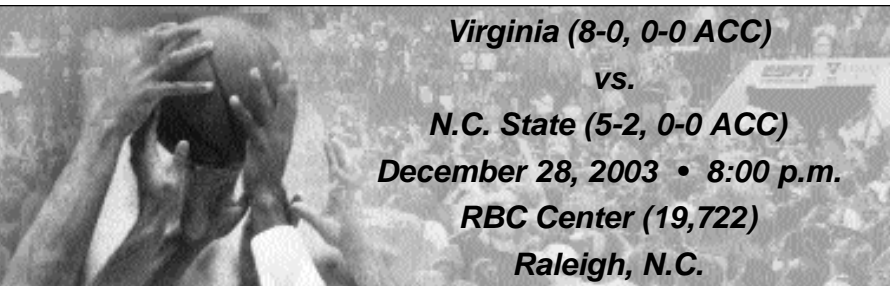


VIRGINIA BASKETBALL 2003-2004 MEDIA NOTES



Virginia (8-0, 0-0 ACC)

vs.

N.C. State (5-2, 0-0 ACC)

December 28, 2003 • 8:00 p.m.

RBC Center (19,722)

Raleigh, N.C.

2003-04 SCHEDULE

8-0 Overall / 0-0 ACC

Home: 6-0

Away: 2-0

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)	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)	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 Fox Sports Net.

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 8-0 in the 2003-2004 season. The Cavaliers are coming off an 89-74 victory over Coastal Carolina (Dec. 22) in Charlottesville, Va. **N.C. State** (2002-2003: 18-13/9-7 ACC) stands at 5-2 on the season after suffering a 58-55 setback at South Carolina (Dec. 20).

The Series vs. N.C. State

N.C. State leads the overall series with Virginia 74-50 (dating back to 1912-13). The Wolfpack won the first meeting of the 2002-03 season 75-63 (Jan. 5) in Raleigh. The Cavaliers snapped a five-game losing streak to N.C. State with a 61-58 victory (Feb. 9) in Charlottesville. In the 2001-2002 season, N.C. State earned three wins over UVa – 81-74 (Jan. 5) in Charlottesville, 85-68 (Feb. 6) in Raleigh, and 92-72 (Mar. 8) in the quarterfinals of the ACC Tournament in Charlotte. Despite winning only once in the last six meetings, the Cavaliers have won 16 of 26 contests against NCSU in the last 12 seasons. Since 1980, the Cavaliers are 33-20 in all games against the Wolfpack.

The two teams have split the regular season series five times in the last six seasons (NCSU, however, has won all three ACC Tournament matchups during the same span – 2000, 2001 and 2002. When N.C. State swept the 2001-02 regular season series, it marked the Wolfpack's first sweep over UVa since winning both matchups (by a combined seven points) in 1988. Virginia has swept the season series six times since then, but the last time UVa swept the season series was in the 1996-97 season.

The Cavaliers have not found their trips to N.C. State very hospitable over the years, as they have won only 16 of 54 games all-time against the Wolfpack in Raleigh. UVa lost its first four games at the RBC Center (formerly the Entertainment and Sports Arena) – 65-62 - Jan. 12, 2000, 90-80 - Feb. 7, 2001, 85-68 - Feb. 6, 2002, and 75-63 - Jan. 5, 2003) and have lost six consecutive road games to N.C. State. UVa's last win in Raleigh was a 55-46 triumph on February 19, 1997. Virginia was only 15-30 all-time in Reynolds Coliseum (including games in the ACC Tournament) against the Wolfpack. In games in Raleigh since 1979-80, UVa is 11-12.

Early Opener

Tonight's ACC season-opener at N.C. State is UVa's earliest conference opener since the 1998-99 season when the Cavaliers lost at home to Florida State (Dec. 1) 72-69. That Florida State game along with a Dec. 1, 1956 home loss to Maryland (67-63) mark UVa's earliest ACC openers.

Virginia's PROBABLE Starters

No.	Pos.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Ppg.	Rpg.	App.	Mpg	Notes
5	F	Derrick Byars	6-7	215	So.	13.3	6.4	1.3	28.5	58.0% (40-69) from field; 54.2% (13-24) on 3-pters.
33	F	Devin Smith	6-5	239	Jr.	9.0	6.0	1.3	22.7	Scored a season-high 19 pts. vs. James Madison
43	F/C	Elton Brown	6-9	251	Jr.	17.3	7.8	1.6	26.9	Scored in double figures all eight games
22	G	Todd Billet	6-0	183	Sr.	11.5	3.5	3.6	32.6	10th with 110 threes at UVa; 268 in career
23	G/F	Gary Forbes	6-6	210	Fr.	13.9	6.5	1.8	30.1	Career-high 12 rebounds vs. Loyola Marymount

Virginia's Key Reserves

2	G	J.R. Reynolds	6-2 1/2	196	Fr.	6.0	1.5	2.8	22.3	Has missed last two games due to illness
55	F/C	Donte Minter	6-7 1/2	244	Fr.	7.5	3.3	0.4	13.5	Shooting 68.6% (24-35) from the field
11	G	Majestic Mapp	6-2	184	Sr.	3.5	1.6	2.3	16.1	Second on team with 18 assists
15	G	T.J. Bannister	5-10 1/2	168	Fr.	1.6	1.4	1.6	9.9	Had four assists in each of last two games

Cavaliers and Wolfpack Battle to the Wire

The history of the series between these two schools since the late 1970s has been one marked by many closely contested games. Since 1978, 39 of the 58 games have been decided by less than 10 points. UVa is 27-12 (.692) in those games.

Virginia's last nine wins (going back eight seasons) over the Wolfpack have been by a combined 43 points (4.8/g).

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

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

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

Virginia in ACC Openers

Virginia is 19-31 all-time in ACC season openers. UVa is 13-15 in home ACC openers and 6-16 on the road. The Cavaliers have lost their last eight ACC openers. Virginia's last win in an ACC opener was an 81-75 victory at Florida State in the 1994-95 season.

Tonight's game is the fourth time in 51 years, but third consecutive year, that UVa has opened the ACC season against N.C. State. In its first ACC opener against the Wolfpack, UVa lost to top-ranked N.C. State 101-72 in Raleigh on December 7, 1974. In 2001-2002, Virginia fell to the Wolfpack 81-74 in Charlottesville on January 5, 2002. Last season, UVa lost to NCSU 75-63 in Raleigh on January 5, 2003.

Virginia is 5-3 vs. Wake Forest, 3-2 vs. Florida State, 1-0 vs. Georgia Tech and South Carolina, 8-13 vs. Duke, 1-7 vs. Maryland, 0-2 vs. North Carolina, 0-3 vs. N.C. State, and 0-1 vs. Clemson all-time in ACC openers.

Lacking ACC Experience

The Cavaliers only have four active players on the roster with ACC starting experience and only one player with more than one year of conference starting experience.

Senior Todd Billet is the Cavalier with the most ACC starting experience with 16 starts, while junior Elton Brown has 12 starts over the last two years (he is the only active player with starting experience prior to last season). Junior Devin Smith and sophomore Derrick Byars both started nine ACC contests a year ago. The four players have a combined total of 46 ACC starts. Senior Majestic Mapp has played in 29 ACC contests, but has not started.

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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: 368-193 (19th season)
Record at Virginia: 94-65 (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

Head Coach Pete Gillen

Pete Gillen is in his 19th season as a collegiate head coach and sports a 368-193 record for a .656 winning percentage. Gillen is in his sixth season at Virginia and has posted a 94-65 record (.591 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).

An 8-0 Start

For the third time in the last four years, Virginia has started its season with eight consecutive victories. 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.

As of games played December 22, UVa is one of 16 undefeated Division I teams.

In 2001-2002, UVa won its first nine games of the season and in 2000-2001, the Cavaliers reeled off 10 consecutive victories to begin the season. The 10

straight wins marked UVa's best start since the 1992-93 team started the season with an 11-0 mark.

Field Goal Percentage is Key to Wins Over 'Pack

Virginia has had the upper hand in the series versus N.C. State over the last 13 years and one of the keys to the Cavaliers' success is field goal percentage defense. Since the 1989-90 season, Virginia has won 18 of 30 contests. In the 18 wins, UVa has held N.C. State below 45 percent field goal shooting 14 times and under 40 percent nine times. In the Wolfpack's 12 victories, they have shot 51.3 percent from the floor, including 61.0 percent (25-41) in the 2000 ACC Tournament (Mar. 10) and 60.4 percent (29-48) in the 2002 ACC Tournament (Mar. 8). The lowest NCSU has shot in a victory over the Cavaliers since 1989-90 was 46.9 percent (23-49) in a 75-63 win (Jan. 5) in Raleigh last season.

The Wolfpack shot 44.4 percent from the field and averaged 71.2 points per game against Virginia over the last 14 seasons. In wins over UVa, N.C. State has shot 52.2 percent from the floor and averaged 79.5 points, compared to 39.9 percent shooting and 65.7 points per game in losses to Virginia.

In the last eight meetings (six NCSU wins), N.C. State shot 53.1 percent (215-405) from the field, including a trio of 60+ percent contests. Only three times in the last eight games have the Cavaliers held N.C. State under 50 percent shooting – 49.1 percent (28-57), 46.9 percent (23-49) and 41.8 percent (23-55).

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

Year	Site	FGM	FGA	Pct.	Pts.	Winner
1989-90	NCSU	33	62	53.2	84	NCSU
	UVa	26	69	37.7	71	UVa
1990-91	UVa	27	59	45.8	72	UVa
	NCSU	28	58	48.3	83	NCSU
1991-92	NCSU	24	66	36.4	69	UVa
	UVa	26	62	41.9	68	UVa
1992-93	NCSU	19	64	29.7	56	UVa
	UVa	28	62	45.2	66	UVa
1993-94	UVa	21	68	30.9	58	UVa
	NCSU	25	53	47.2	67	NCSU
1994-95	NCSU	24	65	36.9	65	UVa
	UVa	24	62	38.7	55	UVa
1995-96	UVa	25	77	32.5	69	UVa
	NCSU	26	61	42.6	82	UVa
1996-97	UVa	20	44	45.5	50	UVa
	NCSU	15	39	38.5	46	UVa
1997-98	UVa	17	49	34.7	56	UVa
	NCSU	25	50	50.0	74	NCSU
1998-99	NCSU	29	50	58.0	82	NCSU
	UVa	25	59	42.4	79	UVa
1999-00	NCSU	25	52	48.1	65	NCSU
	UVa	30	68	44.1	82	UVa
	ACC	25	41	61.0	76	NCSU
2000-01	UVa	30	49	61.2	81	UVa
	NCSU	30	53	56.6	90	NCSU
2001-02	UVa	28	57	49.1	81	NCSU
	NCSU	27	53	50.9	85	NCSU
2002-03	ACC	29	48	60.4	92	NCSU
	NCSU	23	49	46.9	75	NCSU
	UVa	23	55	41.8	58	UVa
	UVa Wins since 1989-90 (18)			39.9	65.7	
	UVa Losses since 1989-90 (12)			52.2	79.5	
	Overall since 1989-90 (30)			44.4	71.2	

Tale of the Tape

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

Virginia	Category	N.C. State
82.2	Points	72.1
69.5	Points Allowed	57.9
47.8	Field Goal %	44.6
38.0	Field Goal % Defense	37.2
33.3	3-Point Field Goal %	31.1
33.7	3-Point Field Goal % Defense	26.8
64.0	Free Throw %	75.4
40.4	Rebounds	36.0
-1.0	Rebound Margin	-1.0
15.8	Assists	16.4
12.5	Turnovers	15.3
6.3	Steals	8.0
4.4	Blocked Shots	2.7

Cutting Down Turnovers

After averaging 15.7 turnovers per game in the first three games of the season, UVa put together a three-game stretch where it did not commit more than 10 turnovers (Minnesota – Dec. 3, VMI – Dec. 5, and James Madison – Dec. 16). The Cavaliers had nine turnovers against both Minnesota and VMI, and 10 against James Madison. Virginia had 13 turnovers against Loyola Marymount (Dec. 19) and 12 against Coastal Carolina (Dec. 22), and is now averaging 12.5 per game.

Virginia had nine or fewer turnovers only once last season – 9 vs. Long Island (Nov. 22) in the season-opener.

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).

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.

Cavaliers Even Record in ACC/Big Ten Challenge

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

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. 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 Registers 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.

Solid Defense

Virginia has held six of its first eight opponents of the 2003-04 season under 40 percent shooting from the field. UVa is limiting its opponents to 38.0 percent accuracy 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), while Coastal Carolina shot 44.6 percent (29-65) from the field.

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

Mount St. Mary's (Nov. 23)	27-71	38.0 percent
Virginia Tech (Nov. 28)	26-72	36.1 percent
High Point (Nov. 30)	21-67	31.3 percent
Minnesota (Dec. 3)	27-73	37.0 percent
at VMI (Dec. 5)	22-66	33.3 percent
James Madison (Dec. 16)	29-64	45.3 percent
Loyola Marymount (Dec. 19)	26-67	38.8 percent
Coastal Carolina (Dec. 22)	29-65	44.6 percent

Trouble on the Boards

The Cavaliers have won all eight games this season despite only out-rebounding four opponents (by a combined 13 rebounds). UVa was out-rebounded by Mount St. Mary's (41-36), Virginia Tech (44-39), and Minnesota (51-40), and tied High Point (39-39). The teams Virginia out-rebounded were VMI (45-44), James Madison (39-37), Loyola Marymount (48-39), and Coastal Carolina (37-36).

Virginia is being out-rebounded 41.4 to 40.4 (-1.0) per game this season. On the offensive glass, the Cavaliers have been out-rebounded 133-104 (-3.6 per game). UVa gave up 22 offensive rebounds against Minnesota. The Cavaliers also had 22 offensive boards against Loyola Marymount.

Forbes Tapped 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).

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 13.9 points and 6.5 rebounds per game – good for second on the team in both categories. He leads UVa with 13 blocked shots. Forbes has twice tallied three blocks in a game – Mount St. Mary's (Nov. 23) and Coastal Carolina (Dec. 22).

Brown on a Tear

Junior forward/center Elton Brown has been a force for the Cavaliers all season, but particularly in the last five games. Over the last five contests, Brown is averaging 20.4 points and 9.8 rebounds per game. He recorded double-doubles against VMI (14 points, 13 rebounds), Loyola Marymount (21 points, 10 rebounds), and Coastal Carolina (22 points, 11 rebounds). His 13 rebounds vs. VMI are a career high as are his 26 points against Minnesota. Brown is shooting 56.7 percent (38-67) from the field over the last five games. He has made only 12 of his last 29 free throw attempts (41.4 percent) in the last three contests.

Brown is averaging career and team-bests of 17.3 points and 7.8 rebounds per game this season. He is shooting 53.3 percent (49-92) from the field.

Getting to the Free Throw Line

Junior Elton Brown has already taken 72 attempts from the free throw line. He has only made 40 attempts for 55.6 percent. Brown is averaging nine attempts from the foul line per game and has taken 11 or more free throws in a game three times.

Brown has attempted 39 more free throws than any other player on the team (Devin Smith has 33 attempts). Brown took 93 free throws all of last season.

Smith Returns to Lineup

After missing the Cavaliers' season-opener against Mount St. Mary's (Nov. 23) as well as the second exhibition game against Coaches vs. Cancer All-Stars (Nov. 18), junior Devin Smith returned to the lineup against Virginia Tech (Nov. 28). In 16 minutes of action off the bench, Smith tallied five points and seven rebounds. He made his first start of the season

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against Minnesota (Dec. 3) and tallied a team and UVa career-high 10 rebounds to go along with three points, two steals and one assist in 25 minutes of playing time. Smith has remained in the starting lineup since. He was out with an injured back.

Seeing More Playing Time

Freshman guard T.J. Bannister has seen his most significant playing time of the season over the last two games.

Against Loyola Marymount (Dec. 19), he played 19 minutes, including 15 in the second half. Bannister had all four of his assists and all three rebounds (career high) in the second half when UVa outscored the Lions 41-29. In the last game against Coastal Carolina (Dec. 22), Bannister played a career-high 21 minutes and tallied five points (career high), four assists (tied career high), two rebounds, and one steal.

Mapp Making an Impact

Guard Majestic Mapp has made an impact in the first eight games of the season. He is averaging 3.5 points, 2.3 assists and 1.6 rebounds in 16.1 minutes per game.

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

* indicates season high

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

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

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 10th on Virginia's career three-point field goals list with 110. Bryant Stith (1989-92) is ninth on UVa's three-point field goal list with 114.

Billet has made his 110 career three-pointers at UVa in just 40 games for an average of 2.75 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 268 threes. Billet's total of 268 career threes would rank ninth among all ACC players if he had played his entire career in the ACC.

Billet has played in 98 games in his career and has made at least one three-point field goal in 93 of those games. Currently, Billet has made a three-pointer in 19 consecutive

games for his longest collegiate streak. He made at least one three-point field goal in the first 18 games of his freshman season at Rutgers (1999-2000), which was his previous career best streak. Billet has made four or more three-pointers 30 times and three or more threes in 45 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	8 of 8	2 games	16
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	93 of 98	30 games	268

*played at Rutgers

Billet 10th in Three-Point Field Goals

Senior guard Todd Billet has made 110 career three-point field goals and ranks 10th all-time at Virginia.

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

1. Curtis Staples (1995-98)	413 – NCAA record
2. Harold Deane (1994-97)	237
3. John Crotty (1988-91)	179
4. Donald Hand (1998-01)	156
5. Cory Alexander (1992-95)	142
6. Roger Mason, Jr. (2000-02)	137
7. Richard Morgan (1986-89)	132
8. Chris Williams (1999-02)	130
9. Bryant Stith (1989-92)	114
10. Todd Billet (2002-present)	110
11. Keith Friel (2000-01)	107

Brown and Forbes Set Career Highs in Scoring

Junior forward/center Elton Brown and freshman guard/forward Gary Forbes are leading the Cavaliers in scoring this season (17.3 and 13.9 ppg, respectively) and set career highs in UVa's win over Minnesota (Dec. 3).

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

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

Shooting Well

Freshman forward/center Donte Minter is off to a great start shooting the basketball. In eight games, Minter has made 24-35 attempts from the field for an impressive 68.6 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

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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 58.0 percent (40-69) of his attempts from the field in the first eight games, including 13-24 three-point attempts (54.2 percent). He was a perfect 5-5 from the field in the season-opener against Mount St. Mary's.

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

Two other UVa players are shooting around 50 percent from the field this season. Junior forward/center Elton Brown is shooting 53.3 percent (49-92) from the field, while freshman guard/forward Gary Forbes has connected on 47.7 percent (42-88) of his attempts from the floor.

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 eight 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.

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.

UVa Defeats Coastal Carolina 89-74

Junior forward/center Elton Brown and sophomore forward Derrick Byars registered double-doubles to lead Virginia to an 89-74 victory over Coastal Carolina December 22 at University Hall.

Brown notched his third double-double of the season with 22 points and 11 rebounds, while Byars totaled 17 points and 11 boards for his first career double-double. Guard Todd Billet chipped in with 16 points, while guard/forward Gary Forbes added 13 points, three rebounds, four assists, three steals, and three blocked shots.

Neither team led by more than four points for most of the first half. The Cavaliers trailed by three, 33-30, with 5:19 remaining in the opening stanza, but closed out the half with a 17-5 run to take a 47-38 halftime advantage. UVa shot 60.0 percent (21-35) from the floor in the first half.

The Chanticleers closed to within four points, 49-45, 3:07 into the second half, but Virginia responded with 11 consecu-

tive points to open up a 15-point lead (60-45) with 14:38 to play. On three occasions Coastal Carolina pulled within nine points, but could get no closer.

UVa shot a season-high 55.0 percent (33-60) from the field, but managed to make only 17-29 free throws (58.6 percent). The Chants shot 44.6 percent from the field (29-65) and made 10 three-point field goals. The Cavaliers held a slight 37-36 edge in rebounds.

E.J. Gallup and Clint Reed led Coastal Carolina with 17 and 16 points respectively, while Reed added eight rebounds and four assists.

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' Rassan 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 Wolfboro, 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.

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.

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 nine 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 345 consecutive games with at least one three-point field goal.

Four Out of Five Returning

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

Fifteen Games against Tournament Teams

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

Home Sweet Home

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

John Paul Jones Arena On Its Way

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

2003-2004 VIRGINIA MEN'S BASKETBALL ADDITIONAL PLAYER BIOS

BRAD ABEL

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

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

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

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

BILLY GLADING

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

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

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

At Virginia: Four-year member of the Virginia men's lacrosse team as a midfielder ... scored 49 goals and had nine assists during his collegiate lacrosse career ... had an outstanding all-around 2003 lacrosse season as Virginia won the national championship and the ACC championship ... fifth on the team with a career-high 24 goals ... 13th in the ACC in goals at 1.41/pg ... led the team in goals on three occasions ... six multi-goal games with three hat tricks ... went on a goal-scoring binge late in the season with 16 goals in the last nine games ... scored two goals against North Carolina in the semifinals of the ACC Tournament, including the game winner in sudden death overtime ... scored a career-high five goals to lead the Cavaliers to the title over Duke in the finals ... named tourney MVP with seven goals in the two games ... scored a goal and had three ground balls vs. Maryland in the 9 • Virginia vs. N.C. State, December 28, 2003

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.