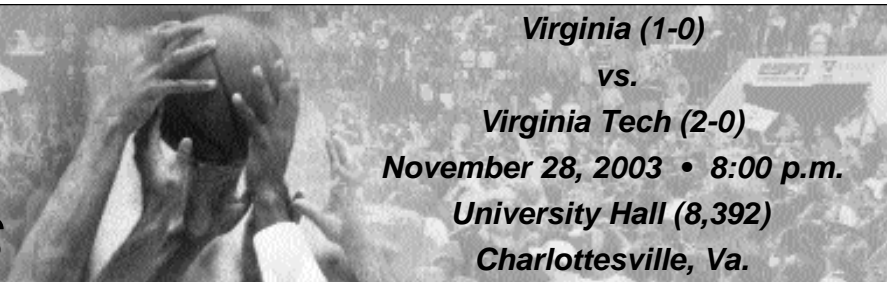


VIRGINIA BASKETBALL 2003-2004 MEDIA NOTES



Virginia (1-0)

vs.

Virginia Tech (2-0)

November 28, 2003 • 8:00 p.m.

University Hall (8,392)

Charlottesville, Va.

2003-04 SCHEDULE

1-0 Overall / 0-0 ACC

Home: 1-0

Away: 0-0

Neutral: 0-0

Nov. 11	Big Apple Basketball (EX)	W, 104-80
Nov. 18	Coaches vs. Cancer All-Stars (EX)	W, 91-90
Nov. 23	MOUNT ST. MARY'S	W, 80-71
Nov. 28	VIRGINIA TECH (Com/FSNS)	8:00 p.m.
Nov. 30	HIGH POINT	2:00 p.m.
Dec. 3	MINNESOTA* (ESPN2)	9:30 p.m.
Dec. 5	at VMI	7:00 p.m.
Dec. 16	JAMES MADISON	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 19	at Loyola Marymount	10:00 p.m.
Dec. 22	COASTAL CAROLINA	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 28	at N.C. State (FSN)	8:00 p.m.
Dec. 31	IOWA STATE	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 3	PROVIDENCE (Com)	3:00 p.m.
Jan. 5	WILLIAM & MARY (Com)	9:00 p.m.
Jan. 11	DUKE (FSN)	5:30 p.m.
Jan. 15	at Georgia Tech (ESPN2)	7:00 p.m.
Jan. 18	FLORIDA STATE (R/JP)	1:00 p.m.
Jan. 20	CLEMSON (RSN)	7:00 p.m.
Jan. 24	at North Carolina (ESPN)	Noon
Jan. 31	at Wake Forest (R/JP)	2:30 p.m.
Feb. 4	MARYLAND (R/JP)	9:00 p.m.
Feb. 7	N.C. STATE (R/JP)	3:00 p.m.
Feb. 11	at Duke (ESPN)	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 14	GEORGIA TECH (R/JP)	2:00 p.m.
Feb. 17	at Florida State (RSN)	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 21	at Clemson (R/JP)	4:00 p.m.
Feb. 24	NORTH CAROLINA (R/JP)	8:00 p.m.
Mar. 2	WAKE FOREST (ESPN2)	7:00 p.m.
Mar. 7	at Maryland (FSN)	8:00 p.m.
Mar. 11-14	ACC Tournament [^]	TBD

*ACC/Big 10 Challenge

[^]Greensboro, N.C.

All Times Eastern

TELEVISION

Tonight's game will be televised by Comcast and Fox SportsNet South. Mike Hogewood will handle the play-by-play. Dan Bonner is the analyst.

RADIO

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

OFFICIALS

THE GAME

Virginia opened the 2003-2004 season with an 80-71 victory over Mount St. Mary's Sunday (Nov. 28) at University Hall. UVa finished the 2002-2003 season with a 16-16 overall record and a 6-10 mark in the Atlantic Coast Conference in Pete Gillen's fifth year as Virginia's head coach. **Virginia Tech** stands at 2-0 after defeating Western Carolina (Nov. 25) at Cassell Coliseum. The Hokies finished the 2002-2003 season with an 11-18 overall record and a 4-12 mark in the Big East.

Cavaliers Successfully Open Season for 79th Time

Virginia began the 2003-2004 season with an 80-71 victory over Mount St. Mary's Sunday (Nov. 23), marking the 79th season-opening victory for the Cavaliers in 99 opportunities. That is a .798 winning percentage. The Cavaliers have now won 15 of their last 17 season openers dating back to 1987-88. Virginia's last loss in a season opener was in 1997-98 when it dropped an 83-79 double overtime decision at Richmond.

Head coach Pete Gillen improved to 17-2 in season openers and has won all six at Virginia. He was 7-2 at Xavier (1986-94) and 4-0 at Providence (1995-98) in season openers.

The Series vs. Virginia Tech

Virginia leads the series with Virginia Tech 72-45. Last season, Virginia Tech registered a 73-55 victory (Jan. 21) in Blacksburg, snapping the Cavaliers' six-game winning streak in the series.

On December 1, 2001, Virginia defeated the Hokies 69-61 in Charlottesville for its sixth consecutive victory in the series. In the 2000-2001 season, the Cavaliers defeated Virginia Tech 64-48 (Nov. 24) in Blacksburg. Tech's 48 points are the fewest scored in the series by either team since the second meeting of the 1947-48 season when UVa was held to 43 points (Tech won 57-43 in Blacksburg). It was also the fewest points the Hokies scored in a game in the series since scoring 29 points versus UVa in the 1945-46 season (UVa won 57-29 in Charlottesville). Virginia has won 12 of the last 15 meetings and 23 of the last 29.

This is only the fourth time since the 1975-76 season the game will not be played on a neutral floor. Over the past 28 years (33 games), the series has been held at the Richmond Coliseum (14 times), Roanoke Civic Center (13 times), Cassell Coliseum (twice), The Norfolk Scope (once), the Hampton Coliseum (once), and University Hall (twice, including tonight).

The Cavaliers are 27-8 in games played in Charlottesville and 6-1 in matchups at University Hall. UVa has won five consecutive meetings at U-Hall vs. Virginia Tech, including a 69-61 win on December 1, 2001.

This is the 70th consecutive season the Cavaliers and Hokies have met (every season since 1934-35). They have played 97 games in that span. Virginia's next oldest opponent in terms of consecutive seasons played is Maryland (56 straight seasons – not including this season).

The Cavaliers' 72 wins against Virginia Tech make the Hokies Virginia's second-most defeated opponent in school history. UVa has defeated VMI a record 99 times.

This is the 118th meeting in the series, the fifth-most played series in school history. North Carolina is Virginia's most frequent opponent with the two teams having met 161 times.

Virginia vs. the Big East Conference

The Cavaliers are 119-89 (.572) against the 14 schools in the Big East Conference. Most of the games occurred prior to a school's membership in the Big East. Tonight's game is the first of two contests against Big East teams this season. UVa posted a 2-2 record against Big East foes last season and Virginia's loss to Virginia Tech snapped the Cavaliers' six-game winning streak over Big East teams. In its last outing against a Big East opponent, Virginia lost to St. John's 73-63 (Mar. 24) in the second round of the 2003 NIT in Jamaica, N.Y.

In all games against the current membership of the Big East, Virginia is 72-45 vs. Virginia Tech, 11-12 vs. Georgetown, 8-8 vs. West Virginia, 7-3 vs. Pittsburgh, 5-1 vs. Notre Dame, 4-1 vs. Villanova, 3-0 vs. Boston College and Rutgers, 3-1 vs. Providence, 2-6 vs. Connecticut, 1-1 vs. Syracuse, 0-2 vs. Miami (Fla.) and Seton Hall, and 0-7 vs. St. John's.

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

Cavalier Captains

Graduate students Todd Billet and Majestic Mapp, along with junior Devin Smith, are the captains of the 2003-04 Virginia basketball team. It is the second consecutive year Mapp is serving as a team captain.

Head Coach Pete Gillen

Pete Gillen is in his 19th season as a collegiate head coach and sports a 361-193 record for a .652 winning percentage. Gillen is in his sixth season at Virginia and has posted an 87-65 record (.572 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 Wins at University Hall

Virginia is 202-29 for an impressive .874 winning percentage all-time in University Hall against non-conference opponents. The Cavaliers' 87-65 victory (Jan. 2, 2003) over Wofford marked their 200th victory over a non-conference opponent at University Hall since the building opened for the 1965-66 season.

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2003-2004 ACC Pre-Season Media Prediction

	Team	Points
1.	Duke	493
2.	North Carolina	422
3.	Wake Forest	382
4.	N.C. State	300
5.	Maryland	271
6.	Florida State	203
7.	Georgia Tech	189
8.	Virginia	150
9.	Clemson	65

2003-04 Media Pre-Season All-ACC Selections

First Team

Raymond Felton, North Carolina	54
Julius Hodge, N.C. State	54
J.J. Redick, Duke	48
Vytas Danelius, Wake Forest	27
Tim Pickett, Florida State	24

2003-04 Media Pre-Season ACC Player of Year

Raymond Felton, North Carolina	29
Julius Hodge, N.C. State	23
J.J. Redick, Duke	2
Daniel Ewing, Duke	1

2003-04 Media Pre-Season ACC Rookie of Year

Luol Deng, Duke	49
Chris Paul, Wake Forest	3
Gary Forbes, Virginia	1
Donte Minter, Virginia	1
Von Wafer, Florida State	1

The Cavaliers have won 84 of their last 94 home games (.894 winning percentage) against non-conference opponents dating back to the 1989-90 season. UVa had its 15-game home winning streak against non-conference opponents snapped with a 74-67 loss to South Carolina in the first round of the 2002 National Invitation Tournament (Mar. 13). Virginia's previous home non-conference loss was also in the NIT as the Cavaliers fell to Georgetown 115-111 in triple overtime in the first round of the 2000 NIT (Mar. 15).

The last time UVa lost a regular season home game to a non-conference opponent was December 12, 1998 when the Cavaliers fell to 12th-ranked St. John's 95-68. Virginia has won 28 consecutive regular season home games against non-conference foes.

Virginia vs. In-State Teams

This is the Cavaliers' first of four games this season against in-state opponents. In the last 26 seasons (since 1977-78), UVa is 106-15 (.876) against in-state opponents. Virginia had its 15-game in-state winning streak snapped with a 73-55 loss at Virginia Tech (Jan. 21) last season. Virginia also posted a 77-58 victory over Liberty (Dec. 30) last year. Prior to losing to the Hokies last season, UVa's most recent in-state loss was a 69-64 setback to Liberty (Jan. 7) in U-Hall in the 1997-98 season.

In 2001-2002, Virginia registered home victories against Virginia Tech (69-61 – Dec. 1) and VMI (93-59 – Jan. 24).

In the 2000-2001 season, the Cavaliers won both of their contests against in-state opponents. UVa defeated Virginia Tech 64-48 (Nov. 24) in Blacksburg and VMI 89-70 (Dec. 4) in Lexington.

In 1999-2000, Virginia was 4-0 against in-state opponents with the four victories coming against VMI 98-57 (Nov. 21) at University Hall, Hampton 102-56 (Dec. 10) at the Hampton Convocation Center, Richmond 69-65 (Dec. 21) at the Robins Center, and Virginia Tech 71-66 in overtime (Jan. 24) at the Richmond Coliseum.

In 1998-99, the Cavaliers' were 5-0 against in-state opponents defeating Hampton, Liberty, Virginia Commonwealth, VMI and Virginia Tech. In the 1997-98 season, the Cavaliers were 5-2 against in-state foes. The two losses were the most against state teams since the 1987-88 season when UVa was 1-3 vs. state teams.

Pete Gillen is 15-3 against Virginia schools as a collegiate head coach. He is 4-0 vs. VMI, 2-0 vs. Hampton and Liberty, 1-0 vs. Richmond, 5-2 vs. Virginia Tech, and 1-1 vs. VCU.

Gillen's Xavier team defeated Virginia Tech 85-52 in 1993-94, while his 1994-95 Providence team lost to the Hokies 91-78 in the NIT. In the 1993-94 season, Gillen's Xavier team lost to VCU 79-76.

Don't Be Surprised By the Unusual Tonight

Virginia and Virginia Tech have met in some peculiar games and wild finishes through the years.

Last season, the Cavaliers led by one point (30-29) at halftime, but were outscored 44-25 in the second half, including a 13-0 run to close the contest, in a 73-55 loss at Cassell Coliseum. UVa outshot Virginia Tech 42.9 to 40.3 percent and held a 39-37 edge in rebounds. The difference in the game was at the foul line as Virginia was a woeful 1-6 (16.7 percent), while the Hokies were 17-26 (65.4 percent), and in turnovers as UVa committed 23 while forcing only 11.

In the 2001-2002 meeting, Virginia Tech built a 19-point first half lead and led by 16 (43-27) at the intermission. The Cavaliers outscored Virginia Tech 42-18 in the second half for a 69-61 victory (Dec. 1) at University Hall.

The Cavaliers opened the second half with a 25-8 run to take their first lead of the game, 52-51, with 8:34 left on a running jumper by guard Keith Jennifer. UVa grabbed the lead for good, 60-59, on a jumper by guard Roger Mason, Jr., with 2:13 to play.

In the 2000-2001 season, UVa posted a 64-48 win over Virginia Tech (Nov. 24) at Cassell Coliseum, its largest margin of victory in the series since an 86-61 triumph in the 1990-91 season. Tech's 48 points are the fewest scored in the series by either team since the second meeting of the 1947-48 season when UVa was held to 43 points (Tech won 57-43 in Blacksburg). It was also the fewest points the Hokies scored in a game in the series since scoring 29 points versus UVa in the 1945-46 season (UVa won 57-29 in Charlottesville).

It also marked the first time since the 1975-76 season the game was not played on a neutral floor.

In 1999-2000, the Cavaliers won 71-66 in overtime (Jan. 24) at the Richmond Coliseum, the fourth time a game in the series has been decided in an extra session. All four overtime games have come since the 1975-76 season, including three since 1988-89.

In the 1999-2000 game, UVa built a 12-point lead midway through the second half, only to see Virginia Tech use a 13-0 run to take a 54-53 lead with just over five minutes to play. UVa briefly regained the lead only to see the Hokies go on a 6-0 run to take a 60-56 edge. The Cavaliers scored the final four points of regulation to force overtime, before prevailing in the extra session.

The 1998-99 matchup in Richmond wasn't as close as some games in previous years, but it was unique. UVa won by nine points, 64-55, but the game could have been extremely close had the Hokies been able to capitalize on some Virginia miscues. Virginia committed 23 turnovers in the game (Virginia Tech had 11), but the Cavaliers overcame that by shooting 53.5 percent (23-43) from the field. On the other hand, the Hokies shot 27.5 percent (19-69) from the floor, the lowest percentage by a UVa opponent that season. The Hokies managed 22 offensive rebounds, but only 11 second chance points. Despite giving up 22 offensive rebounds, UVa managed to grab 29 missed Virginia Tech shots.

The Cavaliers won 58-57 in the 1996-97 season in Richmond in a game that hinged on the last shot. The Hokies had two opportunities to win in the last 10 seconds, but weren't able to connect. Brendan Dunlop missed a runner in the lane, but got the rebound and called timeout following a mad scramble with five seconds left. With time running down, Tech's Jim Jackson drove into the lane and lost control of the ball. Norman Nolan grabbed the ball as Virginia held on to win.

Virginia's 63-62 victory in 1995 in Richmond was a tight contest throughout. Harold Deane's running jumper in the lane with 17.2 seconds remaining proved to be the winning basket for UVa. The Hokies' Shawn Smith had a chance to win it for Tech in the final seconds, but his jumper rimmed out and Tech could not control the rebound as time expired.

Jason Williford was Virginia's hero in that game. Playing in his final college game in his hometown, he brought the Cavaliers back from a seven-point deficit in the game's final 2:34. He scored eight of Virginia's last 10 points in the final two minutes to rally the Cavaliers. He made a steal in the backcourt, converted it into a layup, drew a foul and hit the ensuing free throw with 53.8 seconds left to put UVa ahead for just the second time in the second half at 61-60. Tech's Ace Custis made two free throws with 34.3 seconds left to set the stage for Deane's game-winning basket.

Virginia shot over 50 percent from the field only once during the 1993-94 season, but it came in a 70-61 win over the Hokies in Roanoke. The Cavaliers shot 51.1 percent in defeating the Hokies.

The 1989 meeting played at the Richmond Coliseum is the second-highest scoring game in UVa history. The Cavaliers needed overtime, but posted a 113-106 win.

Virginia built a 16-point lead early in the second half of the 1993 game in Richmond, but scored only 12 points in the final 16 minutes and dropped a 59-53 decision to the Hokies. The Cavaliers made five field goals in the second half, including three in the final 18 minutes.

Virginia posted a 61-57 double overtime win at the Roanoke Civic Center in 1992. The Cavaliers shot 33.3 percent from the field for the game and managed to pull out the win. That was the lowest UVa had shot and won since January 12, 1977. On that day, the Cavaliers shot 28.9 percent (13-45) in a 55-50 win over Virginia Tech.

Last Season vs. Virginia Tech

The Cavaliers had their 15-game winning streak against in-state opponents snapped with a 73-55 loss to Virginia Tech (Jan. 21) in Blacksburg, Va. The loss also halted Virginia's six-game winning streak against the Hokies.

Forward/center Travis Watson was the only UVa player to reach double figures in the game with 11 points. Guard/forward Devin Smith had nine points. Guard Keith Jenifer registered team-highs of seven rebounds and seven assists.

The Hokies stormed out to a 12-2 lead 4:22 into the contest, but Virginia responded with a 13-2 run to take a 15-14 lead at the 10:56 mark. Guard Todd Billet sank a three-point shot with 20 seconds remaining in the first half to give the Cavaliers a 30-29 lead at the intermission.

With the game tied at 48-48 with 10:22 left, the Hokies went on a 12-4 run to take a 60-52 advantage with 3:46 to play. Billet cut the deficit to five with a three-pointer, but Virginia Tech scored the final 13 points of the contest.

The Cavaliers outshot Virginia Tech from the field (42.9 percent – 24-56 to 40.3 percent – 25-62), but the Hokies outscored UVa 17-1 from the free throw line. UVa was just 1-6 (16.7 percent) from the charity stripe, while Virginia Tech made 17 of 26 free throws (65.4 percent).

UVa committed 23 turnovers in the game and forced only 11. The Hokies had 16 steals to Virginia's four. The Cavaliers won the battle of the boards, 39-37.

Bryant Matthews led Virginia Tech with 30 points, nine rebounds and five steals, while Carlos Dixon added 15 points.

Fighting Cancer

Virginia head coach Pete Gillen and Virginia Tech head coach Seth Greenberg have teamed up to assist cancer research through the V Foundation. Gillen and Greenberg will each donate \$500 to the cause and will assist the brothers of Phi Gamma Delta in their effort to relay the game ball from Blacksburg to Scott Stadium for the November 29 UVa-Virginia Tech football game in Charlottesville, lending their time and names to help Fiji's fund-raising. The V Foundation was started by former N.C. State head coach and ESPN commentator, the late Jim Valvano, to raise money and awareness for cancer research.

Forbes Tabbed ACC Rookie of the Week

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

The 6-6 guard/forward from Brooklyn, N.Y., scored 21 points and grabbed a game-high nine rebounds to lead Virginia in both departments against Mount St. Mary's. He was 8-13 (61.5 percent) from the field and was 5-9 (55.6 percent) from the free throw line in the game. He also blocked three shots, had one assist and one steal in 35 minutes of action.

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

Auspicious Debut

Freshman Gary Forbes had a tremendous debut in the Cavaliers' 80-71 win over Mount St. Mary's (Nov. 23). Forbes had team-high totals of 21 points, nine rebounds and three blocked shots.

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.

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.

Shooting 50 Percent in Openers

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

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

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

Two Sign Letters Of Intent with Virginia

Head basketball coach Pete Gillen has announced the signing of two individuals to national letters of intent with Virginia. The two individuals are 6-7 small forward Adrian Joseph of Trinidad and 5-11 point guard Sean Singletary of Philadelphia, Pa.

"These two young men are outstanding students as well as very talented basketball players," Gillen said. "They will fit in perfectly in our pressing and running style of play."

Joseph is attending Brewster Academy in Wolfeboro, N.H., this academic year after attending Bergen Catholic High School in Oradell, N.J., last year. He averaged 15.0 points, 7.2 rebounds and 2.9 blocked shots a game during the 2002-03 season. He earned first-team All-League and All-County honors, and third-team All-State honors.

Singletary averaged 18 points, eight assists, seven rebounds and 4.5 steals a game as a junior at William Penn Charter School last season. He earned first-team All-League and All-City honors last year. Penn Charter finished the 2002-03 season with an overall record of 26-4 and won the league championship.

Virginia Men Return to Postseason Play

The University of Virginia men's basketball team received an invitation to the National Invitation Tournament (NIT) following the 2002-03 regular season. UVa defeated Brown University 89-73 (March 19) at University Hall in the first round of the tournament. The Cavaliers then suffered a 73-63 loss at St. John's (March 24) in the second round. It was the Cavaliers 10th NIT appearance and the team's fourth consecutive postseason appearance. Virginia finished the 2002-03 season with an overall record of 16-16 and a 6-10 record in the ACC.

Shift of Coaching Staff Assignments

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

ACC/Big Ten Challenge Match-Up

Virginia hopes to assist the Atlantic Coast Conference in winning the Commissioner's Cup for a fifth consecutive year when it faces the University of Minnesota at University Hall on December 3 at 9:30 p.m. in the ACC/Big Ten Challenge. The game will be televised by ESPN2.

The Cavaliers hope to avenge a 74-62 loss at Minnesota in the first ACC/Big Ten Basketball Challenge during the 1999-00 season. UVa has played three games in the ACC/Big Ten Challenge and has compiled a 1-2 record.

Forbes Leads Cavaliers to Season-Opening 80-71 Win

Freshman Gary Forbes tallied 21 points, nine rebounds and three blocked shots as the Cavaliers opened the 2003-2004 season with an 80-71 victory over Mount St. Mary's (Nov. 23) at University Hall.

Forbes led five UVa players in double figures with his 21 points. Guard Todd Billet had 13 points, six rebounds, three assists and two steals, while forward/center Donte Minter came off the bench to tally 12 points and seven rebounds. Forward Derrick Byars scored 11 points, and forward/center Elton Brown added 10 points.

The Cavaliers shot 60 percent (12-20) from the field in the first half and took a 39-32 lead into the intermission. In the second half, UVa built its advantage to 16 points (72-56) with 3:38 to play. Mount St. Mary's rallied with a 10-0 run to pull within six, 72-66, with 1:21 to play. Virginia made 8-12 free throws down the stretch to seal the victory.

UVa shot 52.2 percent (24-46) from the field in the game while holding the Mount to 38.0 percent (27-71) shooting from the floor. The Cavaliers attempted 45 free throws in the contest and made 29 (64.4 percent).

Mount St. Mary's Kiel Butler led all players with 26 points, while Landy Thompson added 18 points.

UVa Closes Exhibition Season with 91-90 Victory

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

The Cavaliers let a 17-point second half lead slip away, but Billet's heroics helped Virginia end its exhibition season with a victory. UVa led 72-55 with 13:04 to play, but the Coaches vs. Cancer All-Stars outscored UVa 31-12 to take an 86-84 lead with 55 seconds left. Forward Elton Brown tied the game at 86-86 with a bucket inside the paint with 40 seconds left. However, the visitor's Dominic Smith answered with his third consecutive long three-pointer to put the All-Stars on top 89-86. Billet answered with a basket with 19 ticks left to trim the deficit to one, but missed a free throw that would have tied the game. After two missed free throws by the All-Stars' Harold Arcenaux, the All-Stars' Rasan Johnson made one of two foul shots to make the score 90-88. Billet then supplied the heroics with a long three-pointer as time expired.

Forward Derrick Byars led the Cavaliers with 21 points and eight rebounds. He made 9-12 attempts from the field, including a 3-4 effort from three-point range. Brown registered a double-double with 20 points and 10 rebounds, while forward Donte Minter added 18 points and eight rebounds. Billet tallied 14 points with forward Gary Forbes rounding out the Cavaliers' double-digit scorers with 11 points.

Chris Crosby led the Coaches vs. Cancer All-Stars with 18 points, while Arcenaux totaled 17 points, 10 rebounds and five assists. Smith had 16 points with Tony Robertson and D.J. Harrison both contributing 12.

UVa shot 53.1 percent (34-64) from the field in the game, including 70 percent (21-30) in the first half. The Cavaliers also held a 47-24 advantage in rebounds.

Cavaliers Open Exhibition Season with 84-60 Win

The University of Virginia men's basketball team shot 60.3 percent (38-63) from the field, including 47.8 percent (11-23) from three-point range, and had five players score in double figures in a 104-80 victory over Big Apple Basketball in an exhibition game at University Hall on Tuesday night (Nov. 11).

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

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

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

Cavaliers Welcome Eight Newcomers

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

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

Cain averaged 14 points, 12 rebounds, eight assists and five blocked shots a game as a senior at John Bartram High School, which finished the 2002-03 season with an overall record of 24-4 and won the Philadelphia Public League Championship. He was named the Most Valuable Player of the 2003 Philadelphia Public League championship game and the Public League All-Star Game.

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

Minter attended Fork Union Military Academy during the 2002-03 academic year. Prior to attending Fork Union, Minter attended West Rowan High School (N.C.). West Rowan

compiled a 30-0 record and won the North Carolina AAA State Championship during his senior year in 2001-02. He was the Most Valuable Player of the State Championship, the West Regional, the county and the North Piedmont Conference as a senior at West Rowan. Minter scored over 2,100 points while grabbing over 1,000 rebounds during his high school career.

Reynolds transferred to Oak Hill Academy from Roanoke Catholic for his senior year of high school. He averaged 16 points, four rebounds, 3.5 assists and 2.5 steals a game at Oak Hill during the 2002-03 season. He started for four seasons at Roanoke Catholic and was named the Most Valuable Player in the Virginia Independent Schools Division II three times. Roanoke Catholic won three state championships during his time on the team.

Three additional players joined the Virginia team as walk-ons. The players are 6-5 1/2 senior forward Brad Abel of Burke, Va. (Lake Braddock High School); 6-2 guard Billy Glading of Bethesda, Md. (Gonzaga College High School), who is playing as a graduate student; and 6-5 sophomore forward Hank Nacey of Virginia Beach, Va. (Frank W. Cox High School). See page seven of the notes for bios on the four walk-ons.

Continuing to Shoot Well

Derrick Byars and Donte Minter shot the ball extremely well in the Cavaliers' two exhibition victories and continued their hot shooting in the season-opener against Mount St. Mary's (Nov. 23).

Byars and Minter combined to make 10 of 11 (90.9 percent) of their field goal attempts in the season-opener. Byars made all five of his attempts from the floor, while Minter made five of his six attempts.

The duo combined to make 34 of 41 attempts from the field for an outstanding 82.9 percent in the two exhibition games.

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

Minter was even more accurate from the floor as he shot 83.3 percent in making 15 of 18 attempts. Minter was a perfect 7-7 from the field against Big Apple Basketball (Nov. 11).

Billet and Mapp Look Toward Season

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

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

nomics in May of 2003.

Raining Threes

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

Billet should move on to Virginia's top 10 list for career three-point field goals made early in the 2003-04 season. He currently stands 11th with 95 three-point field goals. Keith Friel is 10th with 107.

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

Four Out of Five Returning

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

Fifteen Games against Tournament Teams

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

Home Sweet Home

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

John Paul Jones Arena On Its Way

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

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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

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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.