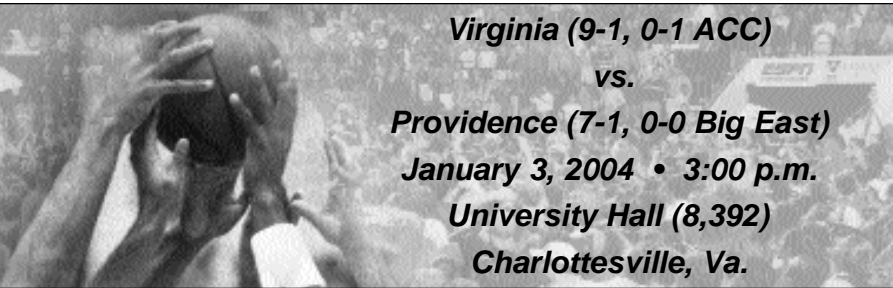


# VIRGINIA BASKETBALL 2003-2004 MEDIA NOTES



Virginia (9-1, 0-1 ACC)

vs.

Providence (7-1, 0-0 Big East)

January 3, 2004 • 3:00 p.m.

University Hall (8,392)

Charlottesville, Va.

## 2003-04 SCHEDULE

9-1 Overall / 0-1 ACC

Home: 7-0

Away: 2-1

Neutral: 0-0

Nov. 11	Big Apple Basketball (EX)	W, 104-80
Nov. 18	Coaches vs. Cancer All-Stars (EX)	W, 91-90
Nov. 23	MOUNT ST. MARY'S	W, 80-71
Nov. 28	VIRGINIA TECH (Com/FSNS)	W, 80-65
Nov. 30	HIGH POINT	W, 79-64
Dec. 3	MINNESOTA* (ESPN2)	W, 86-78
Dec. 5	at VMI	W, 78-56
Dec. 16	JAMES MADISON	W, 90-80
Dec. 19	at Loyola Marymount	W, 76-68
Dec. 22	COASTAL CAROLINA	W, 89-74
Dec. 28	at N.C. State (FSN)	L, 69-86
Dec. 31	IOWA STATE	W, 85-74
Jan. 3	PROVIDENCE (Com)	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

Today's game will be televised by Comcast Sports Net. Chick Hernandez will handle the play-by-play. Former Cavalier stand-out Bryant Stith is the analyst.

### RADIO

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

### OFFICIALS

### THE GAME

Virginia (2002-2003: 16-16/6-10 ACC) stands at 9-1 overall and 0-1 in the Atlantic Coast Conference in the 2003-2004 season. The Cavaliers are coming off an 85-74 victory over Iowa State (Dec. 31) in Charlottesville, Va. Providence (2002-2003: 18-14/8-8 Big East) stands at 7-1 on the season after defeating Siena 73-66 (Dec. 28) in Providence, R.I. The Friars enter today's contest riding a four-game winning streak.

### The Series vs. Providence

The Cavaliers meet Providence for the fifth time with Virginia leading the series 3-1. Today's contest is the first time in the series that the game is not being played at a neutral site as the previous four meetings were all played as a part of tournaments. The other interesting note is that UVa head coach Pete Gillen served as Providence's head coach for four seasons from 1994-1998 prior to coaching the Cavaliers.

The last time the two teams met was in the Puerto Rico Shootout on November 26, 1999 in Bayamon, Puerto Rico with the Cavaliers picking up an 80-64 second round victory. In the 1988-89 season, Virginia defeated Providence 100-97 on March 16 in the first round of the NCAA Tournament in Nashville, Tenn. The Cavaliers went on to win two more games to advance to the regional championship ("elite eight") of the NCAAs before falling to Michigan 102-65. UVa's lone loss to the Friars was a 75-71 overtime setback in the first round of the Silversword Invitational in Kona, Hawaii, on November 23, 1984. The first meeting between the two teams was on December 28, 1978 and was also part of a tournament, as Virginia defeated Providence 106-68 in the first round of the Sugar Bowl Classic in New Orleans, La.

### Only Five Turnovers

In their last outing, 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).

## Virginia's PROBABLE Starters

No.	Pos.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Ppg.	Rpg.	App.	Mpg	Notes
5	F	Derrick Byars	6-7	215	So.	13.6	6.1	1.3	29.0	56.2% (50-89) from field; 48.4% (15-31) on 3-pters.
33	F	Devin Smith	6-5	239	Jr.	11.3	5.9	1.6	24.6	Had 25 pts., 5 st., 3 blk., 3 ast., 3 reb. vs. Iowa St.
43	F/C	Elton Brown	6-9	251	Jr.	16.6	7.3	1.5	27.5	Scored in double figures all 10 games
22	G	Todd Billet	6-0	183	Sr.	11.0	3.1	3.8	32.7	T9th with 114 threes at UVa; 272 in career
23	G/F	Gary Forbes	6-6	210	Fr.	12.5	5.8	1.8	29.9	Career-high 12 rebounds vs. Loyola Marymount

## Virginia's Key Reserves

2	G	J.R. Reynolds	6-2 1/2	196	Fr.	5.5	1.3	2.5	20.1	Career-high 8 points vs. Iowa State
55	F/C	Donte Minter	6-7 1/2	244	Fr.	7.3	3.0	0.3	13.5	Shooting 68.2% (30-44) from the field
11	G	Majestic Mapp	6-2	184	Sr.	2.8	1.4	1.8	13.5	Tied for fourth on team with 18 assists
15	G	T.J. Bannister	5-10 1/2	168	Fr.	1.5	1.4	2.0	10.0	Has 15 assists over last four games (3.8 apg)

## Virginia vs. the Big East Conference

The Cavaliers are 120-89 (.574) against the 14 schools in the Big East Conference. Most of the games occurred prior to a school's membership in the Big East. Today's game is the second of two contests against Big East teams this season. UVa defeated in-state rival Virginia Tech 80-65 (Nov. 28) earlier this season.

UVa posted a 2-2 record against Big East foes last season and Virginia's 73-55 loss to Virginia Tech (Jan. 21, 2003) snapped the Cavaliers' six-game winning streak over Big East teams.

In all games against the current membership of the Big East, Virginia is 73-45 vs. Virginia Tech, 11-12 vs. Georgetown, 8-8 vs. West Virginia, 7-3 vs. Pittsburgh, 5-1 vs. Notre Dame, 4-1 vs. Villanova, 3-0 vs. Boston College and Rutgers, 3-1 vs. Providence, 2-6 vs. Connecticut, 1-1 vs. Syracuse, 0-2 vs. Miami (Fla.) and Seton Hall, and 0-7 vs. St. John's.

Virginia was the only ACC school to win all three games in the defunct ACC-Big East Challenge held from 1989-91. Syracuse was the only Big East school to win all three games in the challenge.

## ACC Openers Unkind to Cavaliers

Virginia lost its ACC opener for the ninth consecutive season as the Cavaliers dropped an 86-69 decision at N.C. State (Dec. 28). UVa has not won an ACC opener since the 1994-95 season – an 81-75 victory at Florida State.

Virginia is 19-32 all-time in ACC season openers.

## Tale of the Tape

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

Virginia	Category	Providence
81.2	Points	72.5
71.6	Points Allowed	64.5
47.5	Field Goal %	44.6
40.6	Field Goal % Defense	44.5
32.6	3-Point Field Goal %	36.9
35.8	3-Point Field Goal % Defense	37.7
65.7	Free Throw %	68.8
38.3	Rebounds	33.1
-1.9	Rebound Margin	+0.5
16.0	Assists	17.0
12.3	Turnovers	14.6
7.0	Steals	10.1
4.1	Blocked Shots	6.1

## 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.

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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.	<b>Virginia</b>	<b>150</b>
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
<b>Gary Forbes, Virginia</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Donte Minter, Virginia</b>	<b>1</b>
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:** 369-194 (19th season)  
**Record at Virginia:** 95-66 (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

## Non-Conference Wins at University Hall

Virginia is 208-29 for an impressive .878 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 90 of their last 100 home games (.900 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 34 consecutive regular season home games against non-conference foes.

## 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 369-194 record for a .655 winning percentage. Gillen is in his sixth season at Virginia and has posted a 95-66 record (.590 winning percentage).

Gillen won his 350th career game on December 21, 2002 when his Cavaliers posted a 61-57 victory over Rutgers. His 300th career victory came when Virginia defeated then 21st-ranked North Carolina 87-85 on January 18, 2000 at University Hall.

Gillen has led his teams to postseason play 15 times in 18 seasons (nine NCAA, six NIT), including the last four seasons at Virginia. He has been selected as the conference Coach of the Year five times – all while coaching Xavier (Midwestern Collegiate Conference).

## Reynolds Back

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. Against Iowa State (Dec. 31), Reynolds scored a career-high eight points and added three assists and a steal in 19 minutes of playing time.

## Starting Strong

For the third time in the last four years, Virginia started its season with eight consecutive victories. UVa dropped its first game of the season 86-69 against N.C. State (Dec. 28), but bounced back with an 85-74 win over previously undefeated Iowa State (Dec. 31). The only time in the last four seasons the Cavaliers did not win their first eight games was last year (2002-2003) when the team lost its fourth and fifth games of the season after starting out 3-0.

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

## 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. UVa followed the N.C. State game with a season-low five turnover effort against Iowa State (Dec. 31).

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

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

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

## 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.

### Getting to the Free Throw Line

Virginia leads all ACC teams in free throws attempted (277) and free throws made (182) this season. However, UVa's .657 free throw percentage ranks only sixth among the nine conference schools.

The Cavaliers are averaging 27.7 attempts from the free throw line per game (and 18.2 made per game). UVa has made more free throws than its opponent in all but one game this season. N.C. State (Dec. 28) made 15 free throws to UVa's 12. Cavalier opponents have attempted nine or fewer free throws in three games.

Virginia's opponents have attempted only 152 free throws (15.2 per game) and made 105 (10.5 per game). UVa has attempted 125 more free throws than its opponents (12.5 more per game) and made 77 more free throws (7.7 more per game).

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

### Perfect from the Free Throw Line

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

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

### 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 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.

### 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.

### Solid Field Goal Percentage Defense

Virginia has held six of its first 10 opponents of the 2003-04 season under 40 percent shooting from the field. UVa is limiting its opponents to 40.6 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). N.C. State (Dec. 28) eclipsed 50 percent shooting – 30-59 (50.8 percent) and then Iowa State (Dec. 31) shot a season-best 55.2 percent (32-58) from the field against Virginia.

Here's a look at UVa's field goal percentage defense through the first 10 games of the season.

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

### Less Trouble on the Boards

The Cavaliers have won nine of 10 games this season despite only out-rebounding five opponents (by a combined 19 rebounds).

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

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

Virginia is being out-rebounded 38.3 to 40.2 (-1.9) per game this season. On the offensive glass, the Cavaliers have been out-rebounded 154-126 (-2.8 per game). UVa gave up 22 offensive rebounds against Minnesota. The Cavaliers also had 22 offensive boards against Loyola Marymount.

### 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 UVa 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 12.5 points (3rd on the team) and 5.8 rebounds (4th on the team) per game. He leads UVa with 14 blocked shots. He leads all ACC rookies in blocked shots, and is second in scoring and rebounding. 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 seven games. Over the last seven contests, Brown is averaging 18.6 points and 8.6 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 53.2 percent (50-94) from the field over the last seven games.

Brown is averaging career and team-bests of 16.6 points and 7.3 rebounds per game this season. He is shooting 51.3 percent (61-119) from the field.

### Getting to the Free Throw Line

Junior Elton Brown has already taken 79 attempts from the free throw line. He has only made 44 attempts for 55.7 percent. Brown is averaging 7.9 attempts from the foul line per game and has taken 11 or more free throws in a game three times.

Brown has attempted 44 more free throws than any other player on the team (Gary Forbes has 35 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 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.

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

### Seeing More Playing Time

Freshman guard T.J. Bannister has seen his most significant playing time of the season over the last four 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. Against Coastal Carolina (Dec. 22), Bannister played a career-high 21 minutes and tallied five points (career high), four assists, two rebounds, and one steal. In his first ACC contest against N.C. State (Dec. 28), Bannister had a career-high five assists, two points and three rebounds (tied career high) in 15 minutes. He had two assists in six minutes against Iowa State (Dec. 31) in the last game.

### Mapp Making an Impact

Guard Majestic Mapp has made an impact in the first 10 games of the season. He is averaging 2.8 points, 1.8 assists and 1.4 rebounds in 13.5 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
N.C. State – Dec. 28	0	1	0	1	0	4
Iowa State – Dec. 31	0	0	0	1	1*	2

\* 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 tied with Bryant Stith (1989-92) for ninth on Virginia's career three-point field goals list with 114. Stith is the television color analyst for today's game.

Billet has made his 114 career three-pointers at UVa in just 42 games for an average of 2.71 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 272 threes. Billet's total of 272 career threes would rank ninth among all ACC players if he had played his entire career in the ACC.

Billet has played in 100 games in his career and has made at least one three-point field goal in 95 of those games. Currently, Billet has made a three-pointer in 21 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	10 of 10	2 games	20
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	95 of 100	30 games	272

\*played at Rutgers

### Billet Tied for Ninth in Three-Point Field Goals

Senior guard Todd Billet has made 114 career three-point field goals for the Cavaliers and is tied with Bryant Stith (1989-92) for ninth place all-time at Virginia.

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

1. Curtis Staples (1995-98)	413 – NCAA record
2. Harold Deane (1994-97)	237
3. John Crotty (1988-91)	179
4. Donald Hand (1998-01)	156
5. Cory Alexander (1992-95)	142
6. Roger Mason, Jr. (2000-02)	137
7. Richard Morgan (1986-89)	132
8. Chris Williams (1999-02)	130
9. Bryant Stith (1989-92)	114
<b>Todd Billet (2002-present)</b>	<b>114</b>
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 two of the Cavaliers' top three scorers this season (16.6 and 12.5 ppg, respectively) and set career highs in UVa's win over Minnesota (Dec. 3).

Brown, who has scored in double figures in all 10 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 10 games, Minter has made 30-44 attempts from the field for an impressive 68.2 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

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 56.2 percent (50-89) of his attempts from the field in the first 10 games, including 15-31 three-point attempts (48.4 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 51.3 percent (61-119) from the field, while freshman guard/forward Gary Forbes has connected on 48.5 percent (48-99) 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 three of their 10 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.

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

### Shooting 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.

### **UVa Hands Iowa State First Loss of Season**

Virginia erased a 66-59 deficit with a 26-8 run over the final 6:27 of the game for an 85-74 come-from-behind victory over previously undefeated Iowa State December 31 in University Hall.

The Cavaliers forced six turnovers in the final 6:18 of the game and limited the Cyclones to three field goals in the same span. Iowa State pushed its lead to seven points (66-59) for the second time in the game on a Jake Sullivan jumper at the 6:54 mark. UVa then used a 10-2 run to take a 69-68 lead with 4:52 to go. Sophomore Derrick Byars scored the final five points of the spurt. Junior Devin Smith broke a 69-69 tie with a three-pointer with 3:46 remaining to put the Cavaliers on top for good.

Smith led UVa with a season-high 25 points and a career-high five steals. He also added three blocked shots, three assists and three rebounds. Smith made 9-14 attempts from the field. Byars tallied 20 points and eight rebounds, while freshman Donte Minter came off the bench to score 11 points. Junior Elton Brown rounded out UVa's double figure scorers with 10 points.

The Cavaliers committed a season-low five turnovers in the game while forcing 23 Iowa State miscues. UVa also registered a season-best 15 steals with the Cyclones coming up with just one steal. The Cyclones shot an impressive 55.2 percent (32-58) from the field and made 7-14 three-point attempts. Virginia shot a respectable 48.4 percent (31-64) from the floor and outscored Iowa State 15-3 at the free throw line. The Cyclones held a 40-23 advantage in rebounds, including a 19-7 edge in the first half.

Jared Homan led Iowa State with 19 points, nine boards and four blocks, while Jake Sullivan had 16 points and five 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 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.

### **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 347 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

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.