



# VIRGINIA NIT NOTES



## Cavaliers Meet Villanova in Second Round of National Invitation Tournament

### UVa Makes Fifth Consecutive Postseason Appearance

The Cavaliers bid to the 2004 National Invitation Tournament (NIT) marks their fifth consecutive postseason appearance. UVa also played in the NIT in 2000, 2002 and 2003, and received an NCAA Tournament bid in 2001.

Virginia opened the 2004 NIT with a 79-66 victory over George Washington (Mar. 17) at University Hall.

The Cavaliers will play at Villanova (17-16, 6-10 Big East) in the second round of the 2004 NIT on Saturday, March 20 at 11:00 a.m. in The Pavilion. The Wildcats advanced to the second round of the NIT with an 85-70 win over Drexel (Mar. 17) in Villanova, Pa.

The game will be televised on ESPN2. Jeff Hullinger will handle the play-by-play and Brad Daugherty is the analyst. 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.

### Virginia Makes 11th NIT Appearance

Virginia is participating in the National Invitation Tournament for the 11th time. The Cavaliers have won the NIT championship twice, in 1980 and in 1992, and have compiled an overall record of 15-8 in their 11 appearances in the tournament.

The Cavaliers' victory over George Washington in the first round of the NIT marked the second consecutive year Virginia has opened the tournament with a win. UVa defeated Brown 89-73 in the first round of the 2003 NIT on March 19 in Charlottesville. In the second round, the Cavaliers lost to St. John's 73-63 on March 24 in Jamaica, N.Y.

UVa's victory over Brown in the first round of the 2003 NIT was its first win in the tournament since winning the 1992 NIT title with an 81-76 overtime victory over Notre Dame.

In other recent appearances in the NIT, UVa lost 74-67 to South Carolina on March 13, 2002 in University Hall. In the 2000 NIT, the Cavaliers lost in triple overtime, 115-111, to Georgetown (Mar. 15) in University Hall.

In 1992, the Cavaliers rolled to the tournament championship. Virginia won at Villanova 83-80 in the first round and then defeated Tennessee 77-52 at home in the second round. The Cavaliers defeated New Mexico 76-71 at the Richmond Coliseum in Richmond, Va., in the quarterfinals. In the semifinals at Madison Square Garden, UVa defeated Florida 62-56. Virginia won the 1992 NIT Championship with an 81-76 overtime victory over Notre Dame in the championship game.

### The Series vs. Villanova

Virginia leads the all-time series with Villanova 4-1, including a pair of postseason wins. In the last meeting between the two schools, the Cavaliers posted an 83-80 victory on March 18, 1992 in Villanova, Pa. in the first round of the 1992 NIT (UVa went on to win the NIT title).

UVa also won the first meeting of the series back in 1981. Virginia registered a 54-50 victory in the second round of the NCAA Tournament on March 15, 1981 in Charlotte, N.C. (Virginia

went on to finish third in the NCAA Tournament).

Here's a look at all five meetings in the series.

Date	Result	Site	Other
Mar. 15, 1981	W, 54-50	Charlotte, N.C.	NCAA Second Round
Jan. 17, 1987	W, 88-59	Charlottesville, Va.	
Jan. 2, 1988	L, 54-63	Villanova, Pa.	
Dec. 7, 1989	W, 73-65	E. Rutherford, N.J.	ACC/Big East Challenge
Mar. 18, 1992	W, 83-80	Villanova, Pa.	NIT First Round

### Virginia vs. the Big East

The Cavaliers are 120-90 (.571) 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 Virginia's third contest against a Big East team this season. UVa defeated in-state rival Virginia Tech 80-65 (Nov. 28) and fell to Providence 84-69 (Jan. 3) 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, 3-2 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.

### Cavaliers Snap ACC Tournament Streak

Eighth-seeded Virginia snapped a nine-game losing streak in the ACC Tournament with an 83-79 overtime victory over ninth-seeded Clemson (Mar. 11) in the first round of the 2004 ACC Tournament. UVa lost to top-seeded and fifth-ranked Duke 84-74 (Mar. 12) in the quarterfinals.

The Cavaliers' previous win in the ACC Tournament came in 1995 – a 77-67 win over Georgia Tech on March 10, 1995 in Greensboro, N.C.

### Three Cavaliers Earn ACC Accolades

Juniors Elton Brown and Devin Smith were honorable mention selections to the 2004 All-Atlantic Coast Conference Men's Basketball Team, while freshman J.R. Reynolds was named to the ACC All-Freshmen Team.

It is the first such honor for all three players and Reynolds is the first Virginia player to earn All-Freshmen accolades since Travis Watson in 2000.

### 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.



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## Head Coach Pete Gillen

Pete Gillen is in his 19th season as a collegiate head coach and sports a 378-205 record for a .648 winning percentage. Gillen is in his sixth season at Virginia and has posted a 104-77 record (.575 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 16 times in 19 seasons (nine NCAA, seven NIT), including the last five seasons at Virginia (including this season). He has been selected as the conference Coach of the Year five times – all while coaching Xavier (Midwestern Collegiate Conference).

## Overtime Good for Virginia

With its 83-79 overtime win over Clemson (March 11), Virginia has now won its last three overtime games. Virginia also defeated Florida State 76-67 (Jan. 18) at home earlier this season.

In the 2002-03 season, UVa defeated then 13th-ranked Maryland 80-78 in overtime in Charlottesville on March 9, 2003.

The last time the Cavaliers lost in overtime was back in the 1999-2000 season when they lost to Georgetown 115-111 in triple overtime in the first round of the National Invitation Tournament in Charlottesville on March 15, 2000.

## Changes To The Starting Lineup

After using the same starting lineup for 11 consecutive games, head coach Pete Gillen changed UVa's starting lineup the next seven games. Derrick Byars, Devin Smith, Elton Brown, Todd Billet and Gary Forbes had comprised UVa's starting lineup 11 consecutive games. However, for nine of the last 10 games – Duke (Feb. 11), Georgia Tech (Feb. 14), Florida State (Feb. 17), Clemson (Feb. 21), North Carolina (Feb. 24), Maryland (Mar. 7), Clemson (Mar. 11), Duke (Mar. 12), and George Washington (Mar. 17) – Gillen used the same starting lineup. Majestic Mapp was inserted into UVa's starting lineup against Wake Forest (Mar. 2) on Senior Night.

Here's a look at UVa's starting lineup the last 16 games:

Florida State (Jan. 18)	Byars	Clark	Minter	Billet	Forbes
Clemson (Jan. 20)	Smith	Clark	Minter	Billet	Reynolds
North Carolina (Jan. 24)	Byars	Clark	Minter	Billet	Reynolds
Wake Forest (Jan. 31)	Forbes	Clark	Brown	Billet	Reynolds
Maryland (Feb. 4)	Byars	Clark	Brown	Billet	Forbes
N.C. State (Feb. 7)	Byars	Clark	Brown	Mapp	Reynolds
Duke (Feb. 11)	Reynolds	Clark	Brown	Billet	Bannister
Georgia Tech (Feb. 14)	Reynolds	Clark	Brown	Billet	Bannister
Florida State (Feb. 17)	Reynolds	Clark	Brown	Billet	Bannister
Clemson (Feb. 21)	Reynolds	Clark	Brown	Billet	Bannister
North Carolina (Feb. 24)	Reynolds	Clark	Brown	Billet	Bannister
Wake Forest (Mar. 2)	Reynolds	Clark	Brown	Billet	Mapp
Maryland (Mar. 7)	Reynolds	Clark	Brown	Billet	Bannister
Clemson (Mar. 11)	Reynolds	Clark	Brown	Billet	Bannister
Duke (Mar. 12)	Reynolds	Clark	Brown	Billet	Bannister
Geo. Wash. (Mar. 17)	Reynolds	Clark	Brown	Billet	Bannister

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

## 2003-04 SCHEDULE

**18-12 Overall / 6-10 ACC**

**Home: 14-4**

**Away: 3-7**

**Neutral: 1-1**

<b>Nov. 11</b>	<b>Big Apple Basketball (EX)</b>	<b>W, 104-80</b>
<b>Nov. 18</b>	<b>Coaches vs. Cancer All-Stars (EX)</b>	<b>W, 91-90</b>
<b>Nov. 23</b>	<b>MOUNT ST. MARY'S</b>	<b>W, 80-71</b>
<b>Nov. 28</b>	<b>VIRGINIA TECH (Com/FSNS)</b>	<b>W, 80-65</b>
<b>Nov. 30</b>	<b>HIGH POINT</b>	<b>W, 79-64</b>

<b>Dec. 3</b>	<b>MINNESOTA* (ESPN2)</b>	<b>W, 86-78</b>
Dec. 5	at VMI	W, 78-56
<b>Dec. 16</b>	<b>JAMES MADISON</b>	<b>W, 90-80</b>
Dec. 19	at Loyola Marymount	W, 76-68
<b>Dec. 22</b>	<b>COASTAL CAROLINA</b>	<b>W, 89-74</b>
Dec. 28	at N.C. State (FSN)	L, 69-86
<b>Dec. 31</b>	<b>IOWA STATE</b>	<b>W, 85-74</b>

<b>Jan. 3</b>	<b>PROVIDENCE (Com)</b>	<b>L, 69-84</b>
<b>Jan. 5</b>	<b>WILLIAM &amp; MARY (Com)</b>	<b>W, 84-71</b>
<b>Jan. 11</b>	<b>#2 DUKE (FSN)</b>	<b>L, 71-93</b>
Jan. 15	at #12 Georgia Tech (ESPN2)	L, 57-75
<b>Jan. 18</b>	<b>FLORIDA STATE (R/JP)</b>	<b>W, 76-67 (OT)</b>
<b>Jan. 20</b>	<b>CLEMSON (RSN)</b>	<b>W, 61-50</b>
Jan. 24	at #7 North Carolina (ESPN)	L, 77-96
Jan. 31	at #19 Wake Forest (R/JP)	L, 78-91

<b>Feb. 4</b>	<b>MARYLAND (R/JP)</b>	<b>L, 67-71</b>
<b>Feb. 7</b>	<b>N.C. STATE (R/JP)</b>	<b>L, 63-79</b>
Feb. 11	at #1 Duke (ESPN)	L, 75-93
<b>Feb. 14</b>	<b>#15 GEORGIA TECH (R/JP)</b>	<b>W, 82-80</b>
Feb. 17	at Florida State (RSN)	L, 57-76
Feb. 21	at Clemson (R/JP)	W, 58-55
<b>Feb. 24</b>	<b>#12 NORTH CAROLINA (R/JP)</b>	<b>W, 74-72</b>

<b>Mar. 2</b>	<b>#11 WAKE FOREST (ESPN2)</b>	<b>W, 84-82</b>
Mar. 7	at Maryland (FSN)	L, 61-70
Mar. 11	vs. Clemson^ (ESPN)	W, 83-79 OT
Mar. 12	vs. #5 Duke^ (ESPN2/R/JP)	L, 74-84
<b>Mar. 17</b>	<b>GEORGE WASHINGTON%</b>	<b>W, 79-66</b>
Mar. 20	at Villanova (ESPN2)%	11:00 a.m.

\*ACC/Big 10 Challenge

^ACC Tournament, Greensboro, N.C.

% NIT

All Times Eastern

AP rankings listed



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## 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:** 378-205 (19th season)  
**Record at Virginia:** 104-77 (6th season)  
**Assistant Coaches:** Walt Fuller (Drexel '87), Scott Shepherd (Robert Morris '91), Rod Jensen (Redlands '75)  
**Director of Basketball Operations:** Alexis Sherard (Saint Michael's '93)  
**2002-03 Record:** 16-16 (NIT Second Round)  
**2002-03 ACC Record:** 6-10 (6th-tie)  
**Starters Returning/Lost:** 4/1  
**Lettermen Returning/Lost:** 8/7

## Tale of the Tape

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

Virginia	Category	Villanova
74.7	Points	70.8
75.0	Points Allowed	68.8
-0.3	Scoring Margin	+2.0
44.8	Field Goal %	45.4
42.7	Field Goal % Defense	41.0
33.6	3-Point Field Goal %	35.8
34.8	3-Point Field Goal % Defense	33.6
68.1	Free Throw %	73.8
34.6	Rebounds	36.2
-5.1	Rebound Margin	+2.6
14.6	Assists	14.2
14.3	Turnovers	16.2
7.0	Steals	6.1
4.2	Blocked Shots	4.0

## 2003-2004 UVa ACC Rookies of the Week

**Nov. 24 – Gary Forbes**  
**Jan. 26 – J.R. Reynolds**

## Gillen Gets 100th UVa Win

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

Henry Lannigan (1905-1929) – 254-95	24 seasons
Gus Tebell (1930-51) – 241-190	21 seasons
Bill Gibson (1963-74) – 120-158	11 seasons
Terry Holland (1974-90) – 326-173	16 seasons
Jeff Jones (1990-1998) – 146-104	8 seasons
Pete Gillen (1998-pres.) – 104-77	6 seasons

## Brown Closing in on 1,000

Junior Elton Brown has scored 972 career points and needs 28 more points to become the 38th Cavalier to reach the 1,000-point milestone. Travis Watson (2000-03) was the last UVa player to reach the 1,000-point milestone. Watson scored his 1,000th career point against North Carolina on February 12, 2002.

## Vs. the Postseason Field

Virginia is 6-12 this season against teams advancing to the two 2004 postseason tournaments, including its 79-66 win over George Washington (Mar. 17) in the first round of the NIT. The Cavaliers are 3-11 vs. teams in the 2004 NCAA Tournament and 3-1 against teams in the 2004 NIT field.

Against NCAA teams, UVa is 1-1 vs. Georgia Tech, Wake Forest and North Carolina, 0-1 vs. Providence, 0-2 vs. Maryland and N.C. State, and 0-3 vs. Duke.

Against teams in the NIT, Virginia is 1-0 vs. Iowa State and George Washington, and 1-1 vs. Florida State.

## Freshman Combine for 46 Points

In the Cavaliers' 79-66 NIT win over George Washington (Mar. 17), freshmen J.R. Reynolds, T.J. Bannister, Donte Minter and Gary Forbes combined to score 46 of UVa's 79 points. Reynolds led the freshmen with 17 points, while Bannister had 11. Minter and Forbes chipped in with 10 and eight points, respectively.

## Winning Close Games

The Cavaliers are 5-1 in games decided by four points or less this season and improve to 6-1 when UVa's nine-point overtime win over Florida State (76-67 – Jan. 18) at home is included.

UVa's five "close" wins have been in its last five victories:

82-80 over 15th-ranked Georgia Tech (Feb. 14) at home  
 58-55 over Clemson (Feb. 21) on the road  
 74-72 over 12th-ranked North Carolina (Feb. 24) at home  
 84-82 over 11th-ranked Wake Forest (Mar. 2) at home  
 83-79 in overtime over Clemson (Mar. 11) in the ACC Tournament

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

## A Three-Game Sweep

With the victory over Clemson in the first round of the ACC Tournament, Virginia won all three meetings against the Tigers this season. What is interesting is that the last time UVa won three games against an opponent in the same season was back in 1995. In 1995, the Cavaliers swept three games against Georgia Tech which coincidentally was also Virginia's last ACC Tournament victory prior to the March 11 win over Clemson.



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## Making Free Throws

Over the past six games, the Cavaliers have been extremely accurate from the free throw line as they have made 99 of 126 attempts for 78.6 percent. On the season, UVA is shooting 68.1 percent from the free throw line (and 69.0 percent from the free throw line in regular season ACC play).

## Virginia Opens NIT With 79-66 Win Over George Washington

The Cavaliers shot 51.9 percent from the field and made 13 three-point field goals in registering a 79-66 win over George Washington (March 17) in the first round of the 2004 NIT at University Hall.

Virginia built a 17-point lead (48-31) with 2:27 left in the first half, then survived a nearly 8:30 scoring drought that saw its lead cut to five (48-43). Junior Elton Brown made two free throws with 2:27 remaining in the first half and the Cavaliers did not score again until senior Todd Billet drained a three-pointer with 14:02 left in the game that pushed UVA's lead to eight, 51-43. After scoring 43 points in the first 14 minutes of the game, Virginia only scored five points in the next 12 minutes.

After the long scoring drought that saw their lead shrink to five (48-43) with 14:21 to play, the Cavaliers exploded for 18 points in the next 2:52 to open up a 66-47 lead with 11:10 to play.

The Cavaliers, who never trailed in the game, made 28-54 attempts from the field for 51.9 percent, including 65.4 percent (17-26) in the first half. UVA tied its season high with 13 three-pointers in 26 attempts. George Washington shot only 34.3 percent (24-70) in the game, but held a 44-32 edge in rebounds, including a 21-4 advantage on the offensive glass. UVA blocked a season-best 13 shots, while the Colonials had 14 steals.

Billet led the Cavaliers with 19 points, including five three-pointers. Freshman J.R. Reynolds' 17 points included four three-pointers, and he also added five assists. Freshman T.J. Bannister tallied 11 points and five assists, while classmate Donte Minter came off the bench to score 10 points.

J.R. Pinnock led George Washington with 19 points, seven rebounds and five steals, while Pops Mensah-Bonsu added 13 points, eight rebounds, two blocked shots and two steals.

## Late Game Heroics

Guard Todd Billet lifted the Cavaliers to three consecutive victories with some clutch late-game shooting and forward Devin Smith got into the act in UVA's victory over Wake Forest (Mar. 2). Guard J.R. Reynolds made some critical plays late in UVA's overtime win over Clemson (Mar. 11).

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

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

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

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

Reynolds, who was recently named to the ACC All-Freshmen

team, scored all of his then career-high 18 points after halftime against Clemson. He scored eight points in the final 2:46 of regulation, including a three-point play with 48 seconds remaining that tied the game at 68-68 and forced overtime. Reynolds made a three-pointer with 1:45 left in overtime that put the Cavaliers ahead for good, 72-71. Then with under three seconds left, he grabbed a defensive rebound off an intentionally missed Clemson free throw and sank the ensuing free throws after being fouled, which sealed the victory. Reynolds scored 13 points in the final 7:46 of the game.

## Career High Assists for Bannister

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

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

## Freshmen Starts

The Cavaliers lead all ACC schools with 46 starts by freshmen in 2003-2004. Four different freshmen, Gary Forbes (17), J.R. Reynolds (17), T.J. Bannister (9), and Donte Minter (3) have started games for UVA.

## A Road ACC Win

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

## First Ranked Win

Virginia's 82-80 victory over 15th-ranked Georgia Tech (Feb. 14) marked the Cavaliers' first win over a ranked opponent this season. UVA also registered a 74-72 victory over 12th-ranked North Carolina (Feb. 24) and an 84-82 win over 11th-ranked Wake Forest (Mar. 2). Virginia is now 3-6 vs. ranked opponents this season. All three ranked wins have come at home at University Hall.

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

## Bannister Moves into Starting Lineup

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

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

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

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





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

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

He returned to the starting lineup against Maryland (Mar. 7) and had four points, two rebounds, one assist and one steal in 25 minutes. Bannister also committed five turnovers.

In the ACC Tournament, Bannister started the games against Clemson (Mar. 11) and fifth-ranked Duke (Mar. 12). Against Clemson, Bannister handed out six assists with three points, three rebounds, and one steal. He had just one turnover in 30 minutes. In the ACC quarterfinals vs. Duke, Bannister had nine points, five assists, four rebounds and one steal. He also had seven turnovers in a career-high 34 minutes.

Bannister made his ninth start of the season against George Washington (Mar. 17) in the first round of the NIT and had 11 points (5-6 shooting from the field), five assists, two rebounds and one steal in 28 minutes.

## Mapp Starts

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

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

## Redd Joins Blue and Orange

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

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

## Home Sweet Home

Like many ACC teams, the Cavaliers enjoy success playing in front of their home crowd at University Hall. The Cavaliers are 14-4 at U-Hall this season and 4-8 in away games (including the two games in the ACC Tournament).

Since the beginning of the 1999-2000 season, UVa is:  
64-15 (81.0 percent) in all home games  
28-12 (70.0 percent) in all home ACC games

## Clark Provides Defensive Spark

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

Clark practiced with the Cavaliers for the first time this season on January 4. He was on the bench, but not in uniform for Virginia's game with Providence College (Jan. 3) and did not play

in UVa's game against William & Mary (Jan. 5) at University Hall. Clark saw his first game action of the season against Duke (Jan. 11), playing five minutes with two rebounds and two blocked shots.

Clark has started the last 16 games and appeared in 18 contests overall. He is averaging 4.3 points, 5.0 rebounds and 1.5 blocked shots per game while playing 20.4 minutes per contest.

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

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

Clark turned in another excellent performance in UVa's second meeting with the Terrapins (Mar. 7). He had 11 rebounds, six points, a career-high tying three steals, and two blocked shots in 22 minutes.

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

Overall, Clark is shooting 60.9 percent (126-207) from the floor in his career and 65.1 percent (82-126) in ACC contests.

## Non-Conference Play

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

## Swat

The Cavaliers blocked a season-high 13 shots in their 79-66 win over George Washington (Mar. 17). The 13 blocks are one more than UVa had in its previous four games combined. UVa's prior season high for blocked shots was eight vs. Florida State (Jan. 18) and Maryland (Feb. 4).

The 13 blocked shots ties for the fourth highest single game total in school history and are the most in a game since Virginia blocked 14 shots against Tennessee on December 19, 2000.

## 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).

## Almost Equal

Senior Todd Billet has made 314 career three-pointers. Interestingly enough, 156 of those threes have come in the last two seasons at UVa and he made 158 treys in two seasons at Rutgers.



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## 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 15 games, Reynolds has averaged 12.3 points per game, including 18 points against Clemson (Mar. 11) and a career-high 20 points vs. Duke (Mar. 12) in the ACC Tournament. He also had 15 points against North Carolina (Jan. 24) and Maryland (Feb. 4), 16 points vs. Duke (Feb. 11), and 17 vs. George Washington (Mar. 17). He also handed out a career-high five assists against Florida State (Jan. 18) and George Washington.

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

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

In addition to averaging 12.3 points per game over the last 15 games, Reynolds is shooting 47.8 percent (65-136) from the floor, including 42.5 percent (34-80) from three-point range. He has scored in double figures in five of the last six games and in 11 of the last 15, including a career-high 20 points against Duke (Mar. 12).

## 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.

## Only Five Turnovers

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

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

## ...Then the Turnover Roller Coaster

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

2003 National Invitation Tournament.

On the season, UVa is averaging 14.3 turnovers per game. UVa's opponents are averaging 15.2 turnovers per game. Virginia averaged 16.5 turnovers per game last season.

## Starting Strong

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

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

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

## Turnovers

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

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

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

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

In nine of the last 17 games, UVa has committed 16 or more turnovers – 21 vs. Georgia Tech (Jan. 15), 16 vs. Florida State (Jan. 18) and North Carolina (Feb. 24), 19 vs. Clemson (Jan. 20), North Carolina (Jan. 24) and Wake Forest (Jan. 31), 20 vs. Maryland (Feb. 4), and 18 vs. Duke (Mar. 12) and George Washington (Mar. 17). Virginia snapped its streak of six consecutive games with 16 or more turnovers against N.C. State (Feb. 7) when it had only 10 miscues.

Over its last 11 games, Virginia has committed 16 or more turnovers only three times (16 vs. Clemson – Feb. 21 and 18 vs. Duke – Mar. 12 and George Washington – Mar. 17). In that same 11-game stretch, UVa has four games in which it has committed 12 or fewer turnovers.

UVa is 12-3 when it commits fewer than 15 turnovers in a game and 6-9 when it has 15 or more turnovers.

## Only 58 Points Scored

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

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

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



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## Leading Scorer has only 11 Points

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

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

## Minter Makes Most of First Collegiate Start

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

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

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

Minter has not started the last 13 games and has played sparingly due to an injury. He played only four minutes against Wake Forest (Jan. 31) as well as Maryland (Feb. 4). He played 11 minutes off the bench vs. N.C. State (Feb. 7) and had four points, two rebounds, one steal and one blocked shot. Against Duke (Feb. 11), Minter played nine minutes and had two points. He played six minutes vs. Georgia Tech (Feb. 14) and had three rebounds. Against Florida State (Feb. 17), he played five minutes and had three points and two rebounds.

Minter saw his most extensive playing time in nearly a month against Clemson (Feb. 21). He played 17 minutes and tallied seven points, four rebounds and two blocked shots. In six minutes against North Carolina (Feb. 24), Minter did not score, but did pull down five rebounds. He had two points, one rebound and one steal in eight minutes vs. Wake Forest (Mar. 2). Against Maryland (Mar. 7), Minter played only two minutes and missed his only field goal attempt.

In the ACC Tournament, Minter played seven minutes against Clemson (Mar. 11) and had two points, one rebound and one steal. He had nine points, two rebounds and one steal in 11 minutes vs. Duke (Mar. 12).

Against George Washington (Mar. 17), Minter scored 10 points (4-5 from the field and 2-2 from the free throw line) in just 11 minutes. He also had two rebounds and blocked one shot.

## Hot or Cold

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

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

Florida State (Jan. 18) – 31.9 percent (22-69) – Won  
Clemson (Jan. 20) – 31.6 percent (18-57) – Won  
Maryland (Feb. 4) – 35.8 percent (24-67) – Lost  
Clemson (Feb. 21) – 33.9 percent (20-59) – Won  
Maryland (Mar. 7) – 34.3 percent (23-67) – Lost

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

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

In the 2004 ACC Tournament, UVa held Clemson (Mar. 11) to 40.7 percent (24-59) shooting in an 83-79 overtime first round win. Duke (Mar. 12) shot 50.0 percent (25-50) in its 84-74 win over the Cavaliers in the ACC quarterfinals.

Three of the five sub 40 percent shooting performances by UVa's ACC opponents have occurred at University Hall, while four of the six 50 percent or higher shooting games by Cavalier conference opponents have occurred on the road (not including the ACC Tournament).

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

## Snapped at 354

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

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

## Reaching 1500

Guard Todd Billet eclipsed the 1500-point mark in his collegiate career in UVa's win at Clemson (Feb. 21). He entered the game with 1,495 career points and reached the 1,500 point plateau with a three-pointer just over three minutes into the game. Billet has now scored 1,584 points (844 at Rutgers and 740 at UVa).

If he had played all four years at UVa, Billet's 1,584 points would rank 12th all-time for the Cavaliers.

## Ranked Teams

Eleven of UVa's 12 losses this season have come against teams that are currently ranked in The Associated Press Top 25 Poll. In the rankings of March 15, N.C. State (two losses) is ranked 15th, while Providence is rated 21st. Duke (three losses) is ranked sixth, Wake Forest 17th, and Maryland (two losses) is 19th. North Carolina is 18th and Georgia Tech is 14th.

## 16 Field Goals

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

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



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## 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).

In addition to making 13 threes against Florida State, the Cavaliers drained 13 treys (on 26 attempts) against George Washington (Mar. 17). Virginia's 13 made three-pointers against Florida State and George Washington 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 and George Washington are the most in a game since the team made 14 against Howard on November 21, 2001.

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

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

## Thefts

In addition to giving the Cavaliers a lift offensively, junior Devin Smith has been a defensive spark. In just 11 games, Smith set a new personal single season career mark for steals with 21. Through the 27 games he's played this season, Smith has a team-high 37 steals. Smith had 19 steals in 32 games last season. He has 28 of his 37 steals in his last 20 games, including a career-high five vs. Iowa State (Dec. 31).

## Two 20-Point Scorers Times Five

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

Minnesota (Dec. 3) – Elton Brown 26, Gary Forbes 22

Loyola Marymount (Dec. 19) – Derrick Byars 21, Elton Brown 21

Iowa State (Dec. 31) – Derrick Byars 20, Devin Smith 25

William & Mary (Jan. 5) – Devin Smith 22, Elton Brown 22

Florida State (Jan. 18) – Todd Billet 26, Devin Smith 21

## Assisting in Other Ways

Senior guard Todd Billet's scoring is down from last season when he averaged 13.5 points per game, but he is making contributions in other areas. Billet, who is scoring 10.3 points per game in 2003-04 while playing mainly point guard, is averaging a team-high 3.3 assists per game. He averaged 3.4 assists per game last season, but Billet has cut his turnovers in half – while handling the ball more. Last season, Billet had 93 turnovers compared to only 46 this year. This season he is averaging 1.53 turnovers per game vs. 2.91 turnovers per outing last year. His

assist-to-turnover ratio has improved from 1.2 to 1 last year to 2.1 to 1 this season. Billet's rebounds per game (2.7 from 2.2) are also up slightly this season.

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

## Double Digit Rebounder

Junior Jason Clark pulled down a career-high 13 rebounds against Maryland (Feb. 4). Clark also grabbed 11 rebounds in UVa's second meeting with Maryland (Mar. 7). Clark's rebounding performances against the Terrapins marked the only times since December 22 a UVa player has reached double figures in rebounds in a game. On December 22 vs. Coastal Carolina, Elton Brown and Derrick Byars both had 11 rebounds.

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

## Perfect from the Free Throw Line

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

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

## Spreading Minutes Around

Virginia has nine players who are averaging 10 or more minutes per game and a 10th – Majestic Mapp, who is averaging 8.5 minutes per game. The Cavaliers also have just one player who is averaging more than 30 minutes per game – senior Todd Billet at 31.9 minutes per game.

## Home Sweet Home

The Cavaliers played 17 of their 27 regular season games in the friendly confines of University Hall as well as their first round NIT game. UVa is 14-4 at home this season.

## Five in Double Figures

Virginia has featured a balanced scoring attack this season as the Cavaliers have had five players reach double figures in scoring in three games. Currently, three Virginia players are averaging in double figure scoring this season and as many as five players have averaged 10 or more points per game during the season.

In the season-opener vs. Mount St. Mary's (Nov. 23), Gary Forbes (21), Todd Billet (13), Donte Minter (12), Derrick Byars (11), and Elton Brown (10) all reached double digits.

Against High Point (Nov. 30), Minter (13), Byars (12), Forbes (10), Devin Smith (10), and Brown (10) scored in double figures.

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





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## Getting to the Free Throw Line

Virginia has gotten to the free throw line quite frequently in 2003-04. The Cavaliers have attempted 706 free throws and made 481 this season, so UVa is shooting 68.1 percent from the free throw line.

The Cavaliers are averaging 23.5 attempts from the free throw line per game (and 16.0 made per game). UVa has made fewer free throws than its opponent in 15 games this season, including 10 losses –

N.C. State (Dec. 28) made 15 free throws to UVa's 12.  
Providence (Jan 3) and Virginia both made 11 free throws.  
Duke (Jan. 11) made 19 free throws to the Cavaliers' 15.  
North Carolina (Jan. 24) made 22 free throws to UVa's 20.  
Wake Forest (Jan. 31) made 28 free throws to Virginia's 16.  
N.C. State (Feb. 7) made 20 free throws to UVa's 15.  
Duke (Feb. 11) made 27 free throws to Virginia's 14.  
Florida State (Feb. 17) made 16 free throws to UVa's 12.  
Maryland (Mar. 7) made 20 free throws to Virginia's 16.  
Duke (Mar. 12) made 27 free throws to UVa's 20.

In the following wins, UVa's opponent made more free throws than Virginia

William & Mary (Jan. 5) made 13 foul shots to Virginia's 12.  
Florida State (Jan. 18) made 13 free throws to UVa's 11.  
Clemson (Feb. 21) made 11 free throws to Virginia's 7.  
Wake Forest (Mar. 2) made 12 foul shots to UVa's 11.  
George Washington (Mar. 17) made 14 free throws to UVa's 10.

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

Virginia's opponents have attempted 666 free throws (22.2 per game) and made 453 (15.1 per game). UVa has attempted 40 more free throws than its opponents and made 28 more free throws. Cavalier opponents have attempted nine or fewer free throws in three games.

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

## Brown Getting to the Free Throw Line

Elton Brown has already taken a career-best 197 attempts from the free throw line. He has made 123 attempts for 62.4 percent. Brown is averaging an ACC-best 6.6 attempts from the foul line per game and has taken nine or more free throws in a game 12 times. He did not attempt a free throw in UVa's loss to Providence (Jan. 3) and win over Clemson (Jan. 20).

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

Brown has attempted 119 more free throws than any other player on the team (Todd Billet has 78 attempts) and has also made 61 more free throws than any other player on the team (Todd Billet has made 62 free throws).

Brown took 93 free throws all of last season.

## Field Goal Percentage Defense

After holding six of its first eight opponents below 40 percent shooting from the field, Virginia has allowed nine of its last 22 opponents to shoot 50 percent or better from the floor.

James Madison (Dec. 16) became the first team to shoot better than 40 percent against Virginia this season as it shot 45.3 percent (29-64). N.C. State (Dec. 28) was the first team to eclipse 50 percent shooting – 30-59 (50.8 percent) against UVa, while Providence

shot a season-high 58.2 percent (32-55) from the field against UVa.

Virginia 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 30 games this season.

Mount St. Mary's (Nov. 23)	27-71	38.0 percent
Virginia Tech (Nov. 28)	26-72	36.1 percent
High Point (Nov. 30)	21-67	31.3 percent
Minnesota (Dec. 3)	27-73	37.0 percent
at VMI (Dec. 5)	22-66	33.3 percent
James Madison (Dec. 16)	29-64	45.3 percent
Loyola Marymount (Dec. 19)	26-67	38.8 percent
Coastal Carolina (Dec. 22)	29-65	44.6 percent
N.C. State (Dec. 28)	30-59	50.8 percent
Iowa State (Dec. 31)	32-58	55.2 percent
Providence (Jan. 3)	32-55	58.2 percent
William & Mary (Jan. 5)	26-58	44.8 percent
Duke (Jan. 11)	34-65	52.3 percent
Georgia Tech (Jan. 15)	26-56	46.4 percent
Florida State (Jan. 18)	22-69	31.9 percent
Clemson (Jan. 20)	18-57	31.6 percent
North Carolina (Jan. 24)	34-65	52.3 percent
Wake Forest (Jan. 31)	27-54	50.0 percent
Maryland (Feb. 4)	24-67	35.8 percent
N.C. State (Feb. 7)	26-51	51.0 percent
Duke (Feb. 11)	29-56	51.8 percent
Georgia Tech (Feb. 14)	28-58	48.3 percent
Florida State (Feb. 17)	26-53	49.1 percent
Clemson (Feb. 21)	20-59	33.9 percent
North Carolina (Feb. 24)	29-63	46.0 percent
Wake Forest (Mar. 2)	29-67	43.3 percent
Maryland (Mar. 7)	23-67	34.3 percent
Clemson (Mar. 11)	24-59	40.7 percent
Duke (Mar. 12)	25-50	50.0 percent
George Washington (Mar. 17)	24-70	34.3 percent
<i>Totals</i>	<i>795-1861</i>	<i>42.7 percent</i>

## Freshmen Contributions

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

The quintet have accounted for:

- 46.2 percent of the team's assists (203 of 439)
- 42.7 percent of the team's steals (90 of 211)
- 41.3 percent of the team's blocked shots (52 of 126)
- 39.9 percent of the team's minutes (2,411 of 6,050)
- 36.1 percent of the points scored (810 of 2,242)
- 30.9 percent of the team's rebounds (321 of 1,039)

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



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## Trouble on the Boards

The Cavaliers have only out-rebounded 10 opponents this season (by a combined 35 rebounds). Virginia has been out-rebounded in 15 of its last 19 games.

Here's a list of the teams UVa has out-rebounded:

Team	UVa/Opp.	Margin
VMI (Dec. 5)	45-44	1
James Madison (Dec. 16)	39-37	2
Loyola Marymount (Dec. 19)	48-39	9#
Coastal Carolina (Dec. 22)	37-36	1
N.C. State (Dec. 28)	37-31	6
Providence (Jan. 3)	35-34	1
Wake Forest (Jan. 31)	35-31	4
Georgia Tech (Feb. 14)	32-30	2
North Carolina (Feb. 24)	41-35	6
Duke (Mar. 12)	32-29	3

# largest rebounding margin this season

Here's a list of the teams that have out-rebounded UVa:

Team	UVa/Opp.	Deficit
Mount St. Mary's (Nov. 23)	36-41	5
Virginia Tech (Nov. 28)	39-44	5
Minnesota (Dec. 3)	40-51	11
Iowa State (Dec. 31)	23-40	17*
William & Mary (Jan. 5)	31-39	8
Duke (Jan. 11)	30-43	13
Georgia Tech (Jan. 15)	33-36	3
Florida State (Jan. 18)	40-45	5
Clemson (Jan. 2)	31-41	10
North Carolina (Jan. 24)	27-38	11
Maryland (Feb. 4)	38-49	11
N.C. State (Feb. 7)	22-39	17*
Duke (Feb. 11)	25-38	13
Florida State (Feb. 17)	32-35	3
Clemson (Feb. 21)	31-47	16
Wake Forest (Mar. 2)	33-41	8
Maryland (Mar. 7)	44-52	8
Clemson (Mar. 11)	32-42	10
George Washington (Mar. 17)	32-44	12

\* largest rebounding deficit this season

UVa and High Point (Nov. 30) both had 39 rebounds.

In the last 21 games, UVa is being out-rebounded by 7.1 boards per game.

Virginia is being out-rebounded 39.7 to 34.6 (-5.1) per game this season and 39.4 to 33.2 (-6.2) in ACC contests. On the offensive glass, the Cavaliers have been out-rebounded 461-345 (-3.9 per game). UVa gave up 24 offensive rebounds vs. Maryland (twice) and Clemson (Feb. 21), 22 offensive rebounds against Minnesota and Florida State (Jan. 18), 21 offensive boards to George Washington (Mar. 17), and 20 vs. Clemson (Jan. 20) and Wake Forest (Mar. 2). The Cavaliers had 22 offensive boards against Loyola Marymount and 20 vs. Providence.

## Looking for 200

Elton Brown has attempted 197 free throws and needs three more attempts to reach 200 for the season. Only nine times (by five different players) have UVa players attempted 200 or more free throws in a season. Brown's 197 attempts in 2003-04 ties for the 12th highest total dating back to the 1947-48 season.

Here's a look at the Virginia players who have attempted 200

or more free throws in a single season.

Player	Attempts	Made	Percentage
1. Buzzy Wilkinson (54-55)	366	282	77.0
2. Buzzy Wilkinson (53-54)	306	238	77.8
3. Bryant Stith (89-90)	247	192	77.7
4. Bryant Stith (91-92)	232	189	81.5
5. Harold Deane (94-95)	224	178	79.5
6. Jeff Lamp (78-79)	214	181	84.6
7. Jeff Lamp (77-78)	205	173	84.4
8. Bryant Stith (90-91)	201	159	79.1
9. Junior Burrough (94-95)	200	142	71.0
T12. Elton Brown (03-04)	197	123	62.4

## Brown's Double Digit Streak Snapped

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

Brown has been a force for the Cavaliers all season. He recorded double-doubles against VMI (14 points, 13 rebounds), Loyola Marymount (21 points, 10 rebounds), and Coastal Carolina (22 points, 11 rebounds). His 13 rebounds vs. VMI are a career high as are his 26 points against Minnesota.

Brown is averaging career and team-bests of 14.9 points (9th in the ACC) and 6.3 rebounds (9th in the ACC) per game this season. He is shooting 50.9 percent (162-318) from the field (2nd in the ACC). In regular-season ACC games, Brown averaged 13.8 points (12th in the ACC) and 5.7 rebounds (10th in the ACC) per game.

He is averaging 5.3 more points per game this season (14.9 ppg) than last season (9.6 ppg).

## Smith Returns to Lineup

After missing the Cavaliers' season-opener against Mount St. Mary's (Nov. 23) as well as the second exhibition game against Coaches vs. Cancer All-Stars (Nov. 18) because of a back injury, junior Devin Smith returned to the lineup against Virginia Tech (Nov. 28). In 16 minutes of action off the bench, Smith tallied five points and seven rebounds. He made his first start of the season against Minnesota (Dec. 3) and posted a team and UVa career-high 10 rebounds to go along with three points, two steals and one assist in 25 minutes of playing time. Smith remained in the starting lineup for 11 consecutive games before not starting against Florida State (Jan. 18) because of his back injury.

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

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

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

William & Mary (Jan. 5) – 22 points, a career-high eight



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assists, five rebounds, and three steals with just one turnover in 32 minutes. He was 9-15 from the field and made two three-pointers, including a three with UVa leading 64-63 with 7:23 left.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Maryland (Mar. 7) – 15 points, seven rebounds, three blocked shots and one steal in 28 minutes.

Smith is averaging 12.2 points (20th in the ACC) and 5.1 rebounds (15th in the ACC) per game. He averaged 13.6 points (13th in the ACC) and 5.1 rebounds (15th in the ACC) per game in regular-season ACC play.

## Auspicious Debut

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

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

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

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

On the season, Forbes is averaging 7.3 points and 4.0 rebounds per game. He leads UVa with 28 blocked shots. He is third among all ACC rookies in rebounding and blocked shots.

Forbes has tallied three blocks in a game three times this season – Mount St. Mary's (Nov. 23), Coastal Carolina (Dec. 22) and George Washington (Mar. 17).

## Seeing More Playing Time

Freshman guard T.J. Bannister has seen his most significant playing time of the season over the last 24 games. Here's a look at Bannister's key stats over the last 24 games:

Loyola Marymount (Dec. 19) – 19 min., 4 asts., 3 rebs.

Coastal Car. (Dec. 22) – 21 min., 5 pts., 4 asts., 2 rebs., 1 st.

N.C. State (Dec. 28) – 15 min., 2 pts., 3 rebs., 5 asts.

Iowa State (Dec. 31) – 6 min., 2 asts.

Providence (Jan. 3) – 13 min., 2 pts., 3 asts., 1 reb.

William & Mary (Jan. 5) – 15 min., 1 pt., 1 reb., 2 asts.

Duke (Jan. 11) – 27 min., 4 pts, 2 rebs., 5 asts., 1 st.

Georgia Tech (Jan. 15) – 10 min., 1 pt.

Florida State (Jan. 18) – 8 min., 1 reb.

Clemson (Jan. 20) – 13 min., 5 pts., 1 ast., 3 sts.

North Carolina (Jan. 24) – 22 min., 2 pts., 5 asts.

Wake Forest (Jan. 31) – 16 min., 1 reb., 5 asts.

Maryland (Feb. 4) – 5 min.

N.C. State (Feb. 7) – 18 min., 6 pts., 4 asts.

Duke (Feb. 11) – 30 min., 5 pts, 2 rebs., 6 asts., 1 st.

Georgia Tech (Feb. 14) – 31 min., 15 pts., 4 rebs, 7 asts.

Florida State (Feb. 17) – 25 min., 7 pts., 1 reb.

Clemson (Feb. 21) – 31 min., 8 pts., 4 rebs., 1 ast.

North Carolina (Feb. 24) – 21 min., 2 pts., 3 rebs., 2 asts.

Wake Forest (Mar. 2) – 30 min., 9 pts., 1 reb., 12 asts., 1 st.

Maryland (Mar. 7) – 25 min., 4 pts., 2 rebs., 1 ast., 1 st.

Clemson (Mar. 11) – 30 min., 3 pts., 3 rebs., 6 asts., 1 st.

Duke (Mar. 12) – 34 min., 9 pts., 4 rebs., 5 asts., 1 st.

Geo. Wash. (Mar. 17) – 28 min., 11 pts., 2 rebs., 5 asts., 1 st.

His 15 points and four rebounds vs. Georgia Tech (Feb. 14) are career highs. Bannister set a new career high for minutes played with 34 against Duke (Mar. 12). He matched his career high for rebounds (4) vs. Clemson (Feb. 21) and Duke (Mar. 12). Bannister had a career-high 12 assists vs. Wake Forest (Mar. 2). He has started nine of the last 10 games.

## Brown Registers Third Double-Double of Season

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

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

## Byars Tallies First Career Double-Double

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



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

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

Senior guard Todd Billet has made 156 career three-point field goals for the Cavaliers and stands tied with Donald Hand (1998-01) for fourth place all-time at Virginia. Billet trails John Crotty (1988-91) by 23 three-pointers for third place.

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. <b>Todd Billet (2003-present)</b>	<b>156</b>
Donald Hand (1998-01)	156
6. Cory Alexander (1992-95)	142
7. Roger Mason, Jr. (2000-02)	137
8. Richard Morgan (1986-89)	132
9. Chris Williams (1999-02)	130
10. Bryant Stith (1989-92)	114

## Billet Drains 100th Three

Guard Todd Billet drilled his 100th career three-point field goal as a Cavalier in UVa's win over High Point (Nov. 30). Billet is currently tied for fourth on Virginia's career three-point field goals list with 156.

Billet has made his 156 career three-pointers at UVa in just 62 games for an average of 2.52 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 314 threes. Billet's total of 314 career threes would rank sixth among all ACC players if he had played his entire career in the ACC.

Billet has played in 120 games in his career and has made at least one three-point field goal in 111 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 33 times and three or more threes in 53 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	26 of 30	5 games	62
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	111 of 120	33 games	314

\*played at Rutgers

## Mapp Making a Contribution

Guard Majestic Mapp has made a contribution this season. He is averaging 1.6 points, and nearly one rebound and one assist in 8.5 minutes per game while seeing action in 24 of 30 games. Mapp made his first start of the season against N.C. State (Feb. 7). He also started against Wake Forest (Mar. 2) on

UVa's Senior Night. The 24 games are the most games Mapp has played in since his freshman season in 1999-2000 when he appeared in all 31 contests.

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

Opponent	Pt.	Reb.	Ast.	TO	St.	Min.
Mt. St. Mary's – Nov. 23	6*	0	3	1	0	23
Virginia Tech – Nov. 28	6*	4*	5*	1	0	24*
High Point – Nov. 30	2	2	4	3*	0	23
Minnesota – Dec. 3	5	0	0	2	0	12
VMI – Dec. 5	4	3	4	1	0	18
James Madison – Dec. 16	1	2	0	0	0	13
Loyola Marymount – Dec. 19	1	1	1	1	0	7
Coastal Car. – Dec. 22	3	1	1	0	0	9
N.C. State – Dec. 28	0	1	0	1	0	4
Iowa State – Dec. 31	0	0	0	1	1*	2
Providence – Jan. 3	0	1	0	1	0	3
William & Mary – Jan. 5	0	0	0	0	0	6
Duke – Jan. 11	Did Not Play					
Georgia Tech – Jan. 15	0	2	0	1	1*	10
Florida State – Jan. 18	3	0	0	0	0	4
Clemson – Jan. 20	0	0	0	0	0	2
North Carolina – Jan. 24	1	1	0	0	0	3
Wake Forest – Jan. 31	0	0	0	0	0	4
Maryland – Feb. 4	0	0	0	0	0	5
N.C. State – Feb. 7	0	1	1	1	0	12
Duke – Feb. 11	Did Not Play					
Georgia Tech – Feb. 14	0	0	0	0	0	3
Florida State – Feb. 17	2	1	1	0	0	7
Clemson – Feb. 21	Did Not Play					
North Carolina – Feb. 24	3	0	0	0	0	4
Wake Forest – Mar. 2	2	1	0	0	0	5
Maryland – Mar. 7	Did Not Play					
Clemson – Mar. 11	0	0	0	0	0	2
Duke – Mar. 12	Did Not Play					
Geo. Washington – Mar. 17	Did Not Play					

\* indicates season high

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

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

## Brown and Forbes Set Career Highs in Scoring

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

Brown, who has scored in double figures in 24 of 30 games, exploded for a career-best 26 points against Minnesota.

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





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## Shooting Well

Freshman forward/center Donte Minter is having a fine year shooting the basketball. In 30 games, Minter has made 67-118 attempts from the field for an impressive 56.8 percent.

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

<b>Opponent</b>	<b>FG Shooting</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Mount St. Mary's (Nov. 23)	5-6	83.3 percent
High Point (Nov. 30)	4-5	80.0 percent
Virginia Tech (Nov. 28)	3-5	60.0 percent
Minnesota (Dec. 3)	1-3	33.3 percent
VMI (Dec. 5)	6-6	100.0 percent
James Madison (Dec. 16)	2-3	66.7 percent
Loyola Marymount (Dec. 19)	1-4	25.0 percent
Coastal Carolina (Dec. 22)	2-3	66.7 percent
N.C. State (Dec. 28)	1-2	50.0 percent
Iowa State (Dec. 31)	5-7	71.4 percent
Providence (Jan. 3)	1-2	50.0 percent
William & Mary (Jan. 5)	4-8	50.0 percent
Duke (Jan. 11)	6-12	50.0 percent
Georgia Tech (Jan. 15)	2-4	50.0 percent
Florida State (Jan. 18)	3-6	50.0 percent
Clemson (Jan. 20)	3-4	75.0 percent
North Carolina (Jan. 24)	2-7	28.6 percent
Wake Forest (Jan. 31)	0-0	---
Maryland (Feb. 4)	0-0	---
N.C. State (Feb. 7)	1-1	100.0 percent
Duke (Feb. 11)	1-4	25.0 percent
Georgia Tech (Feb. 14)	0-0	---
Florida State (Feb. 17)	1-2	50.0 percent
Clemson (Feb. 21)	3-7	42.9 percent
North Carolina (Feb. 24)	0-2	00.0 percent
Wake Forest (Mar. 2)	1-3	33.3 percent
Maryland (Mar. 7)	0-1	00.0 percent
Clemson (Mar. 11)	1-1	100.0 percent
Duke (Mar. 12)	4-5	80.0 percent
George Washington (Mar. 17)	4-5	80.0 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. Elton Brown is shooting 50.9 percent (162-318) from the field this season. Devin Smith has made 46.1 percent (118-256) of his attempts from the field, including 48.6 percent (68-140) in regular-season ACC play.

## 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.

## Blocked Shots

Junior Jason Clark has 91 career blocked shots and is eighth on UVa's all-time list. Junior Burrough (1992-95) is seventh with 96 blocked shots.

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

Here's a look at UVa's all-time blocked shots leaders:

1. Ralph Sampson (1980-83)	462
2. Chris Alexander (1993-96)	148
4. Travis Watson (2000-03)	130
3. Kris Hunter (1997-99)	126
5. Steve Castellan (1976-79)	108
6. Chris Williams (1999-02)	97
7. Junior Burrough (1992-95)	96
8. <b>Jason Clark (2002-pres.)</b>	<b>91</b>
9. Colin Ducharme (1997-00)	88
10. Olden Polynice (1984-86)	86

## 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.

## 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.

## 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



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have tied the game. After two missed free throws by the All-Stars' Harold Arceneaux, 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 Arceneaux 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.

## 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 the following page of the notes for bios on the walk-ons.

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

## 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.

## John Paul Jones Arena On Its Way

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



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### BRAD ABEL

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

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

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

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

### BILLY GLADING

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

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

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

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

**High School:** Lettered four times in lacrosse ... two-time All-American ... Washington Post All-Met Player of the Year ... two-

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

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

### HANK NACEY

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

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

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

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

### VINCE REDD

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

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

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

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