

VIRGINIA BASKETBALL 2003-2004 MEDIA NOTES

Virginia (16-10, 6-9 ACC)

vs.

Maryland (15-11, 6-9 ACC)

March 7, 2004 • 8:00 p.m.

Comcast Center (17,950)

College Park, Md.

2003-04 SCHEDULE

16-10 Overall / 6-9 ACC

Home: 13-4

Away: 3-6

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	at #12 Georgia Tech (ESPN2)	L, 57-75
Jan. 18	FLORIDA STATE (R/JP)	W, 76-67 (OT)
Jan. 20	CLEMSON (RSN)	W, 61-50
Jan. 24	at #7 North Carolina (ESPN)	L, 77-96
Jan. 31	at #19 Wake Forest (R/JP)	L, 78-91
Feb. 4	MARYLAND (R/JP)	L, 67-71
Feb. 7	N.C. STATE (R/JP)	L, 63-79
Feb. 11	at #1 Duke (ESPN)	L, 75-93
Feb. 14	#15 GEORGIA TECH (R/JP)	W, 82-80
Feb. 17	at Florida State (RSN)	L, 57-76
Feb. 21	at Clemson (R/JP)	W, 58-55
Feb. 24	#12 NORTH CAROLINA (R/JP)	W, 74-72
Mar. 2	#11 WAKE FOREST (ESPN2)	W, 84-82
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

AP rankings listed

TELEVISION

Tonight's game will be televised by Fox Sports Net. Thom Brennaman will handle the play-by-play. Mike Gminski 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 16-10 overall and 6-9 in the Atlantic Coast Conference in the 2003-2004 season. The Cavaliers have won three consecutive games (and four of the last five) and are coming off an 84-82 win over 11th-ranked Wake Forest (Mar. 2) at University Hall. Maryland stands at 15-11 overall and 6-9 in the ACC. The Terrapins are coming off a 70-69 victory over 16th-ranked N.C. State (Mar. 3) in Raleigh, N.C.

The Series vs. Maryland

Maryland leads the series with Virginia 96-64 in a rivalry that dates back to the 1912-13 season. The Cavaliers had their two-game winning streak against Maryland snapped with a 71-67 loss (Feb. 4) in Charlottesville.

UVa snapped a three-game losing streak (and a nine-game slide at Maryland) with an 86-78 victory (Feb. 6) at Comcast Center last season. UVa completed the 2002-2003 season series sweep with an 80-78 overtime victory (Mar. 9) in Charlottesville. It marked the Cavaliers' first season sweep of Maryland since the 1992-93 campaign.

Despite winning four of the last eight meetings, Virginia has lost 14 of the last 21 contests in the series with Maryland since winning five consecutive games between 1992-1994.

In the 2001-2002 season, the Terrapins won 91-87 (Jan. 31) in Charlottesville in the first meeting and 112-92 (Mar. 3) in the final game at Cole Field House. In 2000-2001, UVa split a pair of games with Maryland with each team winning at home. Virginia earned a 99-78 victory (Jan. 31) in the first meeting of 2000-2001 in Charlottesville. Maryland gained a split in the season series with a 102-67 victory (Mar. 3) in College Park.

This is the 57th consecutive season the Cavaliers and Terrapins have met (every season since 1947-48), Virginia's second-oldest opponent in terms of consecutive seasons met. They have played 122 games in that span. (Virginia's oldest opponent in terms of consecutive seasons played is Virginia Tech—69 straight seasons).

The Terrapins lead 54-20 in games played in College Park during the series. UVa won only 13 of 47 meetings at Cole Field House.

In its first appearance at the Comcast Center, UVa registered an 86-78 victory over then eighth-ranked Maryland (February 6, 2003). The victory snapped the Cavaliers' nine-game losing streak at Maryland. The Cavaliers' previous victory in College Park was a 70-68 win on February 4, 1993.

Five of the Cavaliers' last six wins over the Terrapins (1995, 1997, 2000, 2001 and 2003) have occurred at University Hall in Charlottesville.

Virginia's PROBABLE Starters

No.	Pos.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Ppg.	Rpg.	Appg.	Mpg	Notes
34	F	Jason Clark	6-8	234	Jr.	4.4	4.7	0.6	20.6	Career-high 13 rebs. vs. Maryland (2/4)
43	F/C	Elton Brown	6-9	251	Jr.	15.0	6.3	1.4	27.1	Scored 20+ points eight times this season
22	G	Todd Billet	6-0	183	Sr.	10.2	2.4	3.2	32.0	5th with 149 threes at UVa; 307 in career
15	G	T.J. Bannister	5-10 1/2	168	Fr.	3.2	1.3	2.8	16.0	Career-high 12 assists vs. Wake Forest (3/2)
2	G	J.R. Reynolds	6-2 1/2	196	Fr.	8.2	1.7	2.0	23.4	Career-high 16 points vs. Duke (2/11)

Virginia's Key Reserves

5	F	Derrick Byars	6-7	215	So.	8.1	3.4	1.1	21.3	Broke scoring slumps with 18 and 15 pts. vs. WFU
23	G/F	Gary Forbes	6-6	210	Fr.	8.1	4.4	1.7	24.9	Career-high 12 rebounds vs. Loyola Marymount
33	F	Devin Smith	6-5	239	Jr.	12.7	5.3	1.4	23.9	Game-winning three-point play vs. Wake (3/2)
55	F/C	Donte Minter	6-7 1/2	244	Fr.	5.5	2.7	0.3	11.9	Shooting 54.7% (58-106) from the field
11	G	Majestic Mapp	6-2	184	Sr.	1.7	0.9	0.9	8.8	Started vs. NCSU (2/7) – 1st start since 1999-00
32	F	Jason Cain	6-9	205	Fr.	2.2	1.3	0.1	6.3	Scored career-high 11 points vs. Wake Forest

A Nailbiter Could be in the Offing

The recent series with Maryland has featured quite a few close games. Since 1987, 23 of 36 games have been decided by nine points or less, with Virginia winning 12 games. In the last 18 years there have also been four overtime games, with Virginia winning three of the four games.

A breakdown of the close games in the series since the 1986-87 season is below:

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

Earlier This Season vs. Maryland

After falling behind by as many as 12 points in the first half, Virginia rallied to take a second-half lead only to see Maryland eke out a 71-67 victory (February 4) at University Hall.

The Terrapins led by as many as 12 points during the first half, including 28-16 with 11:13 remaining. UVa used a 13-3 run to pull within two points, 31-29, with 6:48 left in the first stanza, but Maryland stretched its lead to seven points, 43-36, at halftime.

Virginia held the Terps to a single field goal in the first six minutes of the second half and outscored Maryland 12-2 to grab a three-point lead, 48-45, at the 13:58 mark. After three ties, the Terrapins regained the lead for good (56-54) on a layup by Nik Caner-Medley with 9:29 to play. Maryland extended its lead to as many as six points on three occasions, but each time UVa responded to trim the deficit.

With 57 seconds to play, Maryland's Chris McCray made one of two free throws to put the Terps up by five points. Junior Elton Brown answered with a layup with 41 seconds to play, but D.J. Strawberry sank a free throw with 35 seconds to go to put Maryland up by four, 68-64. Five seconds later junior Devin Smith answered with a three-pointer to bring UVa within 68-67. With 23 seconds left, Caner-Medley made the second of two free throws to push Maryland's lead to 69-67. The Cavaliers were trying to run a play when Strawberry came up with a steal and John Gilchrist tipped in a missed shot to make the final score 71-67.

Brown led UVa with 24 points, including 17 in the first half, and nine rebounds. Freshman J.R. Reynolds had 15 points on 6-8 shooting from the field, including 3-5 from three-point range. Smith and sophomore Derrick Byars added 12 and 10 points, respectively, while junior Jason Clark grabbed a career-high 13 rebounds and blocked five shots.

Neither team shot well from the field as UVa made 21-53 attempts for 39.6 percent, while Maryland was 24-67 for 35.8 percent. Maryland also struggled from the free throw line as it missed 18 of 36 attempts. The Terrapins held a 49-38 edge in rebounds, including a 24-12 advantage on the offensive glass.

Gilchrist led Maryland with a game-high 26 points, including 21 in the first half.

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)

Jan. 26 – J.R. Reynolds (Rookie)

Freshman guard J.R. Reynolds was named ACC Rookie of the Week on January 26 after averaging 13.0 points while shooting .643 from the floor in two games. Reynolds was 9-14 from the field, including 5-10 from three-point range, and 3-4 from the free throw line, in the two games. He also had four assists, three steals and three rebounds in 51 minutes of action.

In Virginia's 61-50 victory over Clemson (Jan. 20), Reynolds scored a team-high 11 points and tied for the team high with three assists. In UVa's 96-77 loss at North Carolina (Jan. 24), he scored a career-high 15 points and had three rebounds.

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: 376-203 (19th season)
Record at Virginia: 102-75 (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

Tale of the Tape

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

Virginia	Category	Maryland
74.8	Points	76.3
75.0	Points Allowed	70.7
-0.2	Scoring Margin	+5.6
45.0	Field Goal %	44.0
43.3	Field Goal % Defense	39.6
33.5	3-Point Field Goal %	32.8
35.7	3-Point Field Goal % Defense	37.7
66.3	Free Throw %	60.9
34.6	Rebounds	41.4
-4.7	Rebound Margin	+2.5
14.8	Assists	14.2
14.0	Turnovers	15.5
6.8	Steals	8.8
4.0	Blocked Shots	7.1

Closing the Regular Season with the Terps

This is the fifth consecutive year Virginia is closing out the regular season by playing Maryland. The two teams have split the last four regular season finales.

The Cavaliers won both regular season finales in Charlottesville by two points in overtime (89-87 – Mar. 4, 2000 and 80-78 – Mar. 9, 2003). UVa has not fared as well in the two games contested in College Park. Virginia lost 102-67 on Mar. 3, 2001 and 112-92 on Mar. 3, 2002 in the final game at Cole Field House.

Winning Close Games

The Cavaliers are 4-1 in games decided by four points or less this season and improve to 5-1 with overtime contests included.

UVa's four "close" wins have been in its last four victories: 82-80 over 15th-ranked Georgia Tech (Feb. 14) at home 58-55 over Clemson (Feb. 21) on the road 74-72 over 12th-ranked North Carolina (Feb. 24) at home 84-82 over 11th-ranked Wake Forest (Mar. 2) at home UVa also defeated Florida State 76-67 in overtime (Jan. 18) at home.

Virginia's lone close loss was a 71-67 setback against Maryland (Feb. 4) in Charlottesville.

Late Game Heroics

Guard Todd Billet lifted the Cavaliers to three consecutive victories with some clutch late-game shooting and forward Devin Smith got into the act in UVa's victory over Wake Forest (Mar. 2).

Billet drained a three-pointer with 2.4 seconds remaining to lift Virginia to an 82-80 win over Georgia Tech (Feb. 14) at University Hall. The three-pointer marked Billet's only points of the game.

At Clemson (Feb. 21), Billet sank a three-pointer with 16 seconds left to erase a 55-53 deficit and give UVa a 56-55 edge. He also made a layup with two seconds left to make the final score 58-55. Billet scored 21 points in the game.

Against 12th-ranked North Carolina (Feb. 24), Billet capped a Cavalier comeback with a three-pointer with 13.6 seconds remaining to erase a one-point deficit and propel UVa to a 74-72 victory.

Smith became the latest hero for the Cavaliers as he made a three-point play the old fashion way with 5.8 seconds remaining in UVa's 84-82 win over 11th-ranked Wake Forest. Smith's basket and free throw turned an 81-81 tie into an 84-81 UVa lead.

Changes To The Starting Lineup

After using the same starting lineup for 11 consecutive games, head coach Pete Gillen changed UVa's starting lineup the next seven games. Derrick Byars, Devin Smith, Elton Brown, Todd Billet and Gary Forbes had comprised UVa's starting lineup 11 consecutive games. However, for five games – Duke (Feb. 11), Georgia Tech (Feb. 14), Florida State (Feb. 17), Clemson (Feb. 21), and North Carolina (Feb. 24) – Gillen used the same starting lineup. Majestic Mapp was inserted into UVa's starting lineup against Wake Forest (Mar. 2) on Senior Night.

Here's a look at UVa's starting lineup the last 12 games:

Florida State (Jan. 18)	Byars	Clark	Minter	Billet	Forbes
Clemson (Jan. 20)	Smith	Clark	Minter	Billet	Reynolds
North Carolina (Jan. 24)	Byars	Clark	Minter	Billet	Reynolds
Wake Forest (Jan. 31)	Forbes	Clark	Brown	Billet	Reynolds
Maryland (Feb. 4)	Byars	Clark	Brown	Billet	Forbes
N.C. State (Feb. 7)	Byars	Clark	Brown	Mapp	Reynolds
Duke (Feb. 11)	Reynolds	Clark	Brown	Billet	Bannister
Georgia Tech (Feb. 14)	Reynolds	Clark	Brown	Billet	Bannister
Florida State (Feb. 17)	Reynolds	Clark	Brown	Billet	Bannister
Clemson (Feb. 21)	Reynolds	Clark	Brown	Billet	Bannister
North Carolina (Feb. 24)	Reynolds	Clark	Brown	Billet	Bannister
Wake Forest (Mar. 2)	Reynolds	Clark	Brown	Billet	Mapp

Minter's start against Florida State (Jan. 18) marked his first collegiate starting assignment, while Bannister's start at Duke (Feb. 11) was the first of his collegiate career.

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.

Head Coach Pete Gillen

Pete Gillen is in his 19th season as a collegiate head coach and sports a 376-203 record for a .649 winning percentage. Gillen is in his sixth season at Virginia and has posted a 102-75 record (.576 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).

Gillen Gets 100th UVa Win

Head coach Pete Gillen became the sixth men's basketball coach to win 100 career games at UVa on February 21, 2004. The Cavaliers registered a 58-55 victory at Clemson for Gillen's 100th Virginia victory. Here's a list of the Virginia men's basketball coaches with 100 victories at UVa:

Henry Lannigan (1905-1929) – 254-95	24 seasons
Gus Tebell (1930-51) – 241-190	21 seasons
Bill Gibson (1963-74) – 120-158	11 seasons
Terry Holland (1974-90) – 326-173	16 seasons
Jeff Jones (1990-1998) – 146-104	8 seasons
Pete Gillen (1998-pres.) – 102-75	6 seasons

First Ranked Win

Virginia's 82-80 victory over 15th-ranked Georgia Tech (Feb. 14) marked the Cavaliers' first win over a ranked opponent this season. UVa also registered a 74-72 victory over 12th-ranked North Carolina (Feb. 24) and an 84-82 win over 11th-ranked Wake Forest (Mar. 2). Virginia is now 3-5 vs. ranked opponents this season. All three ranked wins have come at home at University Hall.

Before this season's win over Georgia Tech, UVa's previous win over a ranked opponent was an 80-78 overtime win vs. 13th-ranked Maryland on March 9, 2003 at University Hall.

Freshmen Starts

The Cavaliers lead all ACC schools with 38 starts by freshmen in 2003-2004. Four different freshmen, Gary Forbes (17), J.R. Reynolds (13), T.J. Bannister (5), and Donte Minter (3) have started games for UVa.

Bannister Moves into Starting Lineup

Freshman T.J. Bannister drew his first collegiate starting assignment against the top-ranked team in the country and in one of the most difficult arenas to play when the Cavaliers played at Duke (Feb. 11). Bannister handed out a then career-high six assists and also scored five points to go along with two rebounds and a steal in 30 minutes of playing time.

In his second career start vs. Georgia Tech (Feb. 14), Bannister set career highs in scoring (15), rebounds (4), assists (7), and minutes played (31). His previous career high for points was six points (vs. N.C. State – Feb. 7).

Bannister also started against Florida State (Feb. 17) and scored seven points in 25 minutes. In his fourth start, he had eight points, four rebounds, and one assist while playing 31 minutes against Clemson (Feb. 21).

In his fifth start vs. North Carolina, Bannister had two

points, three rebounds, two assists and a steal in 21 minutes.

Bannister had perhaps his best game of the season against 11th-ranked Wake Forest (Mar. 2) while coming off the bench as Majestic Mapp started in his place on Senior Night. Bannister handed out a career-high 12 assists with just one turnover. He also had nine points, one rebound and one steal in 30 minutes of playing time.

First Road ACC Win

Virginia snapped a nine-game ACC road losing streak with its 58-55 victory over Clemson (Feb. 21). The victory was UVa's first ACC road win of the season and the team's first conference road win since an 86-78 win at Maryland on February 6, 2003.

Blocked Shots

Junior Jason Clark has 84 career blocked shots and stands 10th on UVa's all-time list. Olden Polynice (1984-86) is ninth with 86 blocked shots.

Clark blocked a career-best 39 shots in the 2001-2002 season.

Career High Assists for Bannister

Freshman guard T.J. Bannister handed out a career-high 12 assists against Wake Forest (Mar. 2). His 12 assists are the most in a game for a Cavalier since Harold Deane had 14 (which tied the school record) against Maryland on March 5, 1995.

Bannister's 12 assists are a school record for a freshman. Billy Langloh and John Crotty held the former UVa frosh record for assists in a game with 11. Langloh had 11 vs. Denver (Dec. 28, 1973) and Crotty had 11 vs. Georgia Tech (Feb. 25, 1988).

Mapp Starts

Guard Majestic Mapp received his first start of the season against N.C. State (Feb. 7). It marked Mapp's first start since the 1999-2000 season and third overall. It also marked his first collegiate start in a game played in the United States. Mapp's two starts during his freshman season came against Providence (Nov. 26) and Arizona State (Nov. 27) in the 1999 Puerto Rico Shootout in Bayamon, Puerto Rico.

Mapp also started against Wake Forest (Mar. 2) in UVa's final home game of the 2003-04 regular season.

Redd Joins Blue and Orange

Freshman football player Vince Redd has joined the Virginia basketball team. Redd, a 6-6 linebacker from Elizabethton, Tenn., red-shirted the 2003 football season. He practiced with the basketball team for the first time on January 16 and was in uniform for the Florida State (Jan. 18) game. Redd saw his first game action against North Carolina (Jan. 24) and blocked one shot in one minute of playing time.

As a senior at Elizabethton High School, Redd averaged 15 points and 12 rebounds per game and was a first-team All-State pick.

Home Sweet Home

Like many ACC teams, the Cavaliers enjoy success playing in front of their home crowd at University Hall. The Cavaliers are 13-4 at U-Hall this season and 3-6 in away games.

Since the beginning of the 1999-2000 season, UVa is:
63-15 (80.8 percent) in all home games
28-12 (70.0 percent) in all home ACC games

Clark Provides Defensive Spark

Since rejoining the team in early January, 6-8 junior forward Jason Clark has provided a defensive spark in the low post.

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.

Clark has started the last 12 games and appeared in 14 contests overall. He is averaging 4.4 points, 4.7 rebounds and 1.4 blocked shots per game while playing 20.6 minutes per contest.

Clark turned in an impressive performance against Florida State (Jan. 18). He played a career-best 34 minutes, had five points, tied a then career high with nine rebounds, and blocked a pair of shots while receiving his first starting assignment.

Against Maryland (Feb. 4), Clark continued his solid play with three points, a career-high 13 rebounds, five blocked shots and a career-high three steals in 31 minutes.

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.

Overall, Clark is shooting 61.9 percent (120-194) from the field in his career and 65.6 percent (80-122) in ACC contests.

Non-Conference Play

The Cavaliers concluded regular season non-conference play with a 10-1 record. 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.

Fewest Points Allowed in ACC Game in Gillen Era

The Cavaliers held Clemson to 50 points in a 61-50 win on January 20 and it marked the fewest points Virginia has allowed an ACC opponent in the Pete Gillen era.

The previous low by an ACC opponent was 54 by Wake Forest in a 64-54 UVA victory on February 3, 1999. The fewest points the Cavaliers have allowed in a game under Gillen was 48 in a 64-48 victory over Virginia Tech on November 24, 2000.

The 50 points by Clemson are the fewest UVA has allowed in a conference game since limiting N.C. State to 46 points on February 19, 1997 (a 55-46 UVA win).

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 17 games, Reynolds has averaged 9.5 points per game, including 15 points against North Carolina (Jan. 24) and Maryland (Feb. 4), and a career-high 16 points vs. Duke (Feb. 11). He also handed out a career-high five assists against Florida State (Jan. 18).

After starting the first three games of the season, Reynolds returned to the starting lineup against Clemson (Jan. 20). He scored all 11 of his points in the second half against the Tigers.

He also had three assists and a career-best three steals.

Reynolds, who was named ACC Rookie of the Week on January 26, scored a then career-high 15 points against North Carolina (Jan. 24) and also added three rebounds and one assist in 26 minutes of action.

In his last 11 games, Reynolds is shooting 46.2 percent (43-93) from the floor, including 39.3 percent (22-56) from three-point range, and averaging 10.5 points per game. He has scored in double figures in five of the last eight games and in seven of the last 11, including a career-high 16 points against Duke (Feb. 11).

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 the Turnover Roller Coaster

After committing only five turnovers against Iowa State (Dec. 31), UVA had 20 miscues against Providence (Jan. 3). Providence had 24 turnovers in the contest. The roller coaster that is Virginia turnovers went back on the down tick against William & Mary (Jan. 5) when the Cavaliers had just six. UVA then equaled its very respectable season average at the time with 12 turnovers against Duke (Jan. 11). The turnover bug reappeared against Georgia Tech (Jan. 15) as the Cavaliers committed a season-high 21 turnovers. The 21 turnovers against the Yellow Jackets are the most in a game since UVA had 22 turnovers against St. John's (Mar. 24) in the second round of the 2003 National Invitation Tournament.

On the season, UVA is averaging 14.0 turnovers per game. UVA's opponents are averaging 15.3 turnovers per game.

Virginia averaged 16.5 turnovers per game last season.

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, Virginia 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.

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.

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

In seven of the last 13 games, UVa has committed 16 or more turnovers – 21 vs. Georgia Tech (Jan. 15), 16 vs. Florida State (Jan. 18) and North Carolina (Feb. 24), 19 vs. Clemson (Jan. 20), North Carolina (Jan. 24) and Wake Forest (Jan. 31), and 20 vs. Maryland (Feb. 4). Virginia snapped its streak of six consecutive games with 16 or more turnovers against N.C. State (Feb. 7) when it had only 10 miscues.

Over its last seven games, Virginia has committed 16 or more turnovers only once (16 vs. Clemson – Feb. 21). In that same seven-game stretch, UVa has four games in which it has committed 12 or fewer turnovers.

UVa is 11-3 when it commits fewer than 15 turnovers in a game and 5-7 when it has 15 or more turnovers.

Only 58 Points Scored

Virginia scored only 58 points in its 58-55 win over Clemson (Feb. 21) and it marked the fewest points the Cavaliers have scored in a win under Pete Gillen.

The previous low for points in a UVa win under Gillen was 61 points on four occasions, including a 61-50 win over Clemson (Jan. 20) earlier this season.

Virginia scored 61 points in three other victories under Gillen – a 61-58 win vs. N.C. State on February 9, 2003; a 61-57 win at Rutgers on December 21, 2002; and a 61-55 win at #16 Georgetown on December 20, 2001.

Leading Scorer has only 11 Points

Freshman J.R. Reynolds was Virginia's leading scorer with 11 points in the Cavaliers' 61-50 win over Clemson (Jan. 20). It marked the fewest points UVa's leading scorer has tallied in a victory in over 20 years.

The last time Virginia's leading scorer had fewer than 11 points in a Cavalier win was on March 6, 1982 when Jeff Jones, Tim Mullen and Jim Miller each scored 10 points in a 51-49 overtime win over #16 Wake Forest in the ACC Tournament.

Minter Makes Most of First Collegiate Start

Freshman forward/center Donte Minter earned his first collegiate start vs. Florida State (Jan. 18) and turned in an excellent performance. Minter played a career-high 24 minutes and tallied nine points, equaled his career best with seven rebounds, and set another career high with four blocked shots. Minter also had seven rebounds in his collegiate debut against Mount St. Mary's (Nov. 23).

Minter earned his second start against Clemson (Jan. 20). He was held scoreless in the first half, but tallied all 10 of his points in the second stanza.

He remained in the starting lineup against North Carolina (Jan. 24) and tallied seven points, four rebounds and one blocked shot.

Minter has not started the last nine games and has played sparingly due to an injury. He played only four minutes against Wake Forest (Jan. 31) as well as Maryland (Feb. 4). He played 11 minutes off the bench vs. N.C. State (Feb. 7) and had four points, two rebounds, one steal and one blocked shot. Against Duke (Feb. 11), Minter played nine minutes and had two points. He played six minutes vs. Georgia Tech (Feb. 14) and had three rebounds. Against Florida State (Feb. 17), he played five minutes and had three points and two rebounds.

Minter saw his most extensive playing time in nearly a month against Clemson (Feb. 21). He played 17 minutes and tallied seven points, four rebounds and two blocked shots. In six minutes against North Carolina (Feb. 24), Minter did not score, but did pull down five rebounds. He had two points, one rebound and one steal in eight minutes vs. Wake Forest (Mar. 2).

Hot or Cold

The Cavaliers have held ACC opponents to under 40 percent shooting four times this season, while six conference foes have shot 50 percent or better against UVa. Five times teams, Georgia Tech (twice), Florida State (Feb. 17), North Carolina (Feb. 24), and Wake Forest (Mar. 2) ACC teams have shot in the 40 percent range. Georgia Tech shot 46.4 percent (26-56) – Jan. 15) and 48.3 percent (28-58) – Feb. 14). Florida State shot 49.1 percent (26-53) on Feb. 17, while North Carolina shot 46.0 percent (29-63) on Feb. 24. Wake Forest shot 43.3 percent (29-67) on Mar. 2.

Virginia has held the following ACC teams to under 40 percent shooting from the field:

Florida State (Jan. 18) – 31.9 percent (22-69)
Clemson (Jan. 20) – 31.6 percent (18-57)
Maryland (Feb. 4) – 35.8 percent (24-67)
Clemson (Feb. 21) – 33.9 percent (20-59)

The following ACC teams have shot 50 percent or better from the floor vs. Virginia:

N.C. State (Dec. 28) – 50.8 percent (30-59)
Duke (Jan. 11) – 52.3 percent (34-65)
North Carolina (Jan. 24) – 52.3 percent (34-65)
Wake Forest (Jan. 31) – 50.0 percent (27-54)
N.C. State (Feb. 7) – 51.0 percent (26-51)
Duke (Feb. 11) – 51.8 percent (29-56)

Three of the four sub 40 percent shooting performances by UVa's ACC opponents have occurred at University Hall, while four of the six 50 percent or higher shooting games by Cavalier conference opponents have occurred on the road.

UVa's 31.6 percent field goal percentage defense against Clemson marked the lowest vs. an ACC opponent since Wake Forest shot 29.0 percent (20-69) on February 24, 1996.

Snapped at 354

The Cavaliers' streak of making at least one three-point field goal in 354 consecutive games was snapped vs. Wake Forest (Jan. 31). UVa missed all 12 of its three-point attempts against the Demon Deacons.

The previous time Virginia did not make a three-pointer in a game was on March 27, 1992 against New Mexico in the quarterfinals of the National Invitation Tournament in Richmond, Va.

Reaching 1500

Guard Todd Billet eclipsed the 1500-point mark in his collegiate career in UVa's win at Clemson (Feb. 21). He entered the game with 1,495 career points and reached the 1,500 point plateau with a three-pointer just over three minutes into the game. Billet has now scored 1,541 points (844 at Rutgers and 697 at UVa).

If he had played all four years at UVa, Billet's 1,541 points would rank 13th all-time for the Cavaliers.

Ranked Teams

Nine of UVa's 10 losses this season have come against teams that have been ranked in The Associated Press Top 25 Poll at one point during the season. In the rankings of March 1, N.C. State (two losses) is ranked 16th, while Providence is rated 12th. Duke (two losses) is ranked third, Wake Forest 11th, North Carolina 14th and Georgia Tech 19th. Maryland was ranked as high as 24th in late December.

16 Field Goals

The Cavaliers had a season-low 16 field goals against Georgia Tech (Jan. 15). The 16 field goals ties for the 16th fewest in a game by Virginia. The last time UVa had fewer than 16 field goals in a game was on February 19, 1997 when the Cavaliers made only 15 (of 37 attempts) against N.C. State.

Interestingly enough, Virginia won the game 55-46 in Raleigh and the Wolfpack also made only 15 field goals (they attempted 39).

Bombs Away

The Cavaliers hoisted up a season-high 31 three-point attempts against Florida State (Jan. 18) and hit a season-best 13 of those long range attempts. The 31 three-point attempts ties for the fourth most in a game by the Cavaliers all-time. UVa also attempted 31 threes against North Carolina on January 21, 1999 (and made just four). The school record is 38 three-point attempts vs. Clemson on January 15, 2000 (UVa made 12 of the 38 three-point tries).

Virginia's 13 made three-pointers against Florida State ties for the seventh most in a game. The school record is 15 successful threes vs. North Carolina (February 14, 1990) and Hampton (November 25, 1998).

The Cavaliers 13 three-pointers vs. Florida State are the most in a game since the team made 14 against Howard on November 21, 2001.

Coincidentally, Florida State also attempted 31 threes in the game (and made 10) which ties for the third most three-pointers taken against UVa. VMI and Georgia Tech both attempted 34 three-pointers on December 19, 1994 and November 30, 1996, respectively.

Virginia's previous season high for three-pointers made was nine against Virginia Tech (Nov. 28). The Cavaliers' 25 attempted threes against Minnesota (Dec. 3) were the season high before taking 31 against Florida State.

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 the 23 games he's played this season, Smith has a team-high 31 steals. Smith had 19 steals in 32 games last season. He has 22 of his 31 steals in his last 16 games, including a career-high five vs. Iowa State (Dec. 31).

Two 20-Point Scorers Times Five

The Cavaliers have had a pair of players score 20 or more points in the same game five 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
Florida State (Jan. 18) – Todd Billet 26, Devin Smith 21

Assisting in Other Ways

Senior guard Todd Billet's scoring is down from last season when he averaged 14.1 points per game, but he is making contributions in other areas. Billet, who is scoring 10.2 points per game in 2003-04 while playing mainly point guard, is averaging a team-high 3.2 assists per game. He averaged 3.4 assists per game last season, but Billet has cut his turnovers in half – while handling the ball more. Last season, Billet had 93 turnovers compared to only 38 this year. This season he is averaging 1.46 turnovers per game vs. 2.91 turnovers per outing last year. His assist-to-turnover ratio has improved from 1.2 to 1 last year to 2.2 to 1 this season. Billet's rebounds per game (2.4 from 2.2) are also up slightly this season.

Last season Billet had only one game in which he didn't commit a turnover compared to five games without a turnover this year.

Double Digit Rebounder

Junior Jason Clark pulled down a career-high 13 rebounds against Maryland (Feb. 4). It marked the first time since December 22 a UVa player has reached double figures in rebounds in a game. On December 22 vs. Coastal Carolina, Elton Brown and Derrick Byars both had 11 rebounds.

Clark is also the fifth different Virginia player to grab 10 or more rebounds in a game this season. In addition to Brown, Byars and Clark, Devin Smith and Gary Forbes have tallied double digit rebounding performances in 2003-04.

Perfect from the Free Throw Line

One bright spot from the game at N.C. State (Dec. 28) 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).

Spreading Minutes Around

Virginia has nine players who are averaging 10 or more minutes per game and a 10th – Majestic Mapp, who is averaging 8.8 minutes per game. The Cavaliers also have just one player who is averaging more than 30 minutes per game – senior Todd Billet at 32.0 minutes per game.

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 games. Currently, three Virginia players are averaging in double figure scoring this season and as many as five players have averaged 10 or more points per game during the 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.

Getting to the Free Throw Line

Virginia has gotten to the free throw line quite frequently in 2003-04. The Cavaliers have attempted 615 free throws and made 408 this season, so UVa is only shooting 66.3 percent from the free throw line.

The Cavaliers are averaging 23.7 attempts from the free throw line per game (and 15.7 made per game). UVa has made fewer free throws than its opponent in 12 games this season, including eight 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.
North Carolina (Jan. 24) made 22 free throws to UVa's 20.
Wake Forest (Jan. 31) made 28 free throws to Virginia's 16.
N.C. State (Feb. 7) made 20 free throws to UVa's 15.
Duke (Feb. 11) made 27 free throws to Virginia's 14.
Florida State (Feb. 17) made 16 free throws to UVa's 12.

In its win over William & Mary (Jan. 5), the Tribe made 13 foul shots to Virginia's 12. Florida State (Jan. 18) made 13 free throws to UVa's 11 and Clemson (Feb. 21) made 11 free throws to Virginia's 7. Wake Forest (Mar. 2) made 12 foul shots to UVa's 11.

UVa's seven free throws made against Clemson are a season low.

Virginia's opponents have attempted 542 free throws (20.8 per game) and made 366 (14.1 per game). UVa has attempted 73 more free throws than its opponents and made 42 more free throws. 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.

Brown Getting to the Free Throw Line

Elton Brown has already taken a career-best 179 attempts from the free throw line. He has made 108 attempts for 60.3 percent. Brown is averaging an ACC-best 6.9 attempts from the foul line per game and has taken nine or more free throws in a game 12 times. He did not attempt a free throw in UVa's loss to Providence (Jan. 3) and win over Clemson (Jan. 20).

Against Maryland (Feb. 4), Brown set career highs with 15 free throw attempts and 10 made free throws. His previous career bests were 13 attempts and eight made foul shots.

Brown has attempted 115 more free throws than any other player on the team (Gary Forbes has 64 attempts) and has also made 60 more free throws than any other player on the team (Devin Smith has made 48 free throws).

Brown took 93 free throws all of last season.

Freshmen Contributions

UVa's five freshmen who have been with the team the entire season – T.J. Bannister, Jason Cain, Gary Forbes, Donte Minter, and J.R. Reynolds – are making significant contributions. Three of them have played in every game, while Reynolds missed two games with an illness and Cain did not play against Florida State (Feb. 17) and North Carolina (Feb. 24).

The quintet have accounted for:

–45.5 percent of the team's assists (175 of 385)
–44.2 percent of the team's blocked shots (46 of 104)
–42.6 percent of the team's steals (75 of 176)
–39.9 percent of the team's minutes (2,085 of 5,225)
–35.2 percent of the points scored (685 of 1,945)
–32.3 percent of the team's rebounds (290 of 899)

Freshman Vince Redd saw game action for the first time at North Carolina (Jan. 24) and blocked one shot in one minute of playing time. That block and the one minute of action are not included in the statistics above.

Field Goal Percentage Defense

After holding six of its first eight opponents below 40 percent shooting from the field, Virginia has allowed eight of its last 18 opponents to shoot 50 percent or better 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) was the first team to eclipse 50 percent shooting – 30-59 (50.8 percent) against UVa, while Providence shot a season-high 58.2 percent (32-55) from the field against Virginia.

UVa held Florida State (Jan. 18) to 31.9 percent (22-69) shooting from the floor and then limited Clemson (Jan. 20) to 31.6 percent (18-57) accuracy from the field.

Here's a look at UVa's field goal percentage defense through 26 games this 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
Georgia Tech (Jan. 15)	26-56	46.4 percent
Florida State (Jan. 18)	22-69	31.9 percent
Clemson (Jan. 20)	18-57	31.6 percent
North Carolina (Jan. 24)	34-65	52.3 percent
Wake Forest (Jan. 31)	27-54	50.0 percent
Maryland (Feb. 4)	24-67	35.8 percent
N.C. State (Feb. 7)	26-51	51.0 percent
Duke (Feb. 11)	29-56	51.8 percent
Georgia Tech (Feb. 14)	28-58	48.3 percent
Florida State (Feb. 17)	26-53	49.1 percent
Clemson (Feb. 21)	20-59	33.9 percent
North Carolina (Feb. 24)	29-63	46.0 percent
Wake Forest (Mar. 2)	29-67	43.3 percent
<i>Totals</i>	<i>699-1615</i>	<i>43.3 percent</i>

Trouble on the Boards

The Cavaliers have only out-rebounded nine opponents this season (by a combined 32 rebounds). Virginia has been out-rebounded in 12 of its last 15 games.

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, which ties 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)

Duke (Jan. 11) by 13 (43-30)

Georgia Tech (Jan. 15) by three (36-33)

Florida State (Jan. 18) by five (45-40)

Clemson (Jan. 2) by 10 (41-31)

North Carolina (Jan. 24) by 11 (38-27)

Against Wake Forest (Jan. 31), Virginia broke a stretch of six straight games in which it was out-rebounded by grabbing 35 boards to Wake's 31.

The Cavaliers also lost the battle of the boards to:

Maryland (Feb. 4) by 11 (49-38)

N.C. State (Feb. 7) by 17 (39-22) – which ties the largest rebounding deficit of the season.

Duke (Feb. 11) by 13 (38-25)

Virginia out-rebounded Georgia Tech (Feb. 14) 32-30.

The Cavaliers were out-rebounded by:

Florida State (Feb. 17) 35-32

Clemson (Feb. 21) 47-31

UVa out-rebounded North Carolina (Feb. 24) 41-35 - tying its largest rebounding margin against an ACC team this season.

UVa was out-rebounded by:

Wake Forest (Mar. 2) 41-33

In the last 17 games, UVa is being out-rebounded by 7.2 boards per game.

Virginia is being out-rebounded 34.6 to 39.3 (-4.7) per game this season. On the offensive glass, the Cavaliers have been out-rebounded 396-310 (-3.3 per game). UVa gave up 24 offensive rebounds vs. Maryland and Clemson (Feb. 21), 22 offensive rebounds against Minnesota and Florida State (Jan. 18), and 20 vs. Clemson (Jan. 20) and Wake Forest (Mar. 2). The Cavaliers also had 22 offensive boards against Loyola Marymount and 20 vs. Providence.

Brown's Double Digit Streak Snapped

Junior forward/center Elton Brown had his streak of scoring in double figures in 14 consecutive games snapped against Florida State (Jan. 18) as he scored only three points. He only scored six points against Clemson (Jan. 20) as well. Brown has scored in double figures in seven of his last 10 games, including four 20-plus point outings. He had 24-point games vs. Wake Forest (Jan. 31), Maryland (Feb. 4) and Duke (Feb. 11). Brown also scored 21 points vs. Georgia Tech (Feb. 14).

Brown has been a force for the Cavaliers all season. 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 averaging career and team-bests of 15.0 points (T7th in the ACC) and 6.3 rebounds (T8th in the ACC) per game this season. He is shooting 49.5 percent (141-285) from the field (2nd in the ACC). In ACC games, Brown is averaging 13.6 points (12th in the ACC) and 5.6 rebounds (11th in the ACC) per game.

Brown's streak of 14 consecutive double figure scoring games was second among all ACC players. He is averaging 5.4 more points per game this season (15.0 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) because of a back injury, 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 remained in the starting lineup for 11 consecutive games before not starting against Florida State (Jan. 18) because of his back injury.

He returned to UVa's starting lineup against Clemson (Jan. 20), but has not started a game since. The back injury has forced Smith to miss games against Duke (Feb. 11) and Clemson (Feb. 21).

In addition to the Duke and Clemson games, Smith continues to miss practice time with the back injury. Despite that fact, he has had several impressive games.

Iowa State (Dec. 31) – 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).

William & Mary (Jan. 5) – 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 left.

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

Florida State (Jan. 18) – after not practicing the two days before the game – scored all 21 of his points after halftime, including UVa's first five points in overtime and a total of seven extra-session points. He also added six rebounds, two assists, two steals and a blocked shot.

North Carolina (Jan. 24) – 16 points, two steals, one rebound and one blocked shot. He made 5-8 field goal attempts, including 3-5 three-pointers, and all three free throw attempts.

N.C. State (Feb. 7) – 14 points, three rebounds, and one assist.

Georgia Tech (Feb. 14) – 16 points (all in the second half), seven rebounds, one assist, one steal, one blocked shot. He made 7-13 attempts from the field.

North Carolina (Feb. 24) – 20 points (including 12 in the second half), and five rebounds in 23 minutes. He made 6-10 attempts from the field.

Wake Forest (Mar. 2) – 15 points, six rebounds, two blocked shots. He scored the game winning-basket on a driving layup with 5.8 seconds left and also made the ensuing free throw.

Smith is averaging 12.7 points (15th in the ACC) and 5.3 rebounds (13th in the ACC) per game. He is averaging 13.5 points (13th in the ACC) and 4.9 rebounds (14th in the ACC) per game in ACC play.

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 8.1 points (T5th on the team) and 4.4 rebounds (4th on the team) per game. He leads UVa with 24 blocked shots. He is second among all ACC rookies in rebounding and third in blocked shots. Forbes has twice tallied three blocks in a game – Mount St. Mary's (Nov. 23) and Coastal Carolina (Dec. 22).

Seeing More Playing Time

Freshman guard T.J. Bannister has seen his most significant playing time of the season over the last 20 games. Here's a look at Bannister's key stats over the last 20 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. Georgia Tech (Jan. 15) – 10 min., 1 pt. Florida State (Jan. 18) – 8 min., 1 reb. Clemson (Jan. 20) – 13 min., 5 pts., 1 ast., 3 sts. North Carolina (Jan. 24) – 22 min., 2 pts., 5 asts. Wake Forest (Jan. 31) – 16 min., 1 reb., 5 asts. Maryland (Feb. 4) – 5 min.

N.C. State (Feb. 7) – 18 min., 6 pts., 4 asts. Duke (Feb. 11) – 30 min., 5 pts, 2 rebs., 6 asts., 1 st. Georgia Tech (Feb. 14) – 31 min., 15 pts., 4 rebs, 7 asts. Florida State (Feb. 17) – 25 min., 7 pts., 1 reb. Clemson (Feb. 21) – 31 min., 8 pts., 4 rebs., 1 ast. North Carolina (Feb. 24) – 21 min., 2 pts., 3 rebs., 2 asts. Wake Forest (Mar. 2) – 30 min., 9 pts., 1 reb., 12 asts., 1 st.

His 31 minutes, 15 points and four rebounds vs. Georgia Tech (Feb. 14) are career highs. Bannister matched his career highs for minutes (31) and rebounds (4) vs. Clemson (Feb. 21). He had a career-high 12 assists vs. Wake Forest (Mar. 2). He has started five of the last six games.

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.

Billet Fifth in Three-Point Field Goals

Senior guard Todd Billet has made 149 career three-point field goals for the Cavaliers and stands in fifth place all-time at Virginia. Billet needs eight three-pointers to move into fourth place in front of Donald Hand (1998-01).

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. Todd Billet (2003-present)	149
6. Cory Alexander (1992-95)	142
7. Roger Mason, Jr. (2000-02)	137
8. Richard Morgan (1986-89)	132
9. Chris Williams (1999-02)	130
10. Bryant Stith (1989-92)	114

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 fifth on Virginia's career three-point field goals list with 149.

Billet has made his 149 career three-pointers at UVa in just 58 games for an average of 2.57 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 307 threes. Billet's total of 307 career threes would rank seventh among all ACC players if he had played his entire career in the ACC.

Billet has played in 116 games in his career and has made at least one three-point field goal in 109 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 32 times and three or more threes in 52 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	24 of 26	4 games	55
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	109 of 116	32 games	307

*played at Rutgers

Mapp Making a Contribution

Guard Majestic Mapp has made a contribution in the first 26 games of the season. He is averaging 1.7 points, and nearly one rebound and one assist in 8.8 minutes per game while seeing action in 23 of 26 games. Mapp made his first start of the season against N.C. State (Feb. 7). He also started against Wake Forest (Mar. 2) on UVA's Senior Night. The 23 games are the most games Mapp has played in since his freshman season in 1999-2000 when he appeared in all 31 contests.

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					
Georgia Tech – Jan. 15	0	2	0	1	1*	10
Florida State – Jan. 18	3	0	0	0	0	4
Clemson – Jan. 20	0	0	0	0	0	2
North Carolina – Jan. 24	1	1	0	0	0	3
Wake Forest – Jan. 31	0	0	0	0	0	4
Maryland – Feb. 4	0	0	0	0	0	5
N.C. State – Feb. 7	0	1	1	1	0	12
Duke – Feb. 11	Did Not Play					
Georgia Tech – Feb. 14	0	0	0	0	0	3
Florida State – Feb. 17	2	1	1	0	0	7
Clemson – Feb. 21	Did Not Play					
North Carolina – Feb. 24	3	0	0	0	0	4
Wake Forest – Mar. 2	2	1	0	0	0	5

* 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 lineup against North Carolina (Jan. 11, 2003). Mapp entered the game to a standing ovation with 7:23 left in the first half and played just over two minutes.

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 21 of 26 games, exploded for a career-best 26 points against Minnesota.

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).

Shooting Well

Freshman forward/center Donte Minter is having a fine year shooting the basketball. In 26 games, Minter has made 58-106 attempts from the field for an impressive 54.7 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
Georgia Tech (Jan. 15)	2-4	50.0 percent
Florida State (Jan. 18)	3-6	50.0 percent
Clemson (Jan. 20)	3-4	75.0 percent
North Carolina (Jan. 24)	2-7	28.6 percent
Wake Forest (Jan. 31)	0-0	---
Maryland (Feb. 4)	0-0	---
N.C. State (Feb. 7)	1-1	100.0 percent
Duke (Feb. 11)	1-4	25.0 percent
Georgia Tech (Feb. 14)	0-0	---
Florida State (Feb. 17)	1-2	50.0 percent
Clemson (Feb. 21)	3-7	42.9 percent
North Carolina (Feb. 24)	0-2	00.0 percent
Wake Forest (Mar. 2)	1-3	33.3 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 this season. Elton Brown is shooting 49.5 percent (141-285) from the field this season. Devin Smith has made 47.8 percent (107-224) of his attempts from the field, including 49.6 percent (64-129) in ACC play.

Sampson Named to ESPN's ACC Silver Anniversary Team

Former Virginia standout Ralph Sampson, who played for the Cavaliers from 1979-80 to 1982-83, has been named to ESPN's Silver Anniversary ACC Team. Joining Sampson on the team are: Christian Laettner (Duke), Len Bias (Maryland), Michael Jordan (North Carolina), and Mark Price (Georgia Tech). Sampson was a three-time National Player of the Year.

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.

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.

Smith Provides Late-Game Heroics in Win Over Wake

Forward Devin Smith made a driving layup and ensuing free throw with 5.8 seconds remaining to lift Virginia to an 84-82 victory over 11th-ranked Wake Forest (March 2) at University Hall. It marked the fourth time in five games a UVa player made a game-winning shot in the closing seconds.

With the game tied at 81-81, Smith took a pass from freshman Gary Forbes on the wing and drove to the basket. He converted the driving layup while being fouled. His three-point play put UVa ahead 84-81 with 5.8 seconds to go. Wake Forest's Chris Paul was fouled with 2.9 seconds left and made the first of two free throws to make the score 84-82. He then missed the second free throw intentionally. Junior Elton Brown grabbed the rebound for UVa, but was called for a travel with 1.5 seconds left. Wake's Jamaal Levy missed a jumper at the buzzer.

The Cavaliers trailed by as many as 11 points (40-29 with 5:11 left in the first half). Virginia went on a 10-0 run to close within a point, 40-39, with 2:14 left in the first half. The Demon Deacons led 45-41 at halftime.

UVa took its first lead since the opening minutes of the game with 14:33 to play on a layup by sophomore Derrick Byars that made the score 58-57. Freshman T.J. Bannister, who dished out a career-high 12 assists, increased the Cavaliers' lead to four, 61-57, with a three-pointer with 13:55 to go. A jumper by Brown at the 11:26 mark gave Virginia its largest lead of the game, 65-59.

Wake Forest came back to tie the game at 71-71, 77-77 and 81-81 before Smith made the game-winning play.

Smith and Byars both scored 15 points to lead the Cavaliers, while Billet and Brown had 13 and 12, respectively. In addition to his 12 assists, Bannister added nine points.

UVa shot 51.6 percent (33-64) from the field in the game, including 60.7 percent (17-28) in the second half. Wake Forest shot 43.3 percent (29-67) in the game and held a 41-33 advantage in rebounds, including a 20-10 edge on the offensive glass. Both teams had only 11 turnovers and UVa had a season-high 22 assists.

Paul led Wake Forest with 21 points, while Justin Gray added 20 points.

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 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 Nine 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 AAASate 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 14 of the notes for bios on the walk-ons.

The most recent addition to the UVa team is freshman football

player Vincent Redd. The 6-6 Redd joined the team January 16.

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 Provide Experience

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

The 2002-03 season 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.

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).

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 13-4 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.

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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 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 ...

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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.

VINCE REDD

Freshman Forward 6-6, 243
Elizabethton, Tenn./Elizabethton High School

Worth Noting: Red-shirted as a linebacker with the Virginia football team in the fall of 2003 ... practiced with the basketball team for the first time on Jan. 16 ... as a senior at Elizabethton High School, he averaged 15 points and 12 rebounds a game, and was a first-team All-State selection in basketball.

High School: PrepStar All-American in football at Elizabethton High School ... All-Southern by the Orlando Sentinel ... third-team All-South by Fox Sports Net South ... first-team All-State by the Tennessee Sports Writers' Association ... had 104 tackles and scored seven touchdowns in a variety of ways (caught three passes, returned two fumbles, a kickoff and an interception) his senior year ... Class AAAAAll-State and Mountain Lakes Conference Defensive Player of the Year as a junior ... also a standout on the basketball team ... averaged 15 points and 12 rebounds a game as a senior ... first-team All-Watauga Conference, first-team All-East Tennessee and first-team All-State ... also lettered in track ... finished fourth in the state championship in the shot put as a junior.

Personal: Born September 1, 1985 in Elizabethton, Tenn. ... son of Valerie and Vincent Redd ... has a younger sister, Valnesha ... his father played football at East Tennessee State.