

VIRGINIA BASKETBALL 2003-2004 MEDIA NOTES

Virginia (12-4, 2-3 ACC)

vs.

#7 / #11 North Carolina (11-4, 1-3 ACC)

January 24, 2004 • Noon

Dean E. Smith Center (21,750)

Chapel Hill, N.C.

2003-04 SCHEDULE

12-4 Overall / 2-3 ACC

Home: 10-2

Away: 2-2

Neutral: 0-0

Nov. 11	Big Apple Basketball (EX)	W, 104-80
Nov. 18	Coaches vs. Cancer All-Stars (EX)	W, 91-90
Nov. 23	MOUNT ST. MARY'S	W, 80-71
Nov. 28	VIRGINIA TECH (Com/FSNS)	W, 80-65
Nov. 30	HIGH POINT	W, 79-64
Dec. 3	MINNESOTA* (ESPN2)	W, 86-78
Dec. 5	at VMI	W, 78-56
Dec. 16	JAMES MADISON	W, 90-80
Dec. 19	at Loyola Marymount	W, 76-68
Dec. 22	COASTAL CAROLINA	W, 89-74
Dec. 28	at N.C. State (FSN)	L, 69-86
Dec. 31	IOWA STATE	W, 85-74
Jan. 3	PROVIDENCE (Com)	L, 69-84
Jan. 5	WILLIAM & MARY (Com)	W, 84-71
Jan. 11	#2 DUKE (FSN)	L, 71-93
Jan. 15	at #12 Georgia Tech (ESPN2)	L, 57-75
Jan. 18	FLORIDA STATE (R/JF)	W, 76-67 (OT)
Jan. 20	CLEMSON (RSN)	W, 61-50
Jan. 24	at #7 North Carolina (ESPN)	Noon
Jan. 31	at #10 Wake Forest (R/JF)	2:30 p.m.
Feb. 4	MARYLAND (R/JF)	9:00 p.m.
Feb. 7	N.C. STATE (R/JF)	3:00 p.m.
Feb. 11	at #1 Duke (ESPN)	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 14	#11 GEORGIA TECH (R/JF)	2:00 p.m.
Feb. 17	at Florida State (RSN)	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 21	at Clemson (R/JF)	4:00 p.m.
Feb. 24	#7 NORTH CAROLINA (R/JF)	8:00 p.m.
Mar. 2	#10 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 ESPN. Dave O'Brien will handle the play-by-play. Brad Daugherty is the analyst.

RADIO

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

OFFICIALS

THE GAME

Virginia stands at 12-4 overall and 2-3 in the Atlantic Coast Conference in the 2003-2004 season. The Cavaliers have won two consecutive ACC games and are coming off a 61-50 victory over Clemson (Jan. 20) in Charlottesville, Va. **North Carolina**, ranked seventh in The Associated Press and 11th in the *USAToday*/ESPN polls, stands at 11-4 overall and 1-3 in the ACC. The Tar Heels are coming off a 90-81 overtime loss to Florida State (Jan. 22) in Tallahassee, Fla.

The Series vs. North Carolina

North Carolina leads the all-time series with the Cavaliers 115-46 in a rivalry that dates back to the 1910-11 season. Virginia won the first meeting of the 2002-2003 season 79-72 (Jan. 11) at University Hall, but the Tar Heels earned a split with an 81-67 win (Feb. 12) in Chapel Hill, which snapped UVa's four-game winning streak in the series. Virginia swept the 2001-2002 season series, winning 71-67 (Jan. 12) in Chapel Hill and 73-63 (Feb. 12) in Charlottesville. It marked the second time in three seasons UVa swept the season series from the Tar Heels. Virginia also swept the regular season series in 1999-2000 for the first time since the 1980-81 season. (UNC, however, won the meeting in the 1981 NCAA Tournament's Final Four).

The Cavaliers have won six of the last eight contests in the series and UVa's four-game winning streak was its longest in the series since the early 1900s. The Cavaliers won five consecutive games against North Carolina from 1917-18 to 1919-20 (45-35 in 1917-18, 40-29 and 31-21 in 1918-19, 40-25 and 37-31 in 1919-20). UVa won the first eight games in the series from 1910-11 to 1915-16.

Virginia's victory in Chapel Hill in the 1999-2000 season (90-76 – Feb. 20) was its first ever triumph at the Smith Center. The Cavaliers lost their previous 14 games in the Dean Dome. The win also snapped UVa's 18-game losing streak in Chapel Hill. Prior to 1999-2000, the previous Virginia victory in Chapel Hill came on February 3, 1981, when UVa posted an 80-79 overtime victory.

Despite Virginia's wins in 1999-2000 and in 2001-2002, the Tar Heels have dominated the series in games played in Chapel Hill, winning 58 of the 63 meetings. The Cavaliers are 2-16 at the Smith Center.

Virginia's wins in Chapel Hill occurred on: February 24, 1911 – UVa 18, UNC 15; January 25, 1973 – UVa 84, #3 UNC 78; February 3, 1981 – UVa 80, #11 UNC 79 in overtime; February 20, 2000 – UVa 90, UNC 76; and January 12, 2002 – UVa 71, UNC 67.

North Carolina has won 10 of the last 17 games and 20 of the last 30 games between the two teams.

Virginia's PROBABLE Starters

No.	Pos.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Ppg.	Rpg.	App.	Mpg	Notes
33	F	Devin Smith	6-5	239	Jr.	12.9	5.9	1.9	26.0	Avg. 16.6 pts., 5.4 rebs., 2.6 asts. in last 7 games
34	F	Jason Clark	6-8	234	Jr.	1.8	4.3	0.5	17.3	5 pts., 9 rebs., 2 blks., 34 min. vs. Florida St. (1/18)
55	F/C	Donte Minter	6-7 1/2	244	Fr.	7.4	3.0	0.4	13.9	Shooting 61.3% (49-80) from the field
22	G	Todd Billet	6-0	183	Sr.	11.3	2.7	3.3	32.6	T8th with 130 threes at UVa; 288 in career
2	G	J.R. Reynolds	6-2 1/2	196	Fr.	6.6	1.2	2.3	21.3	Career-high 11 points vs. Clemson – all in 2nd half

Virginia's Key Reserves

23	G/F	Gary Forbes	6-6	210	Fr.	10.1	5.4	2.0	28.6	Career-high 12 rebounds vs. Loyola Marymount
43	F/C	Elton Brown	6-9	251	Jr.	14.8	6.6	1.4	26.6	Had double figure streak stopped at 14 (vs. FSU)
5	F	Derrick Byars	6-7	215	So.	9.1	4.4	1.2	24.6	Has only scored 10 points in last 6 games
15	G	T.J. Bannister	5-10 1/2	168	Fr.	1.8	1.2	1.9	11.6	Has 26 of 31 assists over last 10 games (2.6 apg)
11	G	Majestic Mapp	6-2	184	Sr.	2.1	1.1	1.2	10.7	Eighth on team with 18 assists
32	F	Jason Cain	6-9	205	Fr.	2.0	1.2	0.1	5.9	Played 13 min. vs. Duke - 4 pts., 2 rebs.

Keys to the Game

Virginia needs to shoot the ball well today to help its chances to win. Since the 1989-90 season, the Cavaliers are 12-21 against North Carolina, but are 8-2 when they out-shoot the Tar Heels. The Wahoos are 4-19 when the Tar Heels out-shoot them.

Here's a look at the two teams' field goal percentages since the 1989-90 season. The winner is listed in bold.

Year	Site	UNC	UVa
1989-90	UNC	.583	.397
	UVa	.524	.441
	ACC Trn.	.493	.515
1990-91	UVa	.464	.400
	UNC	.500	.356
	ACC Trn.	.471	.400
1991-92	UNC	.533	.362
	UVa	.446	.472
1992-93	UNC	.476	.400
	UVa	.474	.313
	ACC Trn.	.379	.414
1993-94	UVa	.462	.483
	UNC	.390	.309
	ACC Trn.	.491	.403
1994-95	UNC	.482	.418
	UVa	.452	.439
1995-96	UVa	.386	.322
	UNC	.471	.400
1996-97	UVa	.385	.481
	UNC	.517	.355
	ACC Trn.	.519	.371
1997-98	UNC	.488	.433
	UVa	.431	.300
1998-99	UNC	.412	.277
	UVa	.426	.435
1999-00	UVa	.586	.465
	UNC	.433	.449
2000-01	UNC	.569	.426
	UVa	.438	.470
2001-02	UNC	.436	.421
	UVa	.347	.435
2002-03	UVa	.403	.491
	UNC	.508	.381

Since the 1989-90 Season:

Combined	.465	.407
UVa wins	.451	.464
UVa losses	.473	.375

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: 372-197 (19th season)
Record at Virginia: 98-69 (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

Shooting Lots of Three-Pointers vs. the Tar Heels

Since the 1989-90 season, the Cavaliers attempted an average of 21.3 three-point field goals (704 in 33 games) per game against North Carolina. Virginia made 233 of those 704 attempts (33.1 percent) for 7.1 made threes per game. Since the 1988-89 season, the Cavaliers have attempted 20 or more threes in a game against the Tar Heels 22 times.

Three of Virginia's top five and five of the Cavaliers' top 10 games in terms of three-point field goals attempted have come against North Carolina (four are against Clemson and one is vs. Florida State). Prior to attempting a school-record 38 three-pointers against Clemson (Jan. 15, 2000), Virginia's 32 attempts against UNC on February 14, 1990 and March 7, 1997 marked the Cavaliers' all-time high for three-pointers attempted in a game.

Virginia also set its school record for most three-point field goals made in the February 14, 1990 game against UNC with 15. (Virginia equaled the mark of 15 threes made in a game against Hampton on November 25, 1998.)

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.

The Band is Back

Virginia's new band – the Virginia Basketball Band – made its debut at UVa's game against Clemson (Jan. 20). The band director is Bill Pease.

Tale of the Tape

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

Virginia	Category	North Carolina
76.9	Points	87.9
72.2	Points Allowed	76.3
+4.7	Scoring Margin	+11.6
45.5	Field Goal %	47.2
41.8	Field Goal % Defense	44.3
33.0	3-Point Field Goal %	35.3
34.3	3-Point Field Goal % Defense	33.6
64.8	Free Throw %	66.6
36.4	Rebounds	41.0
-3.6	Rebound Margin	+2.7
15.4	Assists	20.0
13.6	Turnovers	15.7
7.1	Steals	10.8
4.2	Blocked Shots	4.7

Sometimes Change is Good

After using the same starting lineup for 11 consecutive games, head coach Pete Gillen changed UVa's starting lineup against Florida State (Jan. 18) and it resulted in a 76-67 overtime win, the Cavaliers first ACC win of the season. Derrick Byars, Devin Smith, Elton Brown, Todd Billet and Gary Forbes had comprised UVa's starting lineup 11 consecutive games. Donte Minter and Jason Clark replaced Smith and Brown in the starting lineup against the Seminoles. It was Minter's first career start and the first start of the season for Clark.

Gillen shuffled the lineup again vs. Clemson (Jan. 20) and it resulted in another win. Minter, Clark and Billet remained in the starting lineup with Smith and J.R. Reynolds replacing Byars and Forbes.

Redd Joins Blue and Orange

Freshman football player Vince Redd has joined the Virginia basketball team. Redd, a 6-6 linebacker from Elizabethton, Tenn., red-shirted the 2003 football season. He practiced with the basketball team for the first time on Friday (Jan. 16) and was in uniform for the Florida State (Jan. 18) game.

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

Jason Clark Rejoins Team

Jason Clark, a 6-8 junior forward from Virginia Beach, Va., has rejoined the University of Virginia men's basketball team. Clark practiced with the Cavaliers for the first time this season on January 4. He was on the bench, but not in uniform for Virginia's game with Providence College (Jan. 3) and did not play in UVa's game against William & Mary (Jan. 5) at University Hall. Clark saw his first game action of the season against Duke (Jan. 11), playing five minutes with two rebounds and two blocked shots. In 15 minutes against Georgia Tech (Jan. 15), he had two points, three rebounds, two blocked shots, one assist and one steal.

Clark turned in an impressive performance against Florida State (Jan. 18). He played a career-best 34 minutes, had five points, tied a career high with nine rebounds, and blocked a pair of shots while receiving a starting assignment. Clark also started against Clemson (Jan. 20) and had three rebounds and two steals in 15 minutes.

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

Head Coach Pete Gillen

Pete Gillen is in his 19th season as a collegiate head coach and sports a 372-197 record for a .654 winning percentage. Gillen is in his sixth season at Virginia and has posted a 98-69 record (.587 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).

Non-Conference Play

The Cavaliers concluded regular season non-conference play with a 10-1 record. The only non-conference blemish on Virginia's record is an 84-69 setback to Providence College (Jan. 3). Some of UVa's most notable wins included: Minnesota 86-78 (Dec. 3) in the ACC/Big 10 Challenge at University Hall; Loyola Marymount 76-68 (Dec. 19) in Los Angeles; and Iowa State 85-74 (Dec. 31) in U-Hall. The Cavaliers also won all four contests against in-state foes.

Home Sweet Home

Like many ACC teams, the Cavaliers enjoy success playing in front of their home crowd at University Hall.

The Cavaliers are 10-2 at U-Hall this season and 2-2 in away games.

Since the beginning of the 1999-2000 season, UVa is: 60-13 (82.2 percent) in all home games 25-10 (71.4 percent) in all home ACC games

Fewest Points Allowed in ACC game in Gillen Era

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

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

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

Only 61 Points Scored

UVa only scored 61 points in its 61-50 win over Clemson (Jan. 20) and it tied for the fewest points the Cavaliers have scored in a win under Pete Gillen.

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

Reynolds Back and Playing Well

After missing the Loyola Marymount (Dec. 19) and Coastal Carolina (Dec. 22) games because of illness, freshman guard J.R. Reynolds returned to action in UVa's game against N.C. State (Dec. 28). He had only one rebound in eight minutes. In the last seven games, Reynolds has aver-

aged 8.1 points per game, including a career-high 11 points against Clemson (Jan. 20). He also handed out a career-high five assists against Florida State (Jan. 18).

After starting the first three games of the season, Reynolds returned to the starting lineup against Clemson (Jan. 20). He scored all of his career-high 11 points in the second half against the Tigers. He also had three assists and a career-best three steals.

Only Five Turnovers

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

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

...Then the Turnover Roller Coaster

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

On the season, UVa is averaging a 13.6 turnovers per game. UVa's opponents are averaging 16.1 turnovers per game.

Virginia averaged 16.5 turnovers per game last season.

Only One Steal

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

Leading Scorer has only 11 Points

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

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

Starting Strong

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

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

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

Minter Makes Most of First Collegiate Start

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

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

Bombs Away

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

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

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

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

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

31.9 and 31.6 Percent Shooting

The Cavaliers held Florida State (Jan. 18) to just 31.9 percent (22-69) shooting from the floor and limited Clemson to 31.6 percent (18-57) accuracy from the field. In the first three ACC games, Virginia had allowed its opponents to shoot a combined 50 percent (90-180) from the floor.

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

16 Field Goals

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

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

Spreading Minutes Around

Virginia has 10 players who are averaging 10 or more minutes per game. The Cavaliers also have just one player who is averaging more than 30 minutes per game – senior Todd Billet at 32.6 minutes per game.

Assist-to-Turnover Ratio

UVa is sixth in the ACC with a 1.14 to 1 assist-to-turnover ratio. The Cavaliers have handed out 247 assists while committing 217 turnovers. Senior guard Todd Billet is fourth among all ACC players with a 2.41 to 1 assist-to-turnover ratio with 53 assists and only 22 miscues. Freshmen T.J. Bannister and J.R. Reynolds have 1.82 to 1 and 1.78 to 1 assist-to-turnover ratios, respectively.

Last season, UVa had a .87 to 1 assist-to-turnover ratio.

Turnovers

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

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

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

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

The Cavaliers have had trouble in the turnover department lately with three consecutive games with 16 or more turnovers – 21 vs. Georgia Tech (Jan. 15), 16 vs. Florida State (Jan. 18), and 19 vs. Clemson (Jan. 20).

Two 20-Point Scorers Times Five

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

Minnesota (Dec. 3) – Elton Brown 26, Gary Forbes 22
Loyola Marymount (Dec. 19) – Derrick Byars 21, Elton Brown 21
Iowa State (Dec. 31) – Derrick Byars 20, Devin Smith 25
William & Mary (Jan. 5) – Devin Smith 22, Elton Brown 22
Florida State (Jan. 18) – Todd Billet 26, Devin Smith 21

Thefts

In addition to giving the Cavaliers a lift offensively, junior Devin Smith has been a defensive spark. In just 11 games, Smith set a new personal single season career mark for steals with 21. Through the 15 games he's played this season, he has a team-high 25 steals. Smith had 19 steals in 32 games last season. He has 16 of his 25 steals in the last eight games, including a career-high five vs. Iowa State (Dec. 31).

Getting to the Free Throw Line

Virginia has gotten to the free throw line quite frequently in 2003-04. The Cavaliers have attempted 406 free throws and made 263 this season, so UVa is only shooting 64.8 percent from the free throw line.

The Cavaliers are averaging 25.4 attempts from the free throw line per game (and 16.4 made per game). UVa has made more free throws than its opponent in all but five games this season, including three losses –

N.C. State (Dec. 28) made 15 free throws to UVa's 12. Providence (Jan 3) and Virginia both made 11 free throws. Duke (Jan. 11) made 19 free throws to the Cavaliers' 15. In its win over William & Mary (Jan. 5), the Tribe made 13 foul shots to Virginia's 12. Florida State (Jan. 18) made 13 free throws to UVa's 11.

Virginia's opponents have attempted only 282 free throws (17.6 per game) and made 189 (11.8 per game). UVa has attempted 124 more free throws than its opponents (7.8 more per game) and made 74 more free throws (4.6 more per game). Cavalier opponents have attempted nine or fewer free throws in three games.

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

Perfect from the Free Throw Line

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

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

Getting to the Free Throw Line

Junior Elton Brown has already taken a career-best 109 attempts from the free throw line. He has only made 64 attempts for 58.7 percent. Brown is averaging 6.8 attempts from the foul line per game and has taken 10 or more free throws in a game four times. He did not attempt a free throw in UVa's loss to Providence (Jan. 3) and win over Clemson (Jan. 20).

Brown has attempted 60 more free throws than any other player on the team (Gary Forbes and Todd Billet have 49 attempts). Brown took 93 free throws all of last season.

Freshmen Contributions

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

The quintet have accounted for:

- 53.7 percent of the team's blocked shots (36 of 67)
- 42.5 percent of the team's steals (48 of 113)
- 41.7 percent of the team's assists (103 of 247)
- 39.0 percent of the team's minutes (1,258 of 3,225)
- 35.3 percent of the points scored (434 of 1,230)
- 32.6 percent of the team's rebounds (190 of 583)

The freshmen have combined to play in 78 of 80 games and are averaging 80.6 minutes, 27.8 points, 12.2 rebounds, 6.6 assists, 3.1 steals, and 2.3 blocked shots per game.

Field Goal Percentage Defense

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

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

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

Here's a look at UVa's field goal percentage defense through the first 16 games of the season.

Mount St. Mary's (Nov. 23)	27-71	38.0 percent
Virginia Tech (Nov. 28)	26-72	36.1 percent
High Point (Nov. 30)	21-67	31.3 percent
Minnesota (Dec. 3)	27-73	37.0 percent
at VMI (Dec. 5)	22-66	33.3 percent
James Madison (Dec. 16)	29-64	45.3 percent
Loyola Marymount (Dec. 19)	26-67	38.8 percent
Coastal Carolina (Dec. 22)	29-65	44.6 percent
N.C. State (Dec. 28)	30-59	50.8 percent
Iowa State (Dec. 31)	32-58	55.2 percent
Providence (Jan. 3)	32-55	58.2 percent
William & Mary (Jan. 5)	26-58	44.8 percent
Duke (Jan. 11)	34-65	52.3 percent
Georgia Tech (Jan. 15)	26-56	46.4 percent
Florida State (Jan. 18)	22-69	31.9 percent
Clemson (Jan. 20)	18-57	31.6 percent
<i>Totals</i>	<i>427-1022</i>	<i>41.8 percent</i>

Sampson Named to ESPN's ACC Silver Anniversary Team

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

Sampson was a three-time National Player of the Year.

Trouble on the Boards

The Cavaliers have won 12 of 16 games this season despite only out-rebounding six opponents (by a combined 20 rebounds).

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

UVa was out-rebounded by Iowa State (Dec. 31) 40-23, the Cavaliers' largest rebounding deficit of the season. Virginia out-rebounded Providence (Jan. 3) by one (35-34), but was out-rebounded by:

William & Mary (Jan. 5) by eight (39-31)

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

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

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

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

In the last seven games, UVa is being out-rebounded by 7.9 boards per game.

Virginia is being out-rebounded 36.4 to 40.0 (-3.6) per game this season. On the offensive glass, the Cavaliers have been out-rebounded 244-197 (-2.9 per game). UVa gave up 22 offensive rebounds against Minnesota and Florida State and 20 vs. Clemson. The Cavaliers also had 22 offensive boards against Loyola Marymount and 20 vs. Providence.

Brown's Double Digit Streak Snapped

Junior forward/center Elton Brown had his streak of scoring in double figures in 14 consecutive games snapped against Florida State (Jan. 18) as he scored only three points. He only scored six points against Clemson (Jan. 20) as well.

Brown has been a force for the Cavaliers all season, despite only scoring nine points in the last two games against Florida State and Clemson. He recorded double-doubles against VMI (14 points, 13 rebounds), Loyola Marymount (21 points, 10 rebounds), and Coastal Carolina (22 points, 11 rebounds). His 13 rebounds vs. VMI are a career high as are his 26 points against Minnesota.

Brown is averaging career and team-bests of 14.8 points (7th in the ACC) and 6.6 rebounds (8th in the ACC) per game this season. He is shooting 50.9 percent (86-169) from the field (4th in the ACC).

Brown's streak of 14 consecutive double figure scoring games was second among all ACC players. He is averaging 5.2 more points per game this season (14.8 ppg) than last season (9.6 ppg).

Smith Returns to Lineup

After missing the Cavaliers' season-opener against Mount St. Mary's (Nov. 23) as well as the second exhibition game against Coaches vs. Cancer All-Stars (Nov. 18), junior Devin Smith returned to the lineup against Virginia Tech (Nov. 28). In 16 minutes of action off the bench, Smith tallied five points and seven rebounds. He made his first start of the season against Minnesota (Dec. 3) and posted a team and UVa career-high 10 rebounds to go along with three points, two steals and one assist in 25 minutes of playing time. Smith remained in the starting lineup for 11 consecutive games

before not starting against Florida State (Jan. 18). He returned to UVa's starting lineup against Clemson (Jan. 20). Smith was out with an injured back.

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

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

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

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

After not practicing the prior two days before the game against Florida State (Jan. 18), Smith tallied 21 points to help lead the Cavaliers to an overtime victory. Smith scored all 21 of his points after halftime, including UVa's first five points in overtime and a total of seven extra-session points. He also added six rebounds, two assists, two steals and a blocked shot.

Auspicious Debut

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

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

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

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

On the season, Forbes is averaging 10.1 points (4th on the team) and 5.4 rebounds (3rd on the team) per game. He leads UVa with 19 blocked shots. He is second among all ACC rookies in rebounding, tied for second in blocked shots, and third in scoring and minutes per game (28.6). Forbes has twice tallied three blocks in a game – Mount St. Mary's (Nov. 23) and Coastal Carolina (Dec. 22).

Seeing More Playing Time

Freshman guard T.J. Bannister has seen his most significant playing time of the season over the last 10 games. Here's a look at Bannister's key stats over the last 10 games: Loyola Marymount (Dec. 19) – 19 min., 4 asts., 3 rebs., 1 st. Coastal Car. (Dec. 22) – 21 min., 5 pts., 4 asts., 2 rebs., 1 st. N.C. State (Dec. 28) – 15 min., 2 pts., 3 rebs., 5 asts. Iowa State (Dec. 31) – 6 min., 2 asts. Providence (Jan. 3) – 13 min., 2 pts., 3 asts., 1 reb. William & Mary (Jan. 5) – 15 min., 1 pt., 1 reb., 2 asts. Duke (Jan. 11) – 27 min., 4 pts, 2 rebs., 5 asts., 1 st. Georgia Tech (Jan. 15) – 10 min., 1 pt. Florida State (Jan. 18) – 8 min., 1 reb. Clemson (Jan. 20) – 13 min., 5 pts., 1 ast., 3 sts.

Bannister did not have an assist against Georgia Tech (Jan. 15) or Florida State (Jan. 18), marking the first two times since the Minnesota game (Dec. 3) he did not record an assist.

Brown Registers Third Double-Double of Season

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

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

Byars Tallies First Career Double-Double

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

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

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 16 games. Currently, four Virginia players are averaging in double figure scoring this season with a fifth at 9.1 points per game.

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.

Mapp Making a Contribution

Guard Majestic Mapp has made a contribution in the first 16 games of the season. He is averaging 2.1 points, 1.2 assists and 1.1 rebounds in 10.7 minutes per game while seeing action in 15 of 16 games.

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

Opponent	Pt.	Reb.	Ast.	TO	St.	Min.
Mt. St. Mary's – Nov. 23	6*	0	3	1	0	23
Virginia Tech – Nov. 28	6*	4*	5*	1	0	24*
High Point – Nov. 30	2	2	4	3*	0	23
Minnesota – Dec. 3	5	0	0	2	0	12
VMI – Dec. 5	4	3	4	1	0	18
James Madison – Dec. 16	1	2	0	0	0	13
Loyola Marymount – Dec. 19	1	1	1	1	0	7
Coastal Car. – Dec. 22	3	1	1	0	0	9
N.C. State – Dec. 28	0	1	0	1	0	4
Iowa State – Dec. 31	0	0	0	1	1*	2
Providence – Jan. 3	0	1	0	1	0	3
William & Mary – Jan. 5	0	0	0	0	0	6
Duke – Jan. 11	Did Not Play					
Georgia Tech – Jan. 15	0	2	0	1	1*	10
Florida State – Jan. 18	3	0	0	0	0	4
Clemson – Jan. 20	0	0	0	0	0	2

* 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 Tied for Eighth in Three-Point Field Goals

Senior guard Todd Billet has made 130 career three-point field goals for the Cavaliers and is tied with Chris Williams (1999-02) for eighth place all-time at Virginia. Billet needs just three three-pointers to move into seventh place in front of Richard Morgan (1986-89).

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. Todd Billet (2003-present)	130
Chris Williams (1999-02)	130
10. Bryant Stiith (1989-92)	114
11. Keith Friel (2000-01)	107

Billet Drains 100th Three

Guard Todd Billet drilled his 100th career three-point field goal as a Cavalier in UVa's win over High Point (Nov. 30). Billet is currently tied for eighth on Virginia's career three-point field goals list with 130.

Billet has made his 130 career three-pointers at UVa in just 48 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 288 threes. Billet's total of 288 career threes would tie for eighth among all ACC players if he had played his entire career in the ACC.

Billet has played in 106 games in his career and has made at least one three-point field goal in 100 of those games. Billet had his streak of making a three-pointer in 23 consecutive games snapped against Duke (Jan. 11) – his longest collegiate streak. He made at least one three-point field goal in the first 18 games of his freshman season at Rutgers (1999-2000), which was his previous career best streak. Billet has made four or more three-pointers 31 times and three or more threes in 49 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	15 of 16	3 games	36
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	100 of 106	31 games	288

*played at Rutgers

Shooting Well

Freshman forward/center Donte Minter is off to a great start shooting the basketball. In 16 games, Minter has made 49-80 attempts from the field for an impressive 61.3 percent.

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

Opponent	FG Shooting	Percentage
Mount St. Mary's (Nov. 23)	5-6	83.3 percent
High Point (Nov. 30)	4-5	80.0 percent
Virginia Tech (Nov. 28)	3-5	60.0 percent
Minnesota (Dec. 3)	1-3	33.3 percent
VMI (Dec. 5)	6-6	100.0 percent
James Madison (Dec. 16)	2-3	66.7 percent
Loyola Marymount (Dec. 19)	1-4	25.0 percent
Coastal Carolina (Dec. 22)	2-3	66.7 percent
N.C. State (Dec. 28)	1-2	50.0 percent
Iowa State (Dec. 31)	5-7	71.4 percent
Providence (Jan. 3)	1-2	50.0 percent
William & Mary (Jan. 5)	4-8	50.0 percent
Duke (Jan. 11)	6-12	50.0 percent
Georgia Tech (Jan. 15)	2-4	50.0 percent
Florida State (Jan. 18)	3-6	50.0 percent
Clemson (Jan. 20)	3-4	75.0 percent

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

Minter isn't the only Cavalier shooting the ball well this season. Junior forward/center Elton Brown is shooting 50.9 percent (86-169) from the field this season.

Junior forward Devin Smith has made 47.0 percent (71-151) of his attempts from the field, including 50.0 percent (28-56) in ACC play.

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 and Forbes Set Career Highs in Scoring

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

Brown, who has scored in double figures in 14 of 16 games, exploded for a career-best 26 points against Minnesota. Brown's prior career-high was 22 points vs. Chaminade (Nov. 25) last season.

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

Winning Despite Opponent's Shooting

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

Shooting 50 Percent in Openers

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

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

Cavaliers Beat Clemson 61-50 for Second ACC Win

After a sluggish start, the Cavaliers outscored Clemson 18-7 over the final 5:19 to register a 61-50 ACC victory January 20 at University Hall. The 50 points are the fewest a Pete Gillen coached Virginia team has allowed in an ACC game.

Freshmen J.R. Reynolds and Donte Minter led the second half charge by scoring all 21 of their points in the final 13:15 of the game. Reynolds scored a career-high 11 points and added three assists and a career-best three steals. Minter tallied 10 points on 3-4 shooting from the field and a 4-4 effort from the free throw line. Junior Devin Smith rounded out UVa's double figure scorers with 10 points and he tied freshman Gary Forbes for team-high honors in rebounds with seven. Senior Todd Billet added nine points.

Virginia scored the final six points of the first half to knot the game at 20-20. UVa shot 39.1 percent (9-23) from the floor in the first 20 minutes while limiting Clemson to 25.0 percent (8-32) accuracy. The two teams also combined for 22 turnovers.

With 13:15 left to play in the game, Reynolds scored the

first two of his 11 points with a jumper to tie the game at 29-29. Reynolds gave the Cavaliers the lead, 32-31, with a three-pointer at the 11:44 mark. Minter then made a pair of free throws and scored on a jumper to push UVa's lead to 36-31 with 9:49 to play. After the Tigers trimmed UVa's lead to one with 8:35 to go, Minter made a jumper and Reynolds added another three to increase Virginia's lead to six, 41-35, at the 7:47 mark. Minter and Reynolds combined to score 14 consecutive UVa points from the 13:15 mark to 7:47.

The Tigers battled back to tie the game at 43-43 with 5:37 remaining, but Smith nailed a three-pointer and Minter added a pair of free throws to increase the UVa edge to five, 48-43. Reynolds buried a long three-pointer as the shot clock was about to expire to push Virginia's lead to eight, 53-45, with 3:07 left.

Virginia held the Tigers to 31.6 percent (18-57) shooting in the game. The Cavaliers made 21-47 attempts for 44.7 percent and forced 23 Clemson turnovers. The Tigers held a 41-31 edge in rebounds, including a 20-9 bulge on the offensive glass.

Chris Hobbs was the only Clemson player to score in double figures as he had 13 points.

UVa Wins Two Exhibition Games

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Cavaliers Welcome Nine Newcomers

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

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

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

the 2003 Philadelphia Public League championship game and the Public League All-Star Game.

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

Minter attended Fork Union Military Academy during the 2002-03 academic year. Prior to attending Fork Union, Minter attended West Rowan High School (N.C.). West Rowan compiled a 30-0 record and won the North Carolina 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 12 of the notes for bios on the three walk-ons.

The most recent addition to the UVa team is freshman football player Vincent Redd. The 6-6 Redd joined the team January 16.

Shift of Coaching Staff Assignments

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

Billet and Mapp Provide Experience

Senior guards Todd Billet and Majestic Mapp provide the Cavaliers with experience in the backcourt for the 2003-04 season. Billet earned honorable mention recognition on the 2003 All-ACC Team after leading the conference in three-point field goal percentage (.418, 94-225) and in three-point field goals made, (94, 2.94 pg). He was also ninth in the ACC in assists (108, 3.38 apg) and 13th in scoring (432, 13.5 ppg). Billet received his bachelor's degree in economics in May of 2003.

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

Raining Threes

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

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

Starting on March 30, 1992, the Cavaliers have a streak of 353 consecutive games with at least one three-point field goal.

Four Out of Five Returning

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

Fifteen Games against Tournament Teams

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

Home Sweet Home

The Cavaliers play 17 of their 27 regular season games in the friendly confines of University Hall. After playing two exhibition games at home, Virginia started the 2003-2004 regular season by hosting four consecutive games. UVa is currently 10-2 at home this season.

John Paul Jones Arena On Its Way

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

2003-2004 VIRGINIA MEN'S BASKETBALL ADDITIONAL PLAYER BIOS

BRAD ABEL

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

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

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

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

BILLY GLADING

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

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

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

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

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

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

HANK NACEY

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

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

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

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