

VIRGINIA BASKETBALL 2003-2004 MEDIA NOTES

Virginia (10-3, 0-2 ACC)

vs.

#12 / #14 Georgia Tech (12-2, 0-1 ACC)

January 15, 2004 • 7:00 p.m.

Alexander Memorial Coliseum (9,191)

Atlanta, Ga.

2003-04 SCHEDULE

10-3 Overall / 0-2 ACC

Home: 8-2

Away: 2-1

Neutral: 0-0

Nov. 11	Big Apple Basketball (EX)	W, 104-80
Nov. 18	Coaches vs. Cancer All-Stars (EX)	W, 91-90
Nov. 23	MOUNT ST. MARY'S	W, 80-71
Nov. 28	VIRGINIA TECH (Com/FSNS)	W, 80-65
Nov. 30	HIGH POINT	W, 79-64
Dec. 3	MINNESOTA* (ESPN2)	W, 86-78
Dec. 5	at VMI	W, 78-56
Dec. 16	JAMES MADISON	W, 90-80
Dec. 19	at Loyola Marymount	W, 76-68
Dec. 22	COASTAL CAROLINA	W, 89-74
Dec. 28	at N.C. State (FSN)	L, 69-86
Dec. 31	IOWA STATE	W, 85-74
Jan. 3	PROVIDENCE (Com)	L, 69-84
Jan. 5	WILLIAM & MARY (Com)	W, 84-71
Jan. 11	#2 DUKE (FSN)	L, 71-93
Jan. 15	#12 at Georgia Tech (ESPN2)	7:00 p.m.
Jan. 18	FLORIDA STATE (R/JP)	1:00 p.m.
Jan. 20	CLEMSON (RSN)	7:00 p.m.
Jan. 24	#9 at North Carolina (ESPN)	Noon
Jan. 31	#4 at Wake Forest (R/JP)	2:30 p.m.
Feb. 4	MARYLAND (R/JP)	9:00 p.m.
Feb. 7	N.C. STATE (R/JP)	3:00 p.m.
Feb. 11	#2 at Duke (ESPN)	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 14	#12 GEORGIA TECH (R/JP)	2:00 p.m.
Feb. 17	at Florida State (RSN)	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 21	at Clemson (R/JP)	4:00 p.m.
Feb. 24	#9 NORTH CAROLINA (R/JP)	8:00 p.m.
Mar. 2	#4 WAKE FOREST (ESPN2)	7:00 p.m.
Mar. 7	at Maryland (FSN)	8:00 p.m.
Mar. 11-14	ACC Tournament [^]	TBD

*ACC/Big 10 Challenge

[^]Greensboro, N.C.

All Times Eastern

TELEVISION

Tonight's game will be televised by ESPN2. Mike Patrick will handle the play-by-play. Brad Daugherty is the analyst.

RADIO

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

OFFICIALS

THE GAME

Virginia stands at 10-3 overall and 0-2 in the Atlantic Coast Conference in the 2003-2004 season. The Cavaliers are coming off a 93-71 loss to second-ranked Duke (Jan. 11) in Charlottesville, Va. Georgia Tech is ranked 12th in The Associated Press and 14th in the *USAToday*/ESPN polls and stands at 12-2 overall and 0-1 in the ACC. The Yellow Jackets are coming off a 103-88 loss to then 12th-ranked North Carolina (Jan. 11) in Chapel Hill, N.C.

The Series vs. Georgia Tech

Each team has had a stretch of dominating the series, which Georgia Tech now leads 33-26. The Cavaliers held the lead until the Yellow Jackets passed Virginia by winning 23 of the last 30 meetings, including 12 of the last 14. Last season, Georgia Tech swept the season series, registering an 80-60 win (Feb. 1) in Atlanta and a 90-73 victory (Mar. 5) in Charlottesville. The Jackets' currently have a three-game winning streak in the series.

In the 2001-2002 season, Virginia snapped a four-game losing streak to Georgia Tech with a 69-65 victory (Jan. 22) over the Jackets in Atlanta. The Yellow Jackets earned a split in the season series with an 82-80 victory (Feb. 23) in Charlottesville. It is the first time in the history of the series (which dates back to 1947-48) that both teams won on the other team's home floor in the same season.

The Jackets hold a 21-8 advantage in games played in Atlanta in the series and have won 12 of the last 14 in the Peachtree city. UVA snapped a seven-game losing streak to Georgia Tech in Atlanta with its 69-65 victory (Jan. 22) in the 2001-2002 season. Prior to the 2001-2002 win, Virginia's 83-60 win (Feb. 22) in 1995 was its most recent victory over the Yellow Jackets in Atlanta. The 23-point margin of victory is Virginia's largest in the series since a 91-59 win in 1984 in Charlottesville.

The Cavaliers have won three of five overtime contests in the series, but their 74-68 overtime loss to Georgia Tech in the 1998-99 season snapped a three-game extra session winning streak. The Jackets won the first overtime game in the series 72-71 in triple overtime in the 1983-84 season.

The Cavaliers opened the series with Georgia Tech by winning 10 of the first 13 games, including eight straight from 1981-1983.

Cavalier Captains

Graduate students Todd Billet and Majestic Mapp, along with junior Devin Smith, are the captains of the 2003-04 Virginia basketball team. It is the second consecutive year Mapp is serving as a team captain.

Virginia's PROBABLE Starters

No.	Pos.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Ppg.	Rpg.	App.	Mpg	Notes
5	F	Derrick Byars	6-7	215	So.	11.0	5.4	1.2	27.2	Shooting 49.1% (53-108) from the field
33	F	Devin Smith	6-5	239	Jr.	12.6	5.9	2.1	25.8	Avg. 18.5 pts., 5.3 rebs., 3.5 asts. in last 4 games
43	F/C	Elton Brown	6-9	251	Jr.	16.7	6.9	1.4	27.5	Scored in double figures all 13 games
22	G	Todd Billet	6-0	183	Sr.	10.3	2.7	3.3	31.9	9th with 120 threes at UVa; 278 in career
23	G/F	Gary Forbes	6-6	210	Fr.	11.5	5.4	2.0	29.8	Career-high 12 rebounds vs. Loyola Marymount

Virginia's Key Reserves

2	G	J.R. Reynolds	6-2 1/2	196	Fr.	6.3	1.1	2.1	20.1	Career-high 10 points vs. Providence
55	F/C	Donte Minter	6-7 1/2	244	Fr.	7.3	3.0	0.5	13.1	Shooting 62.1% (41-66) from the field
11	G	Majestic Mapp	6-2	184	Sr.	2.3	1.3	1.5	12.0	Tied for sixth on team with 18 assists
15	G	T.J. Bannister	5-10 1/2	168	Fr.	1.7	1.4	2.3	11.9	Has 25 of his 30 assists over last 7 games (3.6 app)
32	F	Jason Cain	6-9	205	Fr.	1.9	1.1	0.1	5.8	Played 13 min. vs. Duke - 4 pts., 2 rebs.
34	F	Jason Clark	6-8	234	Jr.	0.0	2.0	1.0	5.0	Saw first action of season vs. Duke

These Games are Barn Burners

Even though 12 of the last 19 meetings between these two teams have been decided by at least nine points, people shouldn't be surprised if this one goes down to the wire.

Of the 46 games since the 1983-84 season, only 16 have been decided by 10 or more points. Eighteen of the games have been decided by a margin of four points or less with UVa winning 10 of them. The Cavaliers have won three of four games (won in 1987 and 1990 twice, lost in 2002) decided by two points. Five games have gone into overtime, including a triple overtime affair (1984) and a double overtime game (1995).

From 1985 to 1990 the teams played 15 consecutive games that were decided by fewer than 10 points with Virginia winning eight of those games.

A breakdown of the close games in the series since the 1983-84 season is below:

1 point - 3	4 points - 5	7 points - 4
2 points - 4	5 points - 3	8 points - 1
3 points - 6	6 points - 2	9 points - 2

Jackets Shoot Well vs. UVa

The Yellow Jackets have won 14 of the last 17 meetings vs. Virginia in the past eight seasons and a big part of those wins has been Georgia Tech's ability to shoot the basketball. In the 14 wins, the Jackets shot 48.4 percent (381-788) from the field. In the three games Georgia Tech lost to Virginia in the last eight seasons, the Yellow Jackets made only 40.1 percent (69-172) of their attempts from the field. In its last 14 wins over the Cavaliers, Georgia Tech averaged 79.1 points per game compared to 64.7 points per game in its last three losses to UVa (the Jackets have scored 65 points twice and 64 once).

In Georgia Tech's last 23 wins over Virginia dating back to the championship game of the 1990 ACC Tournament, the Yellow Jackets are shooting 47.7 percent from the field, while averaging 75.9 points.

That is in contrast to Georgia Tech's performance when Virginia wins. In Virginia's nine wins over Georgia Tech dating back to the beginning of the 1990s, the Yellow Jackets have shot 40.2 percent from the floor and scored an average of 69.8 points.

In Virginia's last nine wins against Georgia Tech, the Yellow Jackets have not shot better than 42.6 percent from the field (29 of 68 in the 1994-95 season).

UVa vs. Ranked Georgia Tech Teams

The Cavaliers are 7-10 all-time against Associated Press Poll ranked Yellow Jackets teams and are 2-5 in games played in Atlanta. UVa's top win against a ranked Georgia Tech team in Atlanta was on February 22, 1990 – a 73-71 win over the #8 Yellow Jackets. Virginia also beat #6 Georgia Tech at home – 62-55 on February 16, 1985.

2003-2004 ACC Pre-Season Media Prediction

	Team	Points
1.	Duke	493
2.	North Carolina	422
3.	Wake Forest	382
4.	N.C. State	300
5.	Maryland	271
6.	Florida State	203
7.	Georgia Tech	189
8.	Virginia	150
9.	Clemson	65

2003-04 Media Pre-Season All-ACC Selections

First Team

Raymond Felton, North Carolina	54
Julius Hodge, N.C. State	54
J.J. Redick, Duke	48
Vytas Danelius, Wake Forest	27
Tim Pickett, Florida State	24

2003-04 Media Pre-Season ACC Player of Year

Raymond Felton, North Carolina	29
Julius Hodge, N.C. State	23
J.J. Redick, Duke	2
Daniel Ewing, Duke	1

2003-04 Media Pre-Season ACC Rookie of Year

Luol Deng, Duke	49
Chris Paul, Wake Forest	3
Gary Forbes, Virginia	1
Donte Minter, Virginia	1
Von Wafer, Florida State	1

2003-2004 UVa ACC Players of the Week

Nov. 24 – Gary Forbes (Rookie)

Freshman forward Gary Forbes was named the ACC Rookie of the Week on November 24 after scoring 21 points and grabbing a game-high nine rebounds in Virginia's 80-71 win over Mount St. Mary's (Nov. 23). He was 8-13 (61.5 percent) from the field and was 5-9 (55.6 percent) from the free throw line in the game. He also blocked three shots, had one assist and one steal in 35 minutes of action.

Virginia Quick Facts

Location: Charlottesville, Va.
Founded: 1819 by Thomas Jefferson
Enrollment: 19,197 (12,748 undergraduates)
President: John T. Casteen III
Athletics Director: Craig Littlepage
Faculty Athletic Rep.: Carolyn M. Callahan
Conference: Atlantic Coast Conference
Arena: University Hall (8,392)
Colors: Orange and Blue
Nicknames: Cavaliers, Wahoos, 'Hoos
Mascot: Cavalier

Basketball Information

Head Coach: Pete Gillen (Fairfield '68)
Career Record: 370-196 (19th season)
Record at Virginia: 96-68 (6th season)
Assistant Coaches: Walt Fuller (Drexel '87), Scott Shepherd (Robert Morris '91), Rod Jensen (Redlands '75)
Director of Basketball Operations: Alexis Sherard (Saint Michael's '93)
2002-03 Record: 16-16 (NIT Second Round)
2002-03 ACC Record: 6-10 (6th-tie)
Starters Returning/Lost: 4/1
Lettermen Returning/Lost: 8/7

The last time Virginia played a ranked Georgia Tech (23rd) team was February 21, 1996 in Charlottesville – an 84-75 loss. The last time UVa played a ranked Jackets (#24) team in Atlanta was February 22, 1995 – an 83-60 win.

Tale of the Tape

Here's a statistical comparison of Virginia and Georgia Tech in the 2003-2004 season.

Virginia	Category	Georgia Tech
79.7	Points	81.8
74.2	Points Allowed	60.9
+5.5	Scoring Margin	+20.9
46.2	Field Goal %	48.5
43.0	Field Goal % Defense	36.8
32.2	3-Point Field Goal %	35.5
35.9	3-Point Field Goal % Defense	26.0
65.9	Free Throw %	66.9
36.8	Rebounds	40.4
-3.0	Rebound Margin	+4.6
15.9	Assists	17.9
12.4	Turnovers	14.9
6.9	Steals	9.7
3.9	Blocked Shots	4.2

Non-Conference Play

The Cavaliers concluded regular season non-conference play with a 10-1 record (UVa's last two losses were to N.C. State and Duke in its first two ACC games). The only non-conference blemish on Virginia's record is an 84-69 setback to Providence College (Jan. 3). Some of UVa's most notable wins included: Minnesota 86-78 (Dec. 3) in the ACC/Big 10

Challenge at University Hall; Loyola Marymount 76-68 (Dec. 19) in Los Angeles; and Iowa State 85-74 (Dec. 31) in U-Hall. The Cavaliers also won all four contests against in-state foes.

Jason Clark Rejoins Team

Jason Clark, a 6-8 junior forward from Virginia Beach, Va., has rejoined the University of Virginia men's basketball team. Clark practiced with the Cavaliers for the first time this season on January 4. He was on the bench, but not in uniform for Virginia's game with Providence College (Jan. 3) and did not play in UVa's game against William & Mary (Jan. 5) at University Hall. Clark saw his first game action of the season against Duke (Jan. 11), playing five minutes with two rebounds and two blocked shots.

A two-year letterman, he averaged 4.7 points and 2.5 rebounds a game for Virginia during the 2002-03 season. He shot 70.7 percent (58-82) from the floor and blocked 25 shots.

Head Coach Pete Gillen

Pete Gillen is in his 19th season as a collegiate head coach and sports a 370-196 record for a .654 winning percentage. Gillen is in his sixth season at Virginia and has posted a 96-68 record (.585 winning percentage).

Gillen won his 350th career game on December 21, 2002 when his Cavaliers posted a 61-57 victory over Rutgers. His 300th career victory came 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 15 times in 18 seasons (nine NCAA, six NIT), including the last four seasons at Virginia. He has been selected as the conference Coach of the Year five times – all while coaching Xavier (Midwestern Collegiate Conference).

Reynolds Back and Playing Well

After missing the Loyola Marymount (Dec. 19) and Coastal Carolina (Dec. 22) games because of illness, freshman guard J.R. Reynolds returned to action in UVa's game against N.C. State (Dec. 28). He had only one rebound in eight minutes. In the last four games, Reynolds has averaged 8.3 points per game, including a career-high 10 points against Providence (Jan. 3).

Only Five Turnovers

The Cavaliers committed just five turnovers in an 85-74 win over Iowa State (Dec. 31). The five turnovers were just one shy of the school mark for fewest turnovers in a game. On five occasions, the Cavaliers had just four turnovers in a game.

Interestingly enough, the last time UVa had only five turnovers in a game was on March 13, 1997 against Iowa in the first round of the NCAA Tournament and Iowa committed only three turnovers which ties for the UVa opponent record for fewest turnovers in a game (UVa lost the game 73-60). The game prior to Iowa was against North Carolina (Mar. 7, 1997) and UVa tied the school record with only four turnovers in that contest (a 78-68 loss in the first round of the ACC Tournament).

...Then 20

After committing only five turnovers against Iowa State (Dec. 31), UVa had a season-high 20 miscues against Providence (Jan. 3). Providence had 24 turnovers in the contest.

The 20 turnovers vs. PC are the most in a game since the Cavaliers had 22 turnovers against St. John's (Mar. 24) in the second round of the 2003 National Invitation Tournament.

...Back Down to Six

The roller coaster that is Virginia turnovers went back on the down tick against William & Mary (Jan. 5). After committing a season-high 20 turnovers against Providence (Jan. 3), the Cavaliers had only six miscues against William & Mary with just one in the first half. UVa's 20-turnover game against Providence was preceded by a season-low five turnovers against Iowa State (Dec. 31).

On the season, UVa is averaging an ACC-low 12.4 turnovers per game. The Cavaliers averaged 16.5 turnovers per game last season.

Only One Steal

In UVa's 85-74 win over Iowa State (Dec. 31), the Cyclones had only one steal. The last time a Virginia opponent only had one steal was Long Island on November 17, 2000. The last time UVa held an opponent without a steal was vs. New Orleans on November 30, 1990.

Starting Strong

For the third time in the last four years, Virginia started its season with eight consecutive victories. UVa had its unbeaten streak snapped with an 86-69 loss at N.C. State (Dec. 28).

The only time in the last four seasons the Cavaliers did not win their first eight games was last year (2002-2003) when the team lost its fourth and fifth games of the season after starting out 3-0.

In 2001-2002, UVa won its first nine games of the season and in 2000-2001, the Cavaliers reeled off 10 consecutive victories to begin the season. The 10 straight wins marked UVa's best start since the 1992-93 team started the season with an 11-0 mark.

Spreading Minutes Around

Virginia has nine players who are averaging 10 or more minutes per game. The Cavaliers also have just one player who is averaging more than 30 minutes per game – senior Todd Billet at 31.9 minutes per game.

Assist-to-Turnover Ratio

UVa leads the ACC with a 1.29 to 1 assist-to-turnover ratio. The Cavaliers have handed out 207 assists while committing 161 turnovers. Senior guard Todd Billet is fourth among all ACC players with a 2.53 to 1 assist-to-turnover ratio with 43 assists and only 17 miscues. Freshman T.J. Bannister has a 2.5 to 1 assist-to-turnover ratio.

Turnovers

The Cavaliers' streak of five consecutive games with 13 or fewer turnovers ended against N.C. State (Dec. 28) as UVa committed 18 turnovers in the game.

Within the five-game stretch of 13 or fewer turnovers, Virginia put together a three-game streak where it did not commit more than 10 turnovers (9 vs. Minnesota – Dec. 3, 9 vs. VMI – Dec. 5, and 10 vs. James Madison – Dec. 16).

The last time UVa had back-to-back games with fewer than 10 turnovers was in the 1999-2000 season. The Cavaliers had eight turnovers against Clemson (Jan. 15) and seven against North Carolina (Jan. 18).

Virginia already has four games this season in which it has committed fewer than 10 turnovers. UVa had nine or fewer turnovers only once last season – 9 vs. Long Island (Nov. 22) in the season-opener.

Getting to the Free Throw Line

Virginia has gotten to the free throw line quite frequently in 2003-04. The Cavaliers have attempted 334 free throws and made 220 this season, so UVa is only shooting 65.9 percent from the free throw line.

The Cavaliers are averaging 25.7 attempts from the free throw line per game (and 16.9 made per game). UVa has made more free throws than its opponent in all but four games this season, including all three losses – N.C. State (Dec. 28) made 15 free throws to UVa's 12. Providence (Jan 3) and Virginia both made 11 free throws. Duke (Jan. 11) made 19 free throws to the Cavaliers' 15. In its win over William & Mary (Jan. 5), the Tribe made 13 foul shots to Virginia's 12.

Virginia's opponents have attempted only 216 free throws (16.6 per game) and made 148 (11.4 per game). UVa has attempted 118 more free throws than its opponents (9.1 more per game) and made 72 more free throws (5.5 more per game). Cavalier opponents have attempted nine or fewer free throws in three games.

Last season, Virginia averaged 20.7 attempts and 13.6 made free throws per game.

Perfect from the Free Throw Line

One bright spot from the N.C. State (Dec. 28) game was the Cavaliers' effort from the free throw line. UVa made all 12 of its free throws to tie the team's second best single game free throw performance ever. On January 23, 1988, UVa was also 12-12 from the line against Georgia Tech. The best free throw shooting performance in school history was a 16-16 effort against South Carolina on January 8, 1965.

Interestingly enough, the Cavaliers were only 31-58 for 53.4 percent from the free throw line in the two previous games combined before their 12-12 performance at N.C. State. Virginia followed its perfect performance against NCSU by making only 15-23 free throws (65.2 percent) against Iowa State (Dec. 31).

Thefts

In addition to giving the Cavaliers a lift offensively, junior Devin Smith has been a defensive spark. In just 11 games, Smith set a new personal single season career mark for steals with 21. Through 12 games this season, he has 21 steals. Smith had 19 steals in 32 games last season. He has 12 of his 21 steals in the last five games, including a career-high five vs. Iowa State (Dec. 31).

Getting to the Free Throw Line

Junior Elton Brown has already taken a career-best 97 attempts from the free throw line. He has only made 57 attempts for 58.8 percent. Brown is averaging 7.5 attempts from the foul line per game and has taken 11 or more free throws in a game three times. He did not attempt a free throw in UVa's loss to Providence (Jan. 3).

Brown has attempted 50 more free throws than any other player on the team (Gary Forbes has 47 attempts). Brown took 93 free throws all of last season.

Freshmen Contributions

UVa's five freshman – T.J. Bannister, Jason Cain, Gary Forbes, Donte Minter, and J.R. Reynolds are making significant contributions. Four of them have played in every game, while Reynolds missed two games with an illness.

The quintet have accounted for:

- 52.9 percent of the team's blocked shots (27 of 51)
- 41.5 percent of the team's assists (86 of 207)
- 41.1 percent of the team's steals (37 of 90)
- 38.8 percent of the team's minutes (1,009 of 2,600)
- 34.8 percent of the points scored (361 of 1,036)
- 31.9 percent of the team's rebounds (153 of 479)

The freshmen have combined to play in 63 of 65 games and are averaging 80.1 minutes, 28.7 points, 12.1 rebounds, 6.8 assists, 2.9 steals, and 2.1 blocked shots per game.

Field Goal Percentage Defense Slipping

After holding six of its first eight opponents below 40 percent shooting from the field, Virginia has allowed four of its last five opponents to shoot over 50 percent from the floor.

James Madison (Dec. 16) became the first team to shoot better than 40 percent against Virginia this season as it shot 45.3 percent (29-64). N.C. State (Dec. 28) eclipsed 50 percent shooting – 30-59 (50.8 percent) and then Iowa State (Dec. 31) shot 55.2 percent (32-58). Providence shot a season-high 58.2 percent (32-55) from the field against Virginia. UVa held William & Mary (Jan. 5) to 44.8 percent shooting (26-58) from the field. The Tribe was shooting over 50 percent from the field in the game until missing 12 of their final 16 attempts. Duke (Jan. 11) became the fourth team to shoot better than 50 percent from the floor against the Cavaliers as it was 34-65 for 52.3 percent.

Here's a look at UVa's field goal percentage defense through the first 13 games of the season.

Mount St. Mary's (Nov. 23)	27-71	38.0 percent
Virginia Tech (Nov. 28)	26-72	36.1 percent
High Point (Nov. 30)	21-67	31.3 percent
Minnesota (Dec. 3)	27-73	37.0 percent
at VMI (Dec. 5)	22-66	33.3 percent
James Madison (Dec. 16)	29-64	45.3 percent
Loyola Marymount (Dec. 19)	26-67	38.8 percent
Coastal Carolina (Dec. 22)	29-65	44.6 percent
N.C. State (Dec. 28)	30-59	50.8 percent
Iowa State (Dec. 31)	32-58	55.2 percent
Providence (Jan. 3)	32-55	58.2 percent
William & Mary (Jan. 5)	26-58	44.8 percent
Duke (Jan. 11)	34-65	52.3 percent

Trouble on the Boards

The Cavaliers have won 10 of 13 games this season despite only out-rebounding six opponents (by a combined 20 rebounds).

UVa was out-rebounded by Mount St. Mary's (41-36), Virginia Tech (44-39), and Minnesota (51-40), and tied High Point (39-39) to open the season. UVa was out-rebounded by 5.3 boards per game in its first four games. In UVa's next five games, the Cavaliers out-rebounded each of their opponents – VMI (45-44), James Madison (39-37), Loyola Marymount (48-39), Coastal Carolina (37-36), and N.C. State (37-31). Virginia out-rebounded those five opponents by 3.8 boards per game.

UVa was out-rebounded by Iowa State (Dec. 31) 40-23, the Cavaliers' largest rebounding deficit of the season.

Virginia out-rebounded Providence (Jan. 3) by one (35-34), but was out-rebounded by William & Mary (Jan. 5) by eight (39-31) and Duke (Jan. 11) by 13 (43-30) in its last outing. In the last four games, UVa is being out-rebounded by 9.3 boards per game.

Virginia is being out-rebounded 36.8 to 39.8 (-3.0) per game this season. On the offensive glass, the Cavaliers have been out-rebounded 192-167 (-1.9 per game). UVa gave up 22 offensive rebounds against Minnesota. The Cavaliers also had 22 offensive boards against Loyola Marymount and 20 vs. Providence.

Brown on a Tear

Junior forward/center Elton Brown has been a force for the Cavaliers all season, but particularly in the last 10 games. Over the last 10 contests, Brown is averaging 18.1 points and 7.7 rebounds per game. He recorded double-doubles against VMI (14 points, 13 rebounds), Loyola Marymount (21 points, 10 rebounds), and Coastal Carolina (22 points, 11 rebounds).

His 13 rebounds vs. VMI are a career high as are his 26 points against Minnesota. Brown is shooting 54.3 percent (69-127) from the field over the last 10 games.

Brown is averaging career and team-bests of 16.7 points (4th in the ACC) and 6.9 rebounds (9th in the ACC) per game this season. He is shooting 52.6 percent (80-152) from the field (3rd in the ACC).

Brown's active streak of 13 consecutive double figure scoring games is second among all ACC players. He is averaging 7.1 more points per game this season (16.7 ppg) than last season (9.6 ppg).

Smith Returns to Lineup

After missing the Cavaliers' season-opener against Mount St. Mary's (Nov. 23) as well as the second exhibition game against Coaches vs. Cancer All-Stars (Nov. 18), junior Devin Smith returned to the lineup against Virginia Tech (Nov. 28). In 16 minutes of action off the bench, Smith tallied five points and seven rebounds. He made his first start of the season against Minnesota (Dec. 3) and posted a team and UVA career-high 10 rebounds to go along with three points, two steals and one assist in 25 minutes of playing time. Smith has remained in the starting lineup since. He was out with an injured back.

Smith, who continues to miss some practice time with the back injury, has had several impressive games as of late.

Against Iowa State (Dec. 31), he had 25 points, a career-high five steals, three blocks, three rebounds and three assists with no turnovers in 30 minutes. He made 9-14 attempts from the field (3-5 on three-pointers) against the Cyclones.

Versus William & Mary (Jan. 5), Smith tallied 22 points, a career-high eight assists, five rebounds, and three steals with just one turnover in 32 minutes. He was 9-15 from the field and made two three-pointers, including a three with UVa leading 64-63 with 7:23 remaining.

Against Duke (Jan. 11), he had 19 points, six rebounds, two blocks and an assist in 30 minutes. Smith made 6-11 field goal attempts, including 5-6 three-pointers.

Seeing More Playing Time

Freshman guard T.J. Bannister has seen his most significant playing time of the season over the last seven games. Here's a look at Bannister's key stats over the last seven games:

Loyola Marymount (Dec. 19) – 19 min., 4 asts., 3 rebs.
Coastal Car. (Dec. 22) – 21 min., 5 pts., 4 asts., 2 rebs., 1 st.
N.C. State (Dec. 28) – 15 min., 2 pts., 3 rebs., 5 asts.
Iowa State (Dec. 31) – 6 min., 2 asts.
Providence (Jan. 3) – 13 min., 2 pts., 3 asts., 1 reb.
William & Mary (Jan. 5) – 15 min., 1 pt., 1 reb., 2 asts.
Duke (Jan. 11) – 27 min., 4 pts, 2 rebs., 5 asts., 1 st.

Auspicious Debut

Freshman Gary Forbes had a tremendous debut in the Cavaliers' 80-71 win over Mount St. Mary's (Nov. 23). Forbes had team-high totals of 21 points, nine rebounds and three blocked shots. He was named the ACC Rookie of the Week on November 24 for his performance. Forbes followed up his first collegiate game with a team-high tying 16 points to go along with a team-best eight rebounds in UVa's 80-65 win over Virginia Tech (Nov. 28).

It is the first time a Virginia freshman has led the team in scoring and rebounding in a season-opener since Ralph Sampson in 1979. Sampson had 17 points and eight rebounds against Johns Hopkins on November 25, 1979. Forbes is also the first UVa freshman to lead the team in scoring (he tied for the team lead in scoring against Virginia Tech) and rebounding in his first two games since the restoration of freshman eligibility in 1972-73.

The last freshman to lead UVa in scoring in a season-opener was Harold Deane, who scored 10 points against Connecticut on November 29, 1993. With 24 points against James Madison in 1977, Jeff Lamp holds the school record for most points in a season-opener by a freshman.

The last frosh to lead the Cavaliers in rebounding in a season-opener was Travis Watson, who had 14 rebounds against Elon on November 19, 1999.

On the season, Forbes is averaging 11.5 points (3rd on the team) and 5.4 rebounds (tied for 3rd on the team) per game. He leads UVa with 16 blocked shots. He is tied for second among all ACC rookies in blocked shots, is second in rebounding and minutes per game, and third in scoring. Forbes has twice tallied three blocks in a game – Mount St. Mary's (Nov. 23) and Coastal Carolina (Dec. 22).

Brown Registers Third Double-Double of Season

Junior Elton Brown became the first Cavalier in 2003-2004 to register a double-double when he tallied 14 points and a career-high 13 rebounds in UVa's 78-56 win over VMI (Dec. 5). All but one of his rebounds came in the first half. After nearly recording another double-double against James Madison (Dec. 16) with 19 points and nine rebounds, Brown posted his second double-double of the season against Loyola Marymount (Dec. 19). He had 21 points and 10 rebounds against the Lions. Brown added his third double-double of the year with 22 points and 11 rebounds vs. Coastal Carolina (Dec. 22).

Brown now has four career double-doubles. He posted 20 points and 10 rebounds against Georgia Tech on January 22, 2002 for his first career double-double.

Byars Tallies First Career Double-Double

Sophomore forward Derrick Byars became the second Cavalier to notch a double-double this season with a 17-point, 11-rebound performance against Coastal Carolina (Dec. 22). It marked the first double-double of Byars' career and the 11 rebounds also established a new career high.

Byars and Elton Brown became the first UVa players to record a double-double in the same game since February 12, 2002 when Chris Williams (18 pts., 10 rebs.) and Travis Watson (17 pts., 10 rebs.) posted double-doubles against North Carolina.

Two 20-Point Scorers Times Four

The Cavaliers have had a pair of players score 20 or more points in the same game four times this season. Five different Cavaliers have scored 20 or more points in a game this season. Here's a list of the games two UVa players have scored 20 or more points.

Minnesota (Dec. 3) – Elton Brown 26, Gary Forbes 22
Loyola Marymount (Dec. 19) – Derrick Byars 21, Elton Brown 21
Iowa State (Dec. 31) – Derrick Byars 20, Devin Smith 25
William & Mary (Jan. 5) – Devin Smith 22, Elton Brown 22

Mapp Making a Contribution

Guard Majestic Mapp has made a contribution in the first 13 games of the season. He is averaging 2.3 points, 1.5 assists and 1.3 rebounds in 12.0 minutes per game while seeing action in 12 of 13 games.

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

Opponent	Pt.	Reb.	Ast.	TO	St.	Min.
Mt. St. Mary's – Nov. 23	6*	0	3	1	0	23
Virginia Tech – Nov. 28	6*	4*	5*	1	0	24*
High Point – Nov. 30	2	2	4	3*	0	23
Minnesota – Dec. 3	5	0	0	2	0	12
VMI – Dec. 5	4	3	4	1	0	18
James Madison – Dec. 16	1	2	0	0	0	13
Loyola Marymount – Dec. 19	1	1	1	1	0	7
Coastal Car. – Dec. 22	3	1	1	0	0	9
N.C. State – Dec. 28	0	1	0	1	0	4
Iowa State – Dec. 31	0	0	0	1	1*	2
Providence – Jan. 3	0	1	0	1	0	3
William & Mary – Jan. 5	0	0	0	0	0	6
Duke – Jan. 11	Did Not Play					

* indicates season high

Last season Mapp averaged 2.4 points, 1.2 rebounds, and 1.7 assists in 15.6 minutes of action per game. He played in 18 of 32 games last season, including the final 17 games.

Mapp missed 70 consecutive games spanning 1,032 days, after tearing the ACL in his right knee on August 2, 2000. He missed the entire 2000-01 and 2001-02 seasons. Mapp made his long anticipated return to the Cavalier lineup against North Carolina (Jan. 11, 2003). Mapp entered the game to a standing ovation with 7:23 remaining in the first half and played just over two minutes.

Cavaliers Even Record in ACC/Big Ten Challenge

With an 86-78 victory over Minnesota on December 3, Virginia evened its ACC/Big Ten Challenge record at 2-2. The Cavaliers also helped the ACC win the series for the fifth consecutive year as ACC schools won seven of nine contests. The ACC's cumulative record in the Challenge is 27-17.

Billet Ninth in Three-Point Field Goals

Senior guard Todd Billet has made 120 career three-point field goals for the Cavaliers and is in ninth place all-time at Virginia.

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

1. Curtis Staples (1995-98)	413 – NCAA record
2. Harold Deane (1994-97)	237
3. John Crotty (1988-91)	179
4. Donald Hand (1998-01)	156
5. Cory Alexander (1992-95)	142
6. Roger Mason, Jr. (2000-02)	137
7. Richard Morgan (1986-89)	132
8. Chris Williams (1999-02)	130
9. Todd Billet (2002-present)	120
10. Bryant Stith (1989-92)	114
11. Keith Friel (2000-01)	107

Billet Drains 100th Three

Guard Todd Billet drilled his 100th career three-point field goal as a Cavalier in UVa's win over High Point (Nov. 30). Billet is currently ninth on Virginia's career three-point field goals list with 120.

Billet has made his 120 career three-pointers at UVa in just 45 games for an average of 2.67 threes per game. He made 94 threes last season which is the fourth highest single season total in school history.

In his collegiate career (which includes 158 three-point field goals while playing two seasons at Rutgers), Billet has made 278 threes. Billet's total of 278 career threes would rank ninth among all ACC players if he had played his entire career in the ACC.

Billet has played in 103 games in his career and has made at least one three-point field goal in 97 of those games. Billet had his streak of making a three-pointer in 23 consecutive games snapped against Duke (Jan. 11) – his longest collegiate streak. He made at least one three-point field goal in the first 18 games of his freshman season at Rutgers (1999-2000), which was his previous career best streak. Billet has made four or more three-pointers 30 times and three or more threes in 47 contests.

Here's a look at Billet's yearly three-point field goal totals.

Season	Games with a 3-Pt FG	Games with 4 or more 3-Pt FG	Total 3-PT FG
2003-2004	12 of 13	2 games	26
2002-2003	30 of 32	11 games	94
2000-2001*	25 of 27	12 games	82
1999-2000*	30 of 31	5 games	76
Totals	97 of 103	30 games	278

*played at Rutgers

Five in Double Figures

Virginia has featured a balanced scoring attack this season as the Cavaliers have had five players reach double figures in scoring in three of their 13 games. Currently, five Virginia players are averaging in double figure scoring this season.

In the season-opener vs. Mount St. Mary's (Nov. 23), Gary Forbes (21), Todd Billet (13), Donte Minter (12), Derrick Byars (11), and Elton Brown (10) all reached double digits.

Against High Point (Nov. 30), Minter (13), Byars (12), Forbes (10), Devin Smith (10), and Brown (10) scored in double figures.

In the ACC opener vs. N.C. State (Dec. 28), Brown (18), Smith (14), Forbes (11), Byars (10), and Billet (10) all reached double digits.

Shooting Well

Freshman forward/center Donte Minter is off to a great start shooting the basketball. In 13 games, Minter has made 41-66 attempts from the field for an impressive 62.1 percent.

Here's a look at Minter's game-by-game field goal shooting statistics.

Opponent	FG Shooting	Percentage
Mount St. Mary's (Nov. 23)	5-6	83.3 percent
High Point (Nov. 30)	4-5	80.0 percent
Virginia Tech (Nov. 28)	3-5	60.0 percent
Minnesota (Dec. 3)	1-3	33.3 percent
VMI (Dec. 5)	6-6	100.0 percent
James Madison (Dec. 16)	2-3	66.7 percent
Loyola Marymount (Dec. 19)	1-4	25.0 percent
Coastal Carolina (Dec. 22)	2-3	66.7 percent
N.C. State (Dec. 28)	1-2	50.0 percent
Iowa State (Dec. 31)	5-7	71.4 percent
Providence (Jan. 3)	1-2	50.0 percent
William & Mary (Jan. 5)	4-8	50.0 percent
Duke (Jan. 11)	6-12	50.0 percent

In UVa's two exhibition victories, Minter was even more accurate from the floor as he shot 83.3 percent while making 15 of 18 attempts. He was a perfect 7-7 from the field against Big Apple Basketball (Nov. 11).

Minter isn't the only Cavalier shooting the ball well early in the season. Junior forward/center Elton Brown is shooting 52.6 percent (80-152) from the field this season.

Sophomore forward Derrick Byars has made 49.1 percent (53-108) of his attempts from the field in the first 13 games, including 16-41 on three-point attempts (39.0 percent). He was a perfect 5-5 from the field in the season-opener against Mount St. Mary's.

In the Cavaliers' two exhibition wins, Byars connected on 19-23 attempts from the field for an impressive 82.6 shooting percentage. He also made 4-6 three-point attempts. Byars made 10-11 attempts (90.9 percent) from the field in UVa's 104-80 win over Big Apple Basketball (Nov. 11).

Brown and Forbes Set Career Highs in Scoring

Junior forward/center Elton Brown and freshman guard/forward Gary Forbes set career scoring highs in UVa's win over Minnesota (Dec. 3).

Brown, who has scored in double figures in all 13 games, exploded for a career-best 26 points against Minnesota. Brown's prior career-high was 22 points vs. Chaminade (Nov. 25) last season.

Forbes tallied 22 points against the Golden Gophers to set a new career-high. His previous career-best was 21 points in his collegiate debut against Mount St. Mary's (Nov. 23). Forbes also established a new career-high with 12 rebounds vs. Loyola Marymount (Dec. 19).

Winning Despite Opponent's Shooting

Iowa State shot an impressive 55.2 percent (32-58) from the field against the Cavaliers (including 62.1 percent in the first half - 18-29). The last time a Virginia opponent shot better than 55 percent from the field and lost was on January 6, 2001 when N.C. State shot an impressive 61.2 percent (30-49), but lost 88-81 to UVa at University Hall.

Shooting 50 Percent in Openers

For the fourth consecutive season, the Cavaliers shot 50 percent or better in their season-opener. UVa shot 24-46 for 52.2 percent from the floor against Mount St. Mary's (Nov. 23).

The last time UVa failed to reach 50 percent shooting from the field in a season-opener was in the 1999-2000 campaign when the Cavaliers shot a respectable 47.8 percent (33-69) from the floor against Elon.

Virginia Falls to Duke, 93-71

The Cavaliers played second-ranked Duke even for the first 15 minutes, but the Blue Devils slowly pulled away for a 93-71 victory January 11 at sold out University Hall.

Duke closed the first half with a 16-8 run to take a 46-38 halftime lead and the Blue Devils opened the second stanza with a 17-7 spurt to open up a 63-45 lead with 16:06 to play.

Junior Devin Smith led the Cavaliers with 19 points, including five three-point field goals (in six attempts), six rebounds and two blocked shots. Junior Elton Brown tallied 13 points for his 13th consecutive double-digit scoring outing of the season. Freshman Donte Minter came off the bench to add 12 points and six rebounds.

The Blue Devils shot 52.3 percent (34-65) from the field in the game, out-rebounded Virginia 43-30, and held a 54-32 advantage in points in the paint. The Cavaliers shot only 40.3 percent (25-62) from the field in the contest.

Duke took a 24-17 lead with 11:48 remaining in the first half, but Virginia scored six consecutive points to pull within one, 24-23 at the 10:25 mark.

Four consecutive free throws by Brown turned a two-point deficit into a 30-28 edge with 7:55 left in the opening half.

The Cavaliers then missed their next three field goal attempts and two free throws. Duke converted a tip-in to tie the game at 30-30 after the first UVa missed field goal and went on to score the next five points. Duke built its lead to 39-32 with 3:46 left and Virginia was able to pull within three (39-36) on a Gary Forbes dunk with 2:37 left, but could get no closer.

Shelden Williams led six Duke players in double figures with 21 points and added 12 rebounds for a double-double.

UVa Wins Two Exhibition Games

The Cavaliers won both of their exhibition games prior to the start of the 2003-2004 regular season. Virginia opened exhibition play with a 104-80 victory over Big Apple Basketball November 11 and then defeated the Coaches vs. Cancer All-Stars 91-90 on November 18.

In the win 104-80 win over Big Apple Basketball, Virginia shot 60.3 percent (38-63) from the field, including 47.8 percent (11-23) from three-point range, and had five players score in double figures.

Forward Derrick Byars made 10-11 shots from the field and scored 25 points to lead the Cavaliers. Guard Todd Billet scored 21 points and had five assists, while forward Devin Smith had 20 points and blocked four shots. Forward/center Donte Minter made all seven of his shots from the field and had 15 points, and forward/center Elton Brown scored 13 points and had a game-high seven rebounds.

UVa led 61-35 at halftime after shooting 69.7 percent (23-33) from the field in the first half, including 64.3 percent (9-14) from three-point range.

Guard Tim Winn led Big Apple Basketball with 20 points and four assists.

Against the Coaches vs. Cancer All-Stars, Billet hit a long
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three-pointer at the final buzzer to lift UVa to a 91-90 win. The Cavaliers let a 17-point second half lead slip away, but Billet's heroics helped Virginia end its exhibition season with a victory.

UVa led 72-55 with 13:04 to play, but the Coaches vs. Cancer All-Stars outscored UVa 31-12 to take an 86-84 lead with 55 seconds left. Brown tied the game at 86-86 with a bucket inside the paint with 40 seconds left. However, the visitor's Dominic Smith answered with his third consecutive long three-pointer to put the All-Stars on top 89-86. Billet answered with a basket with 19 ticks left to trim the deficit to one, but missed a free throw that would have tied the game. After two missed free throws by the All-Stars' Harold Arcenaux, the All-Stars' Rasan Johnson made one of two foul shots to make the score 90-88. Billet then supplied the heroics with a long three-pointer as time expired.

Byars led the Cavaliers with 21 points and eight rebounds. He made 9-12 attempts from the field, including a 3-4 effort from three-point range. Brown registered a double-double with 20 points and 10 rebounds, while Minter added 18 points and eight boards. Billet tallied 14 points with forward Gary Forbes rounding out the Cavaliers' double-digit scorers with 11 points.

Chris Crosby led the Coaches vs. Cancer All-Stars with 18 points, while Arcenaux totaled 17 points, 10 rebounds and five assists. Smith had 16 points with Tony Robertson and D.J. Harrison both contributing 12.

UVa shot 53.1 percent (34-64) from the field in the game, including 70 percent (21-30) in the first half. The Cavaliers also held a 47-24 advantage in rebounds.

Two Sign Letters Of Intent with Virginia

Head basketball coach Pete Gillen has announced the signing of two individuals to national letters of intent with Virginia. The two individuals are 6-7 small forward Adrian Joseph of Trinidad and 5-11 point guard Sean Singletary of Philadelphia, Pa.

"These two young men are outstanding students as well as very talented basketball players," Gillen said. "They will fit in perfectly in our pressing and running style of play."

Joseph is attending Brewster Academy in Wolfeboro, N.H., this academic year after attending Bergen Catholic High School in Oradell, N.J., last year. He averaged 15.0 points, 7.2 rebounds and 2.9 blocked shots a game during the 2002-03 season. He earned first-team All-League and All-County honors, and third-team All-State honors.

Singletary averaged 18 points, eight assists, seven rebounds and 4.5 steals a game as a junior at William Penn Charter School last season. He earned first-team All-League and All-City honors last year. Penn Charter finished the 2002-03 season with an overall record of 26-4 and won the league championship.

Virginia Men Return to Postseason Play

Virginia received an invitation to the National Invitation Tournament (NIT) following the 2002-03 regular season. UVa defeated Brown University 89-73 (March 19) at University Hall in the first round of the tournament. The Cavaliers then suffered a 73-63 loss at St. John's (March 24) in the second round. It was the Cavaliers 10th NIT appearance and the team's fourth consecutive postseason appearance. Virginia finished the 2002-03 season with an overall record of 16-16 and a 6-10 record in the ACC.

Cavaliers Welcome Eight Newcomers

Joining the Cavaliers this season are 5-10 1/2 freshman guard T.J. Bannister, 6-9 freshman forward Jason Cain, 6-6 freshman guard/forward Gary Forbes, 6-7 1/2 freshman forward/center Donte Minter, and 6-2 1/2 freshman guard J.R. Reynolds.

Bannister was the Division I-A Player of the Year in Florida and a first-team All-State selection as a senior in 2002-03. He finished third in the voting for Florida's Mr. Basketball Award as a high school senior, and was only the fourth player in the city of Jacksonville, Fla., to score over 2,000 points during a high school career.

Cain averaged 14 points, 12 rebounds, eight assists and five blocked shots a game as a senior at John Bartram High School, which finished the 2002-03 season with an overall record of 24-4 and won the Philadelphia Public League Championship. He was named the Most Valuable Player of the 2003 Philadelphia Public League championship game and the Public League All-Star Game.

Forbes was selected the *Newsday* Player of the Year in Brooklyn and was nominated for City Player of the Year as a high school senior in 2002-03. He earned first-team All-City and All-Tri-State honors in 2002-03 at Benjamin Banneker Academy, and is the first player in Benjamin Banneker Academy history to play Division I basketball.

Minter attended Fork Union Military Academy during the 2002-03 academic year. Prior to attending Fork Union, Minter attended West Rowan High School (N.C.). West Rowan compiled a 30-0 record and won the North Carolina AAA State Championship during his senior year in 2001-02. He was the Most Valuable Player of the State Championship, the West Regional, the county and the North Piedmont Conference as a senior at West Rowan. Minter scored over 2,100 points while grabbing over 1,000 rebounds during his high school career.

Reynolds transferred to Oak Hill Academy from Roanoke Catholic for his senior year of high school. He averaged 16 points, four rebounds, 3.5 assists and 2.5 steals a game at Oak Hill during the 2002-03 season. He started for four seasons at Roanoke Catholic and was named the Most Valuable Player in the Virginia Independent Schools Division II three times. Roanoke Catholic won three state championships during his time on the team.

Three additional players joined the Virginia team as walk-ons. The players are 6-5 1/2 senior forward Brad Abel of Burke, Va. (Lake Braddock High School); 6-2 guard Billy Glading of Bethesda, Md. (Gonzaga College High School), who is playing as a graduate student; and 6-5 sophomore forward Hank Nacey of Virginia Beach, Va. (Frank W. Cox High School). See page 10 of the notes for bios on the four walk-ons.

Shift of Coaching Staff Assignments

Scott Shepherd and Alexis Sherard have exchanged responsibilities in the Virginia men's basketball program. Shepherd is now an assistant coach after serving as the program's director of basketball operations for the last year. Sherard is now director of operations after spending the last year as an assistant coach.

Billet and Mapp Look Toward Season

Senior guards Todd Billet and Majestic Mapp provide the Cavaliers with experience in the backcourt for the 2003-04 season. Billet earned honorable mention recognition on the 2003

All-ACC Team after leading the conference in three-point field goal percentage (.418, 94-225) and in three-point field goals made, (94, 2.94 pg). He was also ninth in the ACC in assists (108, 3.38 apg) and 13th in scoring (432, 13.5 ppg). Billet received his bachelor's degree in economics in May of 2003.

Mapp served as a tri-captain for the 2002-03 season and saw game action for the first time since the final game of the 1999-2000 season when he played two minutes against North Carolina (1/11/03) at University Hall. He played 19 minutes and scored a season-high 11 points in the win at Maryland (2/6/03). Mapp played in the last 17 games of the 2002-03 season and averaged 16.4 minutes played a game during that stretch. He also received his bachelor's degree in economics in May of 2003.

Raining Threes

UVa achieved great success behind the three-point arc during the 2002-03 season. Todd Billet led the ACC in three-point field goal percentage (41.8 percent) and three-point field goals made (94, 2.94 pg) last season. Devin Smith ranked eighth in the conference in three-point field goal percentage (38.6 percent).

The 2002-03 season also saw the Cavaliers' establish a school record with 239 three-point field goals made. The previous school record was 232 by the 1994-95 UVa team.

Starting on March 30, 1992, the Cavaliers have a streak of 350 consecutive games with at least one three-point field goal.

Four Out of Five Returning

UVa returns four of five starters from last season to the 2003-04 team. Todd Billet, Elton Brown, Derrick Byars and Devin Smith provide an experienced core of players from last season.

Fifteen Games against Tournament Teams

Of Virginia's 27 regular-season games before the 2004 ACC Tournament, 15 are against nine teams that participated in either the 2003 NCAA Tournament or the National Invitation Tournament (NIT). The Cavaliers meet league foes and NCAA Tournament participants Duke, Maryland, N.C. State and Wake Forest twice, while also matching up twice against NIT teams Georgia Tech and North Carolina. In addition to those games, Virginia plays 2003 NIT participants Iowa State, Minnesota and Providence.

Home Sweet Home

The Cavaliers play 17 of their 27 regular season games in the friendly confines of University Hall. After playing two exhibition games at home, Virginia started the 2003-2004 regular season by hosting four consecutive games. UVa is currently 8-2 at home this season.

John Paul Jones Arena On Its Way

On May 30, 2003 ground was broken on the University of Virginia's new special events center, the John Paul Jones Arena. Scheduled for completion in the summer of 2006, the \$129.8 million arena will replace University Hall. The new 15,000-seat arena will feature training and weight rooms, men's and women's basketball locker rooms and lounges, coaches' offices, and one-and-a-half practice courts per program so the men's and women's basketball teams can practice simultaneously, and when the arena is being used for other purposes.

2003-2004 VIRGINIA MEN'S BASKETBALL ADDITIONAL PLAYER BIOS

BRAD ABEL

Senior Forward 6-5 1/2, 210
Burke, Va./Lake Braddock High School

Worth Noting: Foreign Affairs major ... Dean's List student ... joined the team during the 2003-04 preseason practice period ... has played intramural basketball at UVa.

High School: Did not play for his high school basketball team ... member of the National Honor Society, the Math Honor Society and the French Honor Society.

Personal: Born December 3, 1982 in Washington, D.C. ... son of Roberta and Douglas Abel ... has a younger sister, Marta ... volunteer coach for third graders at the Piedmont YMCA ... lists juggling as an interest.

BILLY GLADING

Graduate Student Guard 6-2, 172
Bethesda, Md./Gonzaga College High School

Worth Noting: Received a degree in economics from Virginia in May of 2003 ... joined the men's basketball team as a walk-on in October of 2003 ... playing as a graduate student this season ... a four-year member of the Virginia men's lacrosse team ... led the lacrosse team's all purpose middies with 45 ground balls in 2003 ... also scored a career-high 24 goals ... Virginia won the Atlantic Coast Conference and NCAA Men's Lacrosse Championships in 2003 ... was named ACC Tournament MVP in 2003 ... scored five goals against Duke in the championship game of the 2003 ACC Tournament, missing the tournament record by one ... selected by the Rochester Rattlers in the third round (17th overall pick) of the Major League Lacrosse draft.

2003 Lacrosse Honors: Third-team All-American ... ACC Tournament MVP ... ACC All-Tournament ... received the Dr. Allen Voshell Award as UVa's Most Valuable Player ... two-time ACC Player of the Week on April 14 and April 21 ... National Player of the Week by Warrior/Inside Lacrosse on April 21.

At Virginia: Four-year member of the Virginia men's lacrosse team as a midfielder ... scored 49 goals and had nine assists during his collegiate lacrosse career ... had an outstanding all-around 2003 lacrosse season as Virginia won the national championship and the ACC championship ... fifth on the team with a career-high 24 goals ... 13th in the ACC in goals at 1.41/pg ... led the team in goals on three occasions ... six multi-goal games with three hat tricks ... went on a goal-scoring binge late in the season with 16 goals in the last nine games ... scored two goals against North Carolina in the semifinals of the ACC Tournament, including the game winner in sudden death overtime ... scored a career-high five goals to lead the Cavaliers to the title over Duke in the finals ... named tourney MVP with seven goals in the two games ... scored a goal and had three ground balls vs. Maryland in the

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NCAA semifinals ... scored a goal and added an assist in the championship game against Johns Hopkins.

High School: Lettered four times in lacrosse ... two-time All-American ... Washington Post All-Met Player of the Year ... two-time Washington Catholic Athletic Conference (WCAC) Player of the Year ... recorded 56 goals and 25 assists as a senior ... earned three letters in basketball ... was captain and the team's MVP as a senior ... second-team All-WCAC and honorable mention Washington Post All-Metro as a senior ... team won WCAC title and finished ranked 25th in the nation by USA Today ... led his team to three wins over a DeMatha team led by Joseph Forte, the ACC Men's Basketball Rookie of the Year in 2000 and now with the Seattle SuperSonics, and Keith Bogans (played at Kentucky) during his senior season ... scored the winning points in the final seconds in two of the games ... Honor Roll student.

Personal: Born May 9, 1981 in Washington, D.C. ... son of Cissy and Bill Glading ... has an older sister, Sarah, and younger brothers, Matt, Danny and Pat ... grandfather played basketball at Cornell and his father played freshman basketball at Boston College ... participated in the Big Brother program.

HANK NACEY

Sophomore Forward 6-5, 210
Virginia Beach, Va./Frank W. Cox High School

Worth Noting: Mechanical engineering major ... joined the team as a walk-on in October of 2003.

High School: Lettered twice in basketball ... team captain ... earned district honorable mention honors ... earned one letter in volleyball as a hitter ... National Honor Society member.

Personal: Born September 24, 1983 in Virginia Beach, Va. ... son of Terry and Harry Nacey ... has two sisters, Molly and Bridget ... a Christian Formation assistant ... involved in Habitat for Humanity.