Coliseum.

With the game knotted at 68-68 with 1:40 to play, Gray launched a desperation three-pointer over sophomore forward

Jason Clark as the shot clock expired to cap off a 7-0 Wake Forest run. Gray's long bank shot broke the 11th tie of the game and pushed the Demon Deacons ahead for good, 71-68. The lead changed hands 17 times during the contest as well.

The Cavaliers shot 55 percent (11-20) from the field in the first half in taking a 35-30 halftime advantage. UVa took its biggest lead of the game (38-30) when sophomore guard/forward Devin Smith opened the second half with a three-pointer. Wake Forest then went on an 11-2 run to take a 41-40 lead at the 15:38 mark of the second stanza. From that point neither team led by more than three points until sophomore forward Elton Brown made a basket to give Virginia a 66-62 lead with 4:08 remaining in the game. The Cavaliers were down two, 71-69, with the ball, but turned it over with 18 seconds left. The Demon Deacons made four free throws down the stretch to seal the victory.

Junior guard Todd Billet led the Cavaliers with 25 points, while Smith had 18. Brown contributed 16 points and pulled down a season-high nine rebounds.

UVa shot 52.0 percent (26-50) from the floor in the game, including nine of 17 three-point attempts (52.9 percent). Wake Forest connected on 48.1 percent (26-54) of its field goal attempts. The Cavaliers outrebounded the top rebounding team in the country 31-28, but had 18 turnovers to Wake Forest's 10.

Josh Howard led Wake Forest with 28 points, six rebounds and three steals, while Vytas Danelius added 21 points.

UVa Wins Two Exhibition Games

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

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

Watson picked up where he left off last year and recorded a double-double with a game-high 32 points and 17 rebounds. Watson connected on 14 of 22 shots from the field, including three of six attempts from three-point range. In his first game as a Cavalier, Vander Laan grabbed a game-high 24 rebounds, including 13 offensive, and added 14 points for a double-double. Brown made 10 of 20 attempts from the field en route to 23 points. He also pulled down six rebounds. Junior guard Todd Billet rounded out UVa's double digit scorers with 13 points. He also contributed five rebounds and three assists. Watson, Brown, Vander Laan and Billet combined to score 82 of UVa's 84 points.

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

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

first game for the Cavaliers, Smith tallied 11 points.

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

Cavaliers Ink Two

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

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

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

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

Watson Looks Toward Senior Year

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

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 5-6 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.