

VIRGINIA BASKETBALL 2003-2004 MEDIA NOTES



Virginia (3-0)

vs.

Minnesota (2-1)

ACC/Big Ten Challenge

December 3, 2003 • 9:30 p.m.

University Hall (8,392)

Charlottesville, Va.

2003-04 SCHEDULE

3-0 Overall / 0-0 ACC

Home: 3-0

Away: 0-0

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)	9:30 p.m.
Dec. 5	at VMI	7:00 p.m.
Dec. 16	JAMES MADISON	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 19	at Loyola Marymount	10:00 p.m.
Dec. 22	COASTAL CAROLINA	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 28	at N.C. State (FSN)	8:00 p.m.
Dec. 31	IOWA STATE	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 3	PROVIDENCE (Com)	3:00 p.m.
Jan. 5	WILLIAM & MARY (Com)	9:00 p.m.
Jan. 11	DUKE (FSN)	5:30 p.m.
Jan. 15	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	at North Carolina (ESPN)	Noon
Jan. 31	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	at Duke (ESPN)	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 14	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	NORTH CAROLINA (R/JP)	8:00 p.m.
Mar. 2	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. Dave O'Brien will handle the play-by-play. Len Elmore is the analyst.

RADIO

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

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THE GAME

Virginia (2002-2003: 16-16/6-10 ACC) stands at 3-0 in the 2003-2004 season. The Cavaliers are coming off a 79-64 victory over High Point Sunday afternoon (Nov. 30) at University Hall.

Minnesota (2002-2003: 19-14/8-8 Big Ten) stands at 2-1 on the season after posting a 91-84 overtime win over Furman on Sunday (Nov. 30) at home.

The ACC/Big Ten Challenge

Tonight's game against Minnesota is part of the fifth annual ACC/Big Ten Challenge, a three-day series matching two of the nation's top basketball conferences. Over the past five years, the ACC and Big Ten have dominated the Final Four with the two leagues providing 11 of the 20 Final Four teams during that span.

The Cavaliers are 1-2 in ACC/Big Ten Challenge matchups. Last season, UVa fell at Michigan State 82-75 (Dec. 4). In 2001, Virginia's matchup against Michigan State (Nov. 28) in Richmond, Va. was halted with UVa leading 31-28 with 15:04 remaining in the second half due to slippery floor conditions (unseasonably warm temperature (70 degrees) combined with the ice surface under the playing court produced condensation on the court). Virginia won its 2000 ACC/Big Ten Challenge game 98-79 over Purdue (Nov. 29) at University Hall. In the initial ACC/Big Ten meeting in 1999, Virginia fell to Minnesota 74-62 (Nov. 30) in Minneapolis.

The ACC has won the first four ACC/Big Ten Challenges. The ACC won by 5-4 margins in 1999, 2000 and 2002, and 5-3 in 2001. The ACC is 20-15 in the challenge vs. the Big Ten.

The Series vs. Minnesota

The Cavaliers meet Minnesota for the fifth time ever in tonight's ACC/Big Ten Challenge. UVa leads the all-time series 3-1. The first three games were decided by seven points or less with UVa winning all three contests. Minnesota won the last meeting in the series 74-62 at Williams Arena in Minneapolis on November 30 in the 1999 ACC/Big Ten Challenge. In the 1993-94 season, Virginia defeated the Golden Gophers 62-57 at University Hall (Dec. 28) in Minnesota's only trip to Charlottesville. UVa posted a 79-72 win at Minnesota in the 1990-91 campaign. The initial meeting of the series took place in Madison Square Garden in the 1980 National Invitation Tournament Championship game with the Cavaliers prevailing 58-55 (Mar. 19).

Virginia's PROBABLE Starters

No.	Pos.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Ppg.	Rpg.	Mpg	Notes
5	F	Derrick Byars	6-7	215	So.	10.0	6.0	26.0	Shooting 61.9% (13-21) from the field
23	F	Gary Forbes	6-6	210	Fr.	15.7	7.3	31.0	ACC Rookie of the Week – Nov. 24
43	F/C	Elton Brown	6-9	251	Jr.	12.0	4.3	23.3	Averaging 7.7 trips to free throw line per game
2	G	J.R. Reynolds	6-2 1/2	196	Fr.	7.0	1.7	26.0	Scored 7 points in each of UVa's three games
22	G	Todd Billet	6-0	183	Sr.	12.0	4.0	34.3	Has made 100 threes at UVa; 258 in career

Virginia's Key Reserves

33	F	Devin Smith	6-5	239	Jr.	7.5	6.5	18.0	Has been slowed by a back injury
55	F/C	Donte Minter	6-7 1/2	244	Fr.	10.7	5.0	17.3	Shooting 75.0% (12-16) from the field
11	G	Majestic Mapp	6-2	184	Sr.	4.7	2.0	23.3	Averaging team-best 4.0 assists per game

Previous ACC Challenge

Virginia was the only ACC school to win all three games in the ACC/Big East Challenge, held during the 1989-90 through 1991-92 seasons. In the ACC/Big East Challenge, UVa defeated Villanova (73-65 in 1989-90), Pittsburgh (84-80 in 1990-91) and Georgetown (76-66 in overtime in 1991-92).

Virginia vs. the Big Ten

Virginia is 13-15 all-time against the 11 current Big Ten schools. UVa is 1-0 vs. Purdue, 5-2 vs. Penn State, 3-1 vs. Minnesota, 1-1 vs. Wisconsin, 1-2 vs. Indiana and Michigan, 1-3 vs. Ohio State, 0-1 vs. Iowa and 0-3 vs. Michigan State. The Cavaliers have never faced Illinois and Northwestern. In their last game against a Big Ten school, the Cavaliers fell to then 21st-ranked Michigan State 82-75 (Dec. 4) in last season's ACC/Big Ten Challenge.

Tale of the Tape

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

Virginia	Category	Minnesota
79.7	Points	74.3
66.7	Points Allowed	72.3
49.7	Field Goal %	43.7
35.2	Field Goal % Defense	46.6
31.5	3 Point Field Goal %	35.7
27.3	3 Point Field Goal % Defense	31.1
66.0	Free Throw %	72.7
38.0	Rebounds	38.0
-3.3	Rebound Margin	-1.7
14.0	Assists	16.0
15.7	Turnovers	13.7
6.0	Steals	9.0
4.3	Blocked Shots	3.7

Head Coach Pete Gillen

Pete Gillen is in his 19th season as a collegiate head coach and sports a 363-193 record for a .653 winning percentage. Gillen is in his sixth season at Virginia and has posted an 89-65 record (.578 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).

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: 363-193 (19th season)
Record at Virginia: 89-65 (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

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.

Non-Conference Wins at University Hall

Virginia is 204-29 for an impressive .876 winning percentage all-time in University Hall against non-conference opponents. The Cavaliers' 87-65 victory (Jan. 2, 2003) over Wofford marked their 200th victory over a non-conference opponent at University Hall since the building opened for the 1965-66 season.

The Cavaliers have won 86 of their last 96 home games (.896 winning percentage) against non-conference opponents dating back to the 1989-90 season. UVa had its 15-game home winning streak against non-conference opponents snapped with a 74-67 loss to South Carolina in the first round of the 2002 National Invitation Tournament (Mar. 13). Virginia's previous home non-conference loss was also in the NIT as the Cavaliers fell to Georgetown 115-111 in triple overtime in the first round of the 2000 NIT (Mar. 15).

The last time UVa lost a regular season home game to a non-conference opponent was December 12, 1998 when the Cavaliers fell to 12th-ranked St. John's 95-68. Virginia has won 30 consecutive regular season home games against non-conference foes.

Forbes Tabbed ACC Rookie of the Week

Freshman Gary Forbes was selected as the Atlantic Coast Conference Rookie of the Week on November 24 for his performance in the Cavaliers' 80-71 season-opening victory over Mount St. Mary's (Nov. 23) at University Hall.

The 6-6 guard/forward from Brooklyn, N.Y., scored 21 points and grabbed a game-high nine rebounds to lead Virginia in both departments against Mount St. Mary's. 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.

Elton Brown was the last Cavalier to earn the ACC's Rookie of the Week Award as he captured it twice in the 2001-2002 season (Dec. 24 and Jan. 28).

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. 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). In his third collegiate game, Forbes had 10 points and five rebounds against High Point (Nov. 30).

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.

Smith Returns to Lineup

After missing the Cavaliers' season-opener against Mount St. Mary's (Nov. 23) and 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. Against High Point (Nov. 30), he had 10 points, six rebounds, two steals and a blocked shot in 20 minutes of action. Smith was out with an injured back.

Mapp Making an Impact

Guard Majestic Mapp has made an impact in the first three games of the season. He is averaging 4.7 points, four assists and two rebounds in 23.3 minutes per game.

He opened the season with six points and three assists with only one turnover in 23 minutes against Mount St. Mary's (Nov. 23). Against Virginia Tech (Nov. 28), Mapp totaled six points, five assists, and four rebounds with only one turnover in 24 minutes of playing time. In 23 minutes against High Points (Nov. 30), Mapp had two points, four assists and two rebounds.

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.

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 two of their three games.

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.

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 11th on Virginia's career three-point field goals list with 100. Keith Friel (2000-01) is 10th with 107 career threes.

Billet has made his 100 career three-pointers at UVa in just 35 games for an average of 2.86 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 258 threes.

Shooting Well

Freshman forward/center Donte Minter is off to a great start shooting the basketball. In three games, Minter has made 12 of 16 attempts from the field for an impressive 75.0 percent. He has also made 8-9 free throw attempts (88.9 percent).

Minter was 4-5 from the field in UVa's win over High Point (Nov. 30). Minter began his collegiate career with a 5-6 (83.3 percent) effort from the field against Mount St. Mary's (Nov. 23). He was 3-5 from the floor against Virginia Tech (Nov. 28).

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. Sophomore forward Derrick Byars has made 61.9 percent (13-21) of his attempts from the field in the first three games, including a perfect 5-5 effort 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).

Solid Defense

Virginia has held each of its first three opponents of the 2003-04 season under 40 percent shooting from the field. UVa is also limiting its opponents to 66.7 points per game.

The Cavaliers' field goal percentage defense has improved each game. UVa opened the season by holding Mount St. Mary's (Nov. 23) to 38.0 percent (27-71) accuracy from the field. Virginia Tech (Nov. 28) shot only 36.1 percent (26-72) from the floor. The Cavaliers limited High Point (Nov. 30) to 31.3 percent (21-67) shooting.

Trouble on the Boards

The Cavaliers have won all three games this season despite not out-rebounding their opponent. UVa was out-rebounded by Mount St. Mary's (41-36) and Virginia Tech (44-39), and tied High Point (39-39). On the offensive glass, the Cavaliers have been out-rebounded 49-24.

VMI, Then Final Exams

After tonight's game against Minnesota, the Cavaliers travel to Lexington, Va. to play VMI on Friday (Dec. 5) for the team's first road game of the season.

Virginia will then have a 10-day break for final exams before returning to the hardwood against James Madison on December 16 at University Hall. (Final exams run from December 8 through December 15).

Shooting 50 Percent in Openers

For the fourth consecutive season, the Cavaliers shot 50 percent or better in their season-opener. Here's a look at UVa's field goal percentage in the last four season-openers.

2003-2004	Mount St. Mary's	24-46	52.2%
2002-2003	Long Island	33-66	50.0%
2001-2002	Wagner	42-71	59.2%
2000-2001	Long Island	36-59	61.0%

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.

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

The University of Virginia men's basketball team 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.

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.

Five Score in Double Digits in 79-64 Win over High Point

Virginia improved to 3-0 on the season with a 79-64 victory over High Point Sunday (Nov. 30) at University Hall. The Cavaliers had five players reach double digits in scoring in the win.

Forward/center Donte Minter led UVa with a career-high 13 points and added six rebounds, three blocked shots, and three steals. Minter was 4-5 from the field and made all five free throw attempts. He set career-highs with his three blocks and three steals. Forward Derrick Byars added 12 points and a career-high nine rebounds, while forward Gary Forbes, forward/center Elton Brown and forward Devin Smith each tallied 10 points.

The Cavaliers took the lead for good, 17-16, with 10:39 remaining in the first half on a Byars' three-point field goal. UVa extended its lead to as many as 11 points in the first stanza before taking a 42-34 halftime advantage.

High Point pulled within six points on three occasions in the second half, including 48-42 with 14:36 to play. Virginia scored the next seven points to break the game open.

UVa shot 48.0 percent (24-50) from the field while holding the Panthers to 31.3% (21-67) from the floor. The Cavaliers made 37 trips to the free throw line and connected 26 times for 70.3 percent. High Point was 18-23 (78.3 percent) from the line.

Danny Gathings registered a double-double with 15 points and 10 rebounds to lead High Point. Zion White added 16 points, while Jerry Echenique had 15.

UVa Closes Exhibition Season with 91-90 Victory

Guard Todd Billet hit a long three-pointer at the final buzzer to lift Virginia to a 91-90 exhibition win over the Coaches vs. Cancer All-Stars Tuesday night (Nov. 18) at University Hall.

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. Forward Elton 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.

Forward Derrick 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 forward Donte Minter added 18 points and eight rebounds. 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.

Cavaliers Open Exhibition Season with 84-60 Win

The University of Virginia men's basketball team 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 in a 104-80 victory over Big Apple Basketball in an exhibition game at University Hall on Tuesday night (Nov. 11).

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 for UVa.

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 for Virginia.

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.

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 seven of the notes for bios on the four walk-ons.

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 arch 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 340 consecutive games with at least one three-point field goal.

Four Out of Five Returning

The Cavaliers return 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 starts the 2003-2004 regular season by hosting four consecutive games.

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, 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.