

# VIRGINIA

## Basketball

### 2004-05

#### Media Notes

Virginia (13-13, 4-11 ACC)

vs.

Florida State (11-18, 3-12 ACC)

March 6, 2005 • 2:00 p.m.

Donald L. Tucker Center (12,100)

Tallahassee, Fla.



## 2004-05 SCHEDULE

13-13 Overall / 4-11 ACC

Home: 10-5

Away: 2-8

Neutral: 1-0

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|------------|------------------------------------|----------------|
| Nov. 5     | Lehman College (ex)                | W, 121-29      |
| Nov. 12    | Marymount University (ex)          | W, 129-75      |
| Nov. 19    | ROBERT MORRIS                      | W, 88-55       |
| Nov. 21    | #10 ARIZONA (FSN) SOUTH            | W, 78-60       |
| Nov. 24    | APPALACHIAN STATE (BONCOAST) SOUTH | W, 77-60       |
| Nov. 28    | RICHMOND (BONCOAST) SOUTH          | W, 85-58       |
| Dec. 1     | at Northwestern                    | W, 48-44       |
| Dec. 3     | vs. Auburn % (FSN) SOUTH           | W, 89-87       |
| Dec. 6     | at Iowa State                      | L, 79-81       |
| Dec. 8     | FURMAN                             | W, 79-67       |
| Dec. 23    | LOYOLA MARYMOUNT                   | W, 79-77 OT    |
| Jan. 2     | #5 WAKE FOREST                     | L, 70-89       |
| Jan. 5     | WESTERN KENTUCKY (BONCOAST) SOUTH  | W, 80-79 2OT   |
| Jan. 8     | at #9 Georgia Tech                 | L, 69-92       |
| Jan. 12    | MIAMI                              | L, 80-91       |
| Jan. 16    | at #5 Duke                         | L, 66-80       |
| Jan. 19    | at Maryland                        | L, 68-82       |
| Jan. 22    | CLEMSON                            | W, 81-79       |
| Jan. 27    | at Virginia Tech                   | L, 73-79       |
| Jan. 29    | #3 NORTH CAROLINA                  | L, 76-110      |
| Feb. 2     | at Providence                      | Cox 3 L, 79-98 |
| Feb. 5     | at NC State                        | W, 64-62       |
| Feb. 9     | FLORIDA STATE                      | W, 56-55       |
| Feb. 12    | VIRGINIA TECH                      | W, 65-60       |
| Feb. 16    | at #4 North Carolina               | L, 61-85       |
| Feb. 19    | #22 MARYLAND (CBS)                 | L, 89-92 2OT   |
| Feb. 27    | at #6 Wake Forest                  | L, 68-90       |
| Mar. 2     | NC STATE                           | RSN L, 72-82   |
| Mar. 6     | at Florida State                   | 2:00 p.m.      |
| Mar. 10-13 | ACC Tournament ^                   | TBD            |

& - ACC/Big Ten Challenge

% - ALLTEL Pavilion at the Siegel Center, Richmond, Va.

^ - MCI Center, Washington, D.C.

All Times Eastern

Rankings are Associated Press rankings at time of game and current ranking for future opponents.

### TELEVISION

Raycom/Jefferson Pilot will televise today's game. Bob Rathbun will handle the play-by-play. Bobby Cremins is the analyst.

### RADIO

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

### OFFICIALS

### THE GAME

Virginia enters today's regular season finale with a 13-13 overall record and a 4-11 mark in the Atlantic Coast Conference. The Cavaliers have lost their last four games and are coming off an 82-72 loss to NC State (Mar. 2) in Charlottesville.

Florida State stands at 11-18 overall and 3-12 in the ACC. The Seminoles have lost their last nine games and are coming off a 91-76 loss to second-ranked North Carolina (Mar. 3) in Chapel Hill, N.C.

### The Series vs. Florida State

Virginia holds a 16-11 lead in the series with Florida State, including a 56-55 win (Feb. 9) in the first meeting of the 2004-05 season on Devin Smith's three-pointer with 5.2 seconds remaining.

The two teams split a pair of meetings last season with both teams winning on their home courts for the third consecutive year. UVA won 76-67 in overtime (Jan. 18) in the first meeting in Charlottesville, while the Seminoles won 76-57 (Feb. 17) in Tallahassee. The home team has won each of the last seven games.

The two teams split the 2002-03 series with UVA winning 85-72 (Jan. 29) in the first meeting at University Hall. The Seminoles took the second meeting 73-59 (Mar. 1) in Tallahassee. Both teams also won on their home courts in the 2001-02 season. Virginia won 91-74 at home (Jan. 20) and Florida State won 66-59 (Feb. 20) in Florida.

Virginia swept the 2000-01 season series from Florida State for the first time since 1996-97. UVA won 89-71 (Jan. 16) in Charlottesville and earned the sweep with a 69-66 victory (Feb. 17) in Tallahassee on a three-pointer by Roger Mason, Jr. with one second remaining.

UVA has won the first meeting of the season series with Florida State 11 times in 14 tries, including the last six.

The Cavaliers have won eight of the last 12 meetings after FSU won three consecutive contests (71-63 and 88-63 in the 1997-98 season and 72-69 in the 1998-99 campaign).

UVA is 6-7 all-time in Tallahassee despite losing the last three games and four of the last five contests at Florida State. UVA's 69-66 win in the 2000-01 season is its last victory in Tallahassee. Virginia has lost the last two games at Florida State by an average of 16.5 points per game. In its last three trips to Tallahassee, UVA has failed to score 60 points - 59 in 2002 and 2003, and 57 in 2004.

Overall in the series, 10 of UVA's 16 wins over the Seminoles have been by nine points or less, while five of its losses have been by 14 or more points. In addition, five of FSU's last eight wins have been by fewer than nine points. Seven of the last 13 meetings (dating back to the 1998-99 season) have been decided by seven points or less. The Cavaliers have won four of those seven close games.

## Virginia's PROBABLE Starters

| No. | Pos. | Name            | Ht.      | Wt. | Cl. | Ppg. | Rpg. | App. | Mpg  | Notes  |
|-----|------|-----------------|----------|-----|-----|------|------|------|------|--|
| 33  | F    | Devin Smith     | 6-5      | 242 | Sr. | 16.8 | 6.0  | 1.0  | 31.9 | 1,000th point vs. FSU; Career-high 40 pts vs. Iowa St. |
| 43  | F/C  | Elton Brown     | 6-9      | 255 | Sr. | 13.4 | 8.5  | 0.8  | 29.4 | Scored 1,000th point vs. Arizona; 11 double-doubles    |
| 2   | G    | J.R. Reynolds   | 6-2 1/2  | 200 | So. | 10.2 | 2.5  | 1.8  | 32.4 | Game-winning shot vs. Loy. Mary.; 21 pts. vs. GaTech   |
| 15  | G    | T.J. Bannister  | 5-10 1/2 | 170 | So. | 4.5  | 1.3  | 3.7  | 22.0 | Three or more assists in 16 of last 17 games           |
| 44  | G    | Sean Singletary | 6-0      | 180 | Fr. | 10.4 | 2.8  | 3.9  | 29.5 | 5-time ACC Rookie of the Week                          |

## Virginia's Key Reserves

|    |     |               |      |     |     |     |     |     |      |  |
|----|-----|---------------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|--|
| 23 | G/F | Gary Forbes   | 6-6  | 210 | So. | 9.6 | 4.2 | 1.0 | 22.8 | Career-high 23 points vs. UNC (2/16)                         |
| 30 | F   | Adrian Joseph | 6-7  | 200 | Fr. | 4.7 | 1.2 | 0.4 | 15.0 | Played last 2 games after missing 6 games with leg injury    |
| 32 | F   | Jason Cain    | 6-10 | 205 | So. | 2.7 | 3.0 | 0.4 | 11.5 | 1st career start vs. Clem; career high 13 pts vs. NCSU (3/2) |
| 55 | F/C | Donte Minter  | 6-8  | 245 | So. | 1.4 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 4.7  | Limited by preseason knee injury; playing w/ hand injury     |
| 21 | C   | Tunji Soroye  | 6-11 | 210 | Fr. | 0.6 | 0.9 | 0.1 | 4.4  | 4 pts, 4 rebs, 2 blks in 13 min. vs. Virginia Tech (1/27)    |

## Tale of the Tape

Here's a statistical comparison of Virginia and Florida State in the 2004-05 season.

| Virginia | Category                     | Florida State |
|----------|------------------------------|---------------|
| 73.8     | Points                       | 69.2          |
| 76.7     | Points Allowed               | 70.2          |
| -2.9     | Scoring Margin               | -1.0          |
| 43.4     | Field Goal %                 | 45.6          |
| 45.8     | Field Goal % Defense         | 43.2          |
| 32.7     | 3 Point Field Goal %         | 37.4          |
| 39.1     | 3 Point Field Goal % Defense | 33.7          |
| 69.2     | Free Throw %                 | 66.3          |
| 35.8     | Rebounds                     | 32.9          |
| -1.0     | Rebound Margin               | -1.5          |
| 12.9     | Assists                      | 12.9          |
| 14.0     | Turnovers                    | 16.3          |
| 7.1      | Steals                       | 7.1           |
| 3.4      | Blocked Shots                | 3.2           |

## Virginia Basketball Celebrates 100 Years

The men's basketball program at the University of Virginia celebrates its 100th season in 2004-05. The inaugural season began on January 18, 1906 with a 30-9 victory over the Charlottesville YMCA. Under Coach Henry Lannigan, UVa went 8-2 for the season. Virginia had two more wins over the Charlottesville YMCA and also defeated Washington & Lee, the Staunton YMCA, Bridgewater, William and Mary, and the Richmond YMCA. Virginia's only losses during the season came against the Baltimore YMCA and Carroll Institute.

## Earlier This Season vs. Florida State

It's not how long you are winning that counts; it's when you are winning that matters most. Virginia led only once against Florida State (Feb. 9), but that one time came with 5.2 seconds left when Devin Smith drained a three-pointer to lift the Cavaliers to a 56-55 victory at University Hall.

Virginia held the Seminoles without a field goal in the final eight minutes of the game as FSU went 0-7 from the field after Von Wafer made a three-pointer with 8:07 to play. The Seminoles made their last six free throws, but were held scoreless for the final 3:54 of the game after Wafer made a pair of free throws to stake Florida State to a 55-50 lead.

An acrobatic fastbreak layup by J.R. Reynolds with 3:04 to go brought UVa within three, 55-52. Smith made the first of two free throws with 2:13 left to make the score 55-53. A Seminole turnover with 31 seconds on the clock gave the ball back to UVa. Sean Singletary's three with seven seconds remaining missed and Reynolds grabbed the offensive rebound and fed Smith for the game-winning three-pointer with 5.2 ticks to play. Wafer's despera-

## 2004-2005 ACC Pre-Season Media Prediction

| Team                   | Points     |
|------------------------|------------|
| 1. Wake Forest (65)    | 965        |
| 2. North Carolina (13) | 866        |
| 3. Georgia Tech (10)   | 836        |
| 4. Duke (3)            | 746        |
| 5. N.C. State          | 607        |
| 6. Maryland            | 605        |
| 7. Florida State       | 414        |
| 8. <b>Virginia</b>     | <b>394</b> |
| 9. Clemson             | 256        |
| 10. Virginia Tech      | 171        |
| 11. Miami              | 146        |

## 2004-05 Media Pre-Season All-ACC Selections

### First Team

|                                |    |
|--------------------------------|----|
| Chris Paul, Wake Forest        | 85 |
| Julius Hodge, N.C. State       | 85 |
| Rashad McCants, North Carolina | 70 |
| Sean May, North Carolina       | 34 |
| J.J. Redick, Duke              | 33 |

## 2004-05 Media Pre-Season ACC Player of Year

|                                |    |
|--------------------------------|----|
| Chris Paul, Wake Forest        | 38 |
| Julius Hodge, N.C. State       | 35 |
| Rashad McCants, North Carolina | 8  |
| Sean May, North Carolina       | 3  |
| Justin Gray, Wake Forest       | 2  |
| Jarrett Jack, Georgia Tech     | 2  |
| B.J. Elder, Georgia Tech       | 1  |
| J.J. Redick, Duke              | 1  |

## 2004-05 Media Pre-Season ACC Rookie of Year

|                                    |          |
|------------------------------------|----------|
| Marvin Williams, North Carolina    | 60       |
| <b>Sean Singletary, Virginia</b>   | <b>7</b> |
| DeMarcus Nelson, Duke              | 5        |
| Eight other players received votes |          |

## 2004-05 UVa ACC Player/Rookie of the Week

|                |                                    |
|----------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>Nov. 22</b> | <b>Sean Singletary (Rookie)</b>    |
| <b>Dec. 6</b>  | <b>Sean Singletary (Co-Rookie)</b> |
| <b>Dec. 27</b> | <b>Elton Brown (Player)</b>        |
| <b>Dec. 27</b> | <b>Sean Singletary (Rookie)</b>    |
| <b>Jan. 3</b>  | <b>Adrian Joseph (Rookie)</b>      |
| <b>Feb. 14</b> | <b>Sean Singletary (Rookie)</b>    |
| <b>Feb. 21</b> | <b>Sean Singletary (Rookie)</b>    |

Sean Singletary was honored as the ACC Rookie of the Week on February 21. He averaged 16.0 points and 6.0 assists against two ranked opponents. Singletary tallied team-high totals of 23 points and nine assists in a double overtime loss to Maryland.

## Virginia Quick Facts

**Location:** Charlottesville, Va.  
**Founded:** 1819 by Thomas Jefferson  
**Enrollment:** 20,018 (13,140 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:** 391-219 (20th season)  
**Record at Virginia:** 117-91 (7th season)  
**Assistant Coaches:** Walt Fuller (Drexel '87) – 7th season, Alexis Sherard (Saint Michael's '93) – 6th season, John Fitzpatrick (Bowling Green '80) – 1st season  
**Director of Basketball Operations:** Mark Byington (UNC-Wilmington '98) – 1st season  
**2003-04 Record:** 18-13 (NIT Second Round)  
**2003-04 ACC Record:** 6-10 (7th-tie)  
**Starters Returning/Lost:** 4/1  
**Lettermen Returning/Lost:** 10/7

tion three at the final buzzer was off target.

Florida State led by as many as 10 points in the first half and took a 31-23 halftime advantage. The Seminoles increased their lead to 14, 41-27, with 14:39 to play in the game. The Cavaliers slowly chipped away at the deficit and pulled within three, 53-50, on a Smith three-pointer with 4:22 remaining. Wafer's two free throws 28 seconds later proved to be FSU's final points of the game.

Elton Brown led UVa with 13 points and six rebounds, while Reynolds had 12 points and Smith added 11. Smith scored his 1,000th career point on a driving layup with 20 seconds to play in the first half.

UVa shot 40.4 percent (21-52) from the field in the game, while the Seminoles shot 44.2 percent (19-43) from the floor. The Seminoles held a slight 30-29 edge in rebounds, but committed 15 turnovers to Virginia's 10.

Wafer was the only Florida State player to reach double figures in scoring as he had a game-high 16 points. Alexander Johnson led all players with 10 rebounds.

## Four ACC Wins

After dropping seven of their first eight ACC games, the Cavaliers won three consecutive conference contests to improve to 4-7 in the league. Virginia has lost its last four conference matchups and is currently 4-11 in the ACC.

UVa posted a 64-62 win over NC State (Feb. 5) in Raleigh to snap a two-game ACC slide, and then registered a 56-55 win over Florida State (Feb. 9) and a 65-60 victory over Virginia Tech (Feb. 12), both at University Hall.

Virginia fell short in its first five ACC games and earned its first conference win of the season with an 81-79 victory over Clemson (Jan. 22) in Charlottesville. UVa's 0-5 start in the ACC marked the first time since the 1998-99 season the Cavaliers lost their first five conference games. Oddly enough a home win over then #25 Clemson (Jan. 17, 1999)

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was Virginia's first ACC win that year as well.

After defeating Clemson, the Cavaliers fell to Virginia Tech 79-73 (Jan. 27) in Blacksburg and #3 North Carolina 110-76 (Jan. 29) in Charlottesville before posting the victory over NC State.

## No More RBC Center Blues

Virginia lost its first five games at the RBC Center (formerly the Entertainment and Sports Arena) and seven consecutive in Raleigh before snapping the losing streak with a 64-62 victory over NC State (Feb. 5).

## Ranked Cavaliers

Virginia earned its first national ranking in nearly two years in The *Associated Press* Top 25 Poll released November 29. The Cavaliers garnered the 24th spot with 235 points. Virginia was also ranked 25th in the ESPN/*USAToday* Poll. The last time UVa was ranked was in the 2002-03 season when it was 22nd in the AP Poll released December 2, 2002.

The Cavaliers dropped out of The *Associated Press* and ESPN/*USAToday* polls released January 3. UVa was fourth and fifth among teams receiving votes in the AP and ESPN/*USAToday* polls, respectively, that week.

Here is a look at UVa's ranking in the AP and ESPN/*USAToday* polls.

| Date    | AP Poll | ESPN/ <i>USAToday</i> |
|---------|---------|-----------------------|
| Nov. 29 | 24      | 25                    |
| Dec. 6  | 19      | 19                    |
| Dec. 13 | 24      | 23                    |
| Dec. 20 | 25      | 25                    |
| Dec. 27 | 25      | 25                    |
| Jan. 3  | ARV     | ARV                   |
| Jan. 10 | ARV     | ARV                   |

ARV – Also Receiving Votes

## Cavaliers Down Top Ten Foe

Virginia defeated then No. 10 Arizona 78-60 on November 21 at University Hall, for its first win over a top ten team since the 2002-03 season. That year, the Cavaliers topped No. 8 Maryland 86-78 at the Comcast Center. The Arizona win was the Cavaliers' first over a non-conference top ten team since a 107-89 win over No. 4 Tennessee on December 19, 2000.

## ACC Rookies of the Week

In the 2003-04 and 2004-05 seasons, Virginia has had four different players earn ACC Rookie of the Week honors a total of eight times. Sean Singletary is a five-time recipient of the award this season and Adrian Joseph has won the award once.

Ralph Sampson was also a five-time recipient of the ACC Rookie of the Week award in 1979-80, while Bryant Stith is a UVa record six-time winner of the ACC rookie award in 1988-89.

In the last two years, the only other ACC schools to have more than one player named ACC Rookie of the Week are Maryland, Duke and Clemson. All three schools have had two players earn the honor.

Virginia leads all schools in ACC Rookie of the Week selections with 74 over the years. Georgia Tech is second with 68 all-time ACC Rookie of the Week selections.

## Overtime Good for Virginia

With its 92-89 double overtime loss to 22nd-ranked Maryland (Feb. 19), the Cavaliers had their five-game overtime winning streak snapped. Earlier this season, UVa posted a double overtime win over Western Kentucky – 80-79 (Jan. 5) and a 79-77 overtime win over Loyola Marymount (Dec. 23).

Last season, UVa defeated Clemson 83-79 (Mar. 11) in the ACC Tournament and Florida State 76-67 (Jan. 18) at home in extra time. In the 2002-03 season, UVa defeated then 13th-ranked Maryland 80-78 in overtime in Charlottesville on March 9, 2003.

Prior to Maryland (Feb. 19), the last time the Cavaliers lost in overtime was back in the 1999-2000 season when they fell to Georgetown 115-111 in triple overtime in the first round of the National Invitation Tournament in Charlottesville on March 15, 2000.

## Close Games

The Cavaliers have played 10 games that have been decided by five points or less, including three overtime affairs. UVa is 8-2 in those close games. The eight wins are by a combined 19 points and the two losses are by five points.

Here's a look at Virginia's 10 games decided by five or less points:

| <b>Team (Date)</b>         | <b>W/L</b> | <b>Score</b> | <b>Site</b>     |
|----------------------------|------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Northwestern (Dec. 1)      | W          | 48-44        | Evanston, Ill.  |
| Auburn (Dec. 3)            | W          | 89-87        | Richmond, Va.   |
| Iowa State (Dec. 6)        | L          | 79-81        | Ames, Iowa      |
| Loyola Marymount (Dec. 23) | W          | 79-77 OT     | Charlottesville |
| Western Kentucky (Jan. 5)  | W          | 80-79 2OT    | Charlottesville |
| Clemson (Jan. 22)          | W          | 81-79        | Charlottesville |
| NC State (Feb. 5)          | W          | 64-62        | Raleigh, N.C.   |
| Florida State (Feb. 9)     | W          | 56-55        | Charlottesville |
| Virginia Tech (Feb. 12)    | W          | 65-60        | Charlottesville |
| Maryland (Feb. 19)         | L          | 89-92 2OT    | Charlottesville |

## Beating the Buzzer

The Cavaliers have scored game-winning baskets in the closing seconds of four games this season and four different players have made those game-winning shots.

J.R. Reynolds made a driving layup with 1.5 seconds left in overtime to lift UVa to a 79-77 win over Loyola Marymount (Dec. 23) in Charlottesville. Reynolds had made only 2-8 field goal attempts prior to the game-winning shot.

T.J. Bannister provided the heroics as he scored after a mad scramble with 2.7 seconds left in double overtime as UVa posted an 80-79 win over Western Kentucky (Jan. 5) at University Hall. Bannister was 1-5 from the field before making his short jumper in the lane.

Sean Singletary is the third Cavalier to score a game-winning basket in the closing seconds. He grabbed the offensive rebound on his own missed shot and scored with 2.2 seconds remaining in UVa's 64-62 win over NC State (Feb. 5) in Raleigh.

Devin Smith became the fourth UVa player to make a game-winning shot in the closing seconds of a game. Smith drained a three-pointer with 5.2 seconds left to lift the Cavaliers to a 56-55 win over Florida State (Feb. 9). Smith had been 1-6 on three-point attempts prior to making the game winner. It marked Virginia's only lead of the game.

## Head Coach Pete Gillen

Pete Gillen is in his 20th season as a collegiate head coach and sports a 391-219 record for a .641 winning percentage. Gillen is in his seventh season at Virginia and has posted a 117-91 record (.563 winning percentage).

Gillen coached the 600th game of his career against Clemson on January 22 and his 200th game at Virginia on January 29 against North Carolina.

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. He has been selected as the conference Coach of the Year five times – all while coaching Xavier (Midwestern Collegiate Conference).

## Clark to Miss Remainder of Season

Jason Clark will not play for the Cavaliers for the remainder of the 2004-05 season for academic reasons.

The 6-8 senior from Virginia Beach, Va., played in 13 games this season and averaged 6.7 points and 5.2 rebounds a game. He is fifth on Virginia's all-time blocked shots list with 112. Clark made 166-271 field goal attempts during his career for an impressive 61.3 percent.

## Only One Starter

Sean Singletary is the only Cavalier to start all 26 games this season. Singletary and Elton Brown both started the first 19 games of the season, but Brown had his starting streak snapped against NC State (Feb. 5). J.R. Reynolds has started in 25 of UVa's 26 contests this season.

## Virginia Falls to NC State 82-72

NC State used a 10-0 run early in the second half to break a 40-40 tie and went on to an 82-72 win over Virginia (Mar. 2) in Charlottesville to spoil UVa's Senior Night.

The Wolfpack shot 55.0 percent (11-20) from the field and converted 22-34 (64.7 percent) free throws in holding off Virginia in the second half.

NC State scored the first eight points of the game and led by 10 points on two occasions early in the first half. The Cavaliers battled back to tie the game at 20-20 on a three-pointer by Gary Forbes with 7:41 left in the opening stanza. UVa also tied the game at 31-31 with 1:56 to go in the first half on a Sean Singletary jumper. NC State scored the final five points of the first half to grab a 36-31 lead at the intermission.

Virginia tied the game 38-38 and 40-40 early in the second half, but the Wolfpack used a 10-0 run to break the 40-40 tie and take a 50-40 advantage with 14:50 to play. Jason Cain's three-point play with 11:36 to go cut the deficit to five (54-49). At the 9:12 mark, Devin Smith's three-pointer brought the Cavaliers within four, 58-54. NC State scored the next four points to build its lead up to eight, 62-54. A three-point play by Forbes with 7:14 remaining pulled UVa within five, 62-57, but the Wolfpack scored six of the next seven points to take a 10-point lead (68-58) with 4:54 left. UVa would get no closer than eight points the rest of the way.

Singletary led UVa with 17 points, while Smith and Cain both tallied 13 with Cain establishing a new career high in

scoring. Cain also led all players with eight rebounds. Forbes added 12 points, seven rebounds and two steals.

NC State shot 47.1 percent (24-51) from the field, while the Cavaliers made 25-59 attempts from the floor for 42.4 percent. The Wolfpack were 26-38 (68.4 percent) from the free throw line. Virginia was 16-23 (69.6 percent) from the charity stripe. NC State held a slight 34-32 edge in rebounds. UVa committed only 10 turnovers in the game while NCSU had 11 miscues.

Julius Hodge tallied 17 points and eight assists to lead the Wolfpack. Jordan Collins and Tony Bethel both scored 16 points.

### Brown Reaches 1,000 Point Plateau

Against Arizona (Nov. 21), Elton Brown became the 38th player in Virginia history to score 1,000 career points. For his career, Brown now has 1,334 points, placing him 20th in career points at UVa. Mel Kennedy (1985-88) holds the 19th spot with 1,415 career points.

With 1,334 career points, Brown is seventh among active ACC players in career scoring.

### Smith Scores 1,000th Career Point

Devin Smith became the 39th Cavalier to score 1,000 career points. Smith reached the milestone with a driving layup with 20 seconds remaining in the first half in UVa's win over Florida State (Feb. 9). Smith has scored 1,089 career points at Virginia and is 36th all-time in scoring. Adam Hall (1999-02) is 35th with 1,104 career points.

### Smith Joins Elite Group

Devin Smith lit up the scoreboard for a career-high 40 points in UVa's 81-79 loss at Iowa State (Dec. 6). He became the eighth Cavalier to tally 40 or more points in a game and the first since Donald Hand poured in 41 points against N.C. State on February 14, 1999.

His 40 points are the most by an ACC player this season and ties for the fifth highest scoring total in a game this season among all Division I players.

Smith made 11-18 field goal attempts, including 4-8 from three-point range, and 14-15 free throws (including his last 14 attempts). Smith's 40-point performance marked the 17th time a Virginia player had reached the 40-point plateau.

Here's a list of UVa players who have scored 40 or more points in a game.

| Player             | Pts       | Opponent (Date)                  |
|--------------------|-----------|----------------------------------|
| Barry Parkhill     | 51        | Baldwin-Wallace (Dec. 11, 1971)  |
| Buzzy Wilkinson    | 48        | Hampden-Sydney (Dec. 1, 1954)    |
| Buzzy Wilkinson    | 45        | North Carolina (Feb. 8, 1954)    |
| Buzzy Wilkinson    | 45        | Georgetown (Feb. 13, 1954)       |
| Buzzy Wilkinson    | 45        | Roanoke (Feb. 25, 1954)          |
| Buzzy Wilkinson    | 45        | Clemson (Feb. 14, 1955)          |
| Buzzy Wilkinson    | 43        | Washington & Lee (Dec. 31, 1954) |
| Buzzy Wilkinson    | 43        | VMI (Jan. 8, 1955)               |
| Buzzy Wilkinson    | 42        | Hampden-Sydney (Dec. 2, 1953)    |
| Buzzy Wilkinson    | 42        | Duke (Mar. 4, 1954)              |
| Bob McCarty        | 42        | Clemson (Feb. 12, 1956)          |
| Jim Connelly       | 42        | William & Mary (Dec. 1, 1965)    |
| Tony Laquintano    | 41        | West Virginia (Dec. 17, 1960)    |
| Donald Hand        | 41        | N.C. State (Feb. 14, 1999)       |
| Buzzy Wilkinson    | 40        | Washington & Lee (Mar. 1, 1955)  |
| Ralph Sampson      | 40        | Ohio State (Jan. 25, 1981)       |
| <b>Devin Smith</b> | <b>40</b> | <b>Iowa State (Dec. 6, 2004)</b> |

### More on 40

Devin Smith's 40 points against Iowa State marked the 13th time a Cyclone opponent has scored 40 or more points in a game. He is the seventh player to score 40 against Iowa State in regulation.

Here's the impressive list Smith joined by scoring 40 points against the Cyclones in regulation.

| Player             | Team            | Points    |
|--------------------|-----------------|-----------|
| Wayman Tisdale     | Oklahoma        | 46        |
| Lew Alcindor       | UCLA            | 45        |
| Alvan Adams        | Oklahoma        | 43        |
| Troy Bell          | Boston College  | 42        |
| Anthony Peeler     | Missouri        | 42        |
| Cliff Meely        | Colorado        | 42        |
| <b>Devin Smith</b> | <b>Virginia</b> | <b>40</b> |

### Soroye Solid

Tunji Soroye made his most significant contributions of the season against Virginia Tech (Jan. 27) and set career highs in multiple categories. The 6-11 freshman center played 13 minutes and started the second half. He tallied four points and four rebounds and blocked a pair of shots while picking up one assist. His minutes, points, rebounds, blocked shots and the assist all marked then career-bests for Soroye.

Against North Carolina (Jan. 29), Soroye set new career highs with 16 minutes played and five rebounds.

### Joseph Makes Most of Opportunity

Freshman forward Adrian Joseph made his first career start against Wake Forest (Jan. 2) in place of the injured Devin Smith. Joseph made the most of the opportunity as he tallied 19 points. He connected on 7-12 attempts from the field (3-6 from three-point range) and made both free throw attempts. He played a season-high 32 minutes and had one blocked shot and did not commit a turnover. For his effort, Joseph was named the ACC Rookie of the Week on January 3.

Joseph started five consecutive games before coming off the bench against Maryland (Jan. 19), Clemson (Jan. 22) and Virginia Tech (Jan. 27). He returned to the Cavaliers' starting lineup against North Carolina (Jan. 29) and had five points and four rebounds in 21 minutes.

Against Western Kentucky (Jan. 5) he tallied six points and four rebounds in 24 minutes. He made his third consecutive start against Georgia Tech (Jan. 8) and had eight points, one rebound and one steal in 24 minutes. Joseph had 11 points and a career-high seven rebounds in 27 minutes against Miami (Jan. 12). He went scoreless in 15 minutes against Duke (Jan. 15).

Joseph scored eight points in his collegiate debut against Robert Morris (Nov. 19). In the seven games prior to the January Wake Forest game, Joseph had scored just 16 points and played only 67 minutes.

Joseph missed the first game of his career against Providence (Feb. 2) due to a leg injury and also did not play against NC State (Feb. 5), Florida State (Feb. 9), Virginia Tech (Feb. 12), North Carolina (Feb. 16), and Maryland (Feb. 19). He returned to action against Wake Forest (Feb. 27) and played 10 minutes but did not score. Joseph had two points in seven minutes against NC State (Mar. 2).

## **Back-to-Back 20-Point Games**

J.R. Reynolds recorded back-to-back games with 20 or more points against Western Kentucky (Jan. 5) and Georgia Tech (Jan. 8). Since those two games, Reynolds' scoring has been inconsistent. He has had five games where he scored a total of seven points (two points vs. Miami – Jan. 12, three points vs. Duke – Jan. 16, zero points vs. NC State – Feb. 5, two points vs. Virginia Tech – Feb. 12, and zero points vs. UNC – Feb. 16). Reynolds also had five consecutive games where he reached double figures in scoring (12 points vs. Maryland – Jan. 19, 11 points vs. Clemson – Jan. 22, 10 points vs. Virginia Tech – Jan. 27, 18 points vs. North Carolina – Jan. 29, 15 points vs. Providence – Feb. 2).

Reynolds scored 15 points against Wake Forest (Feb. 27), marking the only time in the last five games he has reached double figures in scoring.

Reynolds has scored in double figures in 14 games this season.

The guard equaled his then career-high with 20 points in an 80-79 double overtime victory over Western Kentucky (Jan. 5). Reynolds managed to score 20 points, including 16 after halftime, despite not feeling well. He set a new career-high with 21 points in a 92-69 loss at Georgia Tech (Jan 8).

On the season, Reynolds is averaging 10.2 points per game.

## **40 Minute Man**

Sean Singletary became the first Cavalier this season to play all 40 minutes of a regulation game when he went the distance against Virginia Tech (Feb. 12).

Singletary logged 45 minutes in UVa's double overtime loss to Maryland (Feb. 19), marking the most minutes a UVa player has played in a game this season.

Interestingly, Elton Brown had played the most minutes of any Cavalier in a game this season when he logged 42 minutes in the double overtime thriller vs. Western Kentucky.

## **Singletary Breaks Out**

After scoring just 27 points and shooting only 21.2 percent (7-33) over his previous four games, Sean Singletary broke out of his slump against Duke (Jan. 16). He scored a team-high 19 points and made 7-12 attempts from the field (and was also 5-5 from the free throw line). Singletary also had 23 points against Maryland (Feb. 19), the most points he has scored since tallying 25 against Auburn (Dec. 3).

After scoring eight points in 28 minutes against Maryland (Jan. 19), Singletary came back to score 15 points (5-11 shooting from the floor, including 2-3 on three-pointers, and 3-4 free throws) in 29 minutes vs. Clemson (Jan. 22).

Singletary also handed out seven assists against the Tigers.

On the season, Singletary is averaging 10.4 points (10.5 points in ACC games) and 3.9 assists per game. He has reached double digits in scoring in 11 games, but never in back-to-back outings.

## **Instant Offense**

Gary Forbes has supplied the Cavaliers with an offensive spark off the bench. He scored a career-high 23 points against North Carolina (Feb. 16) after equalling his season high with 21 points in the previous game vs. Virginia Tech (Feb. 12). Forbes also scored 21 points against Furman (Dec. 8).

Despite not scoring against Wake Forest (Feb. 27), Forbes is averaging 14.6 points per game in his last five con-

tests. He is also averaging 6.2 rebounds per game and has made 27-47 attempts from the field for 57.4 percent accuracy during the same span.

Forbes is averaging 9.6 points per game overall and 10.9 points per game in ACC play. He is also shooting 49.6 percent (65-131) from the field in conference action.

## **Double-Double for Forbes**

Gary Forbes made the most of his start against Duke (Jan. 16) as he recorded his first career double-double. In his second start of the season, Forbes tallied 17 points and 10 rebounds, including eight offensive boards, in 31 minutes. He was 7-18 from the field and 2-3 from the free throw line.

Forbes' performance against Duke was in stark contrast to his first start of the 2004-05 season. In his first start of the season against Loyola Marymount (Dec. 23), Forbes scored just one point and had three rebounds in 29 minutes of action. He was 0-4 from the field and 1-2 from the free throw line.

Odd number starts seem to be a jinx for Forbes this season. In his third start of the season, Forbes scored just one point in 17 minutes against Maryland (Jan. 19). He was 0-5 from the field and 1-2 from the free throw line. He did have six rebounds and three blocked shots.

## **Another Double-Double**

Devin Smith recorded his second double-double of the season as he totaled 17 points and 10 rebounds against Maryland (Jan. 19). Elton Brown has tallied 11 double-doubles on the season and Gary Forbes has one.

## **Cain Makes First Start**

Jason Cain earned his first career start against Clemson (Jan. 22) and also started against Virginia Tech (Jan. 27), Providence (Feb. 2) and NC State (Feb. 5). Cain did not start against North Carolina (Jan. 29). The 6-10 sophomore played 20 minutes, scored four points and had one rebound vs. Clemson. He made 2-5 attempts from the field and had one assist and one steal.

Against Virginia Tech (Jan. 27), Cain did not attempt a field goal and was charged with four turnovers. He had two points, five rebounds, one assist and one steal against the Friars (Feb. 2). Cain played a pivotal role in UVa's win over NC State (Feb. 5). He equaled his then season high with seven points and pulled down a career-best nine rebounds in 34 minutes – another career high. Cain also had one assist, one blocked shot and one steal while committing one turnover.

In his fifth start of the season, Cain had four points, one rebound, one blocked shot and two steals vs. Florida State (Feb. 9). He also started against Maryland (Feb. 19) and had two points, eight rebounds and three steals. Cain made his seventh start vs. Wake Forest (Feb. 27) and had four rebounds and an assist in 11 minutes.

Cain had another excellent outing against NC State (Mar. 2) in the second meeting between the two teams. He scored a career-high 13 points, grabbed eight rebounds and blocked a pair of shots in 21 minutes of playing time. He was 5-5 from the field and 3-3 from the free throw line against the Wolfpack.

Cain is the ninth Cavalier to earn a starting nod this season.

## Good Shooting

The Cavaliers broke out of a seven-game shooting slump by hitting 32-56 attempts from the field for 57.1 percent shooting against Clemson (Jan. 22). Virginia followed that performance with a 50.9 percent (27-53) effort against Virginia Tech (Jan. 27). UVA's previous season high shooting percentage was 54.2 percent (32-59) against Arizona (Nov. 19).

Virginia's shooting woes returned against North Carolina (Jan. 29) as UVA shot 39.1 percent (25-64). UVA managed only 41.3 percent (26-63) shooting against Providence (Feb. 2), but shot a respectable 46.5 percent (20-43) vs. NC State (Feb. 5). In their last six games, the Cavaliers shot:

- 40.4 percent (21-52) against Florida State (Feb. 9)
- 41.0 percent (25-61) vs. Virginia Tech (Feb. 12)
- 38.5 percent (20-52) against North Carolina (Feb. 16)
- 44.0 percent (33-75) vs. Maryland (Feb. 19)
- 40.4 percent (21-52) against Wake Forest (Feb. 27)
- 42.4 percent (25-59) vs. NC State (Mar. 2)

Virginia's 57.1 percent shooting is its highest in a game since making 58.2 percent (32-55) of its shots against Brown (Mar. 19) in the first round of the 2003 NIT.

It is also UVA's highest shooting percentage in an ACC contest since connecting on 59.2 percent (29-49) of its attempts from the floor against Clemson on January 18, 2003.

## Only Six Turnovers

The Cavaliers committed a season-low six turnovers against Clemson (Jan. 22). Virginia's previous low for turnovers in a game this season was eight miscues against Auburn (Dec. 3) and Georgia Tech (Jan. 8).

In its next game against Virginia Tech (Jan. 27), Virginia committed a season-high 22 turnovers. UVA had 17 turnovers against North Carolina (Jan. 29), but trimmed that number to 10 against Providence (Feb. 2).

The six turnovers are the fewest a Gillen coached Virginia team has committed in an ACC contest. The Cavaliers twice had seven turnovers in an ACC game – North Carolina (Jan. 19, 2000) and Wake Forest (Feb. 17, 2002).

The previous time UVA had less than six turnovers in a game was last season against Iowa State (Dec. 31) when the Cavaliers had only five turnovers. UVA had six turnovers last season against William & Mary (Jan. 5).

## Cavaliers Improve to 3-2 in ACC/Big Ten Challenge

With a 48-44 victory at Northwestern on December 1, Virginia improved its record to 3-2 in the ACC/Big Ten Challenge. The Cavaliers also helped the ACC win the series for the sixth consecutive year as ACC schools won seven of nine contests. The ACC's cumulative record in the Challenge is 34-19.

## The Antithesis

After defeating an extremely deliberate Northwestern team 48-44 (Dec. 1) in Evanston, Ill., the Cavaliers put their track shoes on and posted an 89-87 victory over Auburn (Dec. 3) in Richmond, Va.

Virginia scored 41 more points against Auburn than it did versus Northwestern. It marked the largest increase in points from one game to the next since the end of the 1999-2000 season. UVA scored 65 points in a loss to NC State (Mar. 10) in the ACC Tournament, then scored 111 points in a triple overtime loss to Georgetown (Mar. 15) in the National Invitation Tournament.

## Bannister Assists

T.J. Bannister has handed out three or more assists in 16 of his last 17 games. He had his streak of 13 consecutive games with three or more assists snapped against North Carolina (Feb. 16) when he only recorded two assists. During the 16-game stretch, he had seven assists against Wake Forest (Jan. 2), Georgia Tech (Jan. 8) and Maryland (Feb. 19).

On the season, Bannister is averaging 3.7 assists per game. He has made 66-77 free throws for an impressive 85.7 percent.

Bannister equalled his career-high with 15 points against Wake Forest (Feb. 27). He made 3-6 shots from the floor, including both three-point attempts, and was 7-8 from the free throw line. Bannister also handed out six assists and registered a pair of steals in 35 minutes of playing time.

Bannister scored a then season-high 14 points in UVA's win over NC State (Feb. 5). His eight free throws made and 10 attempts against the Wolfpack established career highs in those two categories.

## Double-Doubles

Elton Brown has registered 11 double-doubles in the Cavaliers' 26 games this season and is third in the ACC in that category through games played March 3. He is the 11th Cavalier to register 10 or more double-doubles in a season.

Here's a look at Brown's double-doubles this season.

|                             |                        |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| Robert Morris (Nov. 19)     | 13 points, 12 rebounds |
| Appalachian State (Nov. 24) | 24 points, 12 rebounds |
| Richmond (Nov. 28)          | 12 points, 10 rebounds |
| Northwestern (Dec. 1)       | 15 points, 12 rebounds |
| Iowa State (Dec. 6)         | 13 points, 11 rebounds |
| Furman (Dec. 8)             | 16 points, 12 rebounds |
| Western Kentucky (Jan. 5)   | 10 points, 12 rebounds |
| Miami (Jan. 12)             | 20 points, 10 rebounds |
| Maryland (Jan. 19)          | 28 points, 10 rebounds |
| Virginia Tech (Jan. 27)     | 19 points, 15 rebounds |
| Maryland (Feb. 19)          | 13 points, 12 rebounds |

Brown now has 15 career double-doubles. He is averaging 13.4 points and 8.5 rebounds per game (3rd in the ACC) in 2004-05. His 15 rebounds against Virginia Tech (Jan. 27) established a new career high.

## Early Defense

The Cavaliers held their first five opponents to 60 or fewer points – Robert Morris (55), Arizona (60), Appalachian State (60), Richmond (58), and Northwestern (44). Auburn broke that streak with 87 points in a two point loss to UVA (Dec. 3) and opponents continued to score at a higher rate for a total of 15 games (including Auburn) before Virginia held Florida State (Feb. 9) to 55 points. UVA then held Virginia Tech (Feb. 12) to 60 points marking the seventh time this season the Cavaliers have limited an opponent to 60 or fewer points.

The last time UVA limited its first five opponents to 60 or fewer points was back in the 1948-49 season. In the 1948-49 season, the Cavaliers held their first nine opponents to 60 or fewer points.

By holding Virginia Tech to 60 points, it marked the first time during the Pete Gillen era UVA has held seven opponents to 60 or fewer points in game. The Cavaliers held six foes to 60 or fewer points in the 1998-99 season (Gillen's first

at Virginia).

Since holding its first five opponents to 60 or less points, UVa's last 21 opponents have averaged 81.8 points per game. The Cavaliers have only held four opponents under 77 points and they were Furman (Dec. 8) with 67 points, NC State (Feb. 5) with 62 points, Florida State (Feb. 9) with 55 points, and Virginia Tech (Feb. 12) with 60 points. Prior to holding NC State to 62 points, UVa's previous 14 opponents had averaged 85.1 points per game.

### More Defense

Virginia held Northwestern to only 44 points in a 48-44 victory (Dec. 1) in the ACC/Big Ten Challenge. It marked the fewest points the Cavaliers have allowed in a game in the Pete Gillen era. The previous low by a UVa opponent for points in a game in the Gillen era was 48 points by Virginia Tech (in a 64-48 Cavalier win) on November 24, 2000.

The 44 points by Northwestern also marked the fewest points Virginia has allowed in a game since holding UMBC to 34 points (in a 57-34 UVa win) on December 21, 1996. It is also the lowest point total by a UVa opponent on its home court since the Cavaliers held UNLV to 39 points (a 59-39 UVa win) in Las Vegas on January 3, 1994.

### Just Enough Offense

UVa's 48 points against Northwestern marked the fewest points in a Virginia victory in the Pete Gillen era. The previous low was 58 points (in a 58-55 win) at Clemson (Feb. 21) last season. It also marked the fewest points scored in a UVa victory since the 1981-82 season when the Cavaliers defeated NC State 45-40 on February 20.

UVa's 48 points against Northwestern are one point more than the fewest points scored in a game under Gillen. The Cavaliers managed just 47 points in losses to North Carolina (Jan. 21, 1999) and Georgia Tech (Feb. 9, 2000).

### Smith Sixth in Three-Point Field Goals

Senior forward Devin Smith has made 153 career three-point field goals for the Cavaliers and stands in sixth place all-time at Virginia. Todd Billet (2003-04) and Donald Hand (1998-01) are tied for fourth place with 156 career three-pointers.

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. Todd Billet (2003-04)           | 156               |
| Donald Hand (1998-01)              | 156               |
| <b>6. Devin Smith (2003-pres.)</b> | <b>153</b>        |
| 7. Cory Alexander (1992-95)        | 142               |
| 8. Roger Mason, Jr. (2000-02)      | 137               |
| 9. Richard Morgan (1986-89)        | 132               |
| 10. Chris Williams (1999-02)       | 130               |

### Smith Having Great Season

After being plagued by a back injury last season, Devin Smith is having a great senior season. Smith, who led UVa in scoring in 10 of the 23 games he has played this season, is averaging 16.8 points per game overall (sixth in the ACC) and 15.8 points per game in conference play (12th in the ACC). He is shooting 46.3 percent (138-298) from the field, including 35.9 percent (55-153) from three-point range. Smith is also averaging 6.0 rebounds per game.

Smith scored a career-high 40 points while making 11-18 field goal attempts (4-8 three-pointers) and 14-15 free throws against Iowa State (Dec. 6). He also grabbed 10 rebounds for his first career double-double. He scored 26 points while making 8-13 field goal attempts (5-10 three-pointers) against Richmond (Nov. 28). He was also 5-6 from the free throw line. Against Auburn (Dec. 3), Smith had 23 points and eight rebounds. He made 9-14 attempts from the field, including 4-7 from three-point range.

Before leaving the Loyola Marymount (Dec. 23) game in the second half with an injury, Smith had 12 points, five rebounds and a career-high five blocked shots. After missing three games with the injury, Smith came back to score 21 points against Miami (Jan. 12). He also pulled down six rebounds.

He registered his second career double-double with 17 points and 10 rebounds against Maryland (Jan. 19) in his first start since injuring his ankle. Smith tallied a team-high 22 points in Virginia's win over Clemson (Jan. 22). He again led the team in scoring with 24 points against Virginia Tech (Jan. 27). His 24 points vs. Providence (Feb. 2) led UVa. Smith made the game-winning three-pointer with 5.2 seconds remaining in UVa's 56-55 win over Florida State (Feb. 9). He tallied 22 points, eight rebounds and three blocked shots vs. Maryland (Feb. 19). Against Wake Forest (Feb. 27), he tallied 22 points, four steals, two assists and two blocked shots.

Last season, Smith played in 27 of 31 games and averaged 12.2 points per game. He rarely practiced with the team in the latter portion of the season due to his back injury.

### Nearly Perfect

The Cavaliers made 20-21 free throws for 95.2 percent accuracy against Duke (Jan. 16). It tied for the third-best "non-perfect" free throw shooting effort by Virginia in school history. It also tied for the best non-perfect free throw shooting performance on the road.

On January 9, 1993, UVa also made 20-21 free throws at NC State. The Cavaliers' best non-perfect game from the charity stripe was a 24-25 (96.0 percent) effort at home against Marquette on November 26, 1988. UVa was 21-22 (95.5 percent) from the free throw line at home vs. North Carolina on January 15, 1983.

Over the years, UVa has had 12 contests when it did not miss a free throw in a game. The most free throws UVa made in a game without missing was 16 against South Carolina on January 8, 1965. Most recently, UVa was 12-12 against NC State on December 28, 2003.



## **Shooting Better at Home**

The Cavaliers have struggled shooting the basketball on the road. In 10 away games UVA has eclipsed 45 percent shooting only two times – 50.9 percent (27-53) at Virginia Tech (Jan. 27) and 46.5 percent (20-43) at NC State (Feb. 5). The Cavaliers have shot under 35 percent in three road games.

Virginia is shooting just 39.6 percent (226-570) in 10 away games this season, including 32.8 percent (58-177) from three-point range. At home, UVA shoots 45.0 percent (420-934) overall and 31.6 percent (98-310) from three-point land.

In its 13 wins, Virginia is shooting 46.8 percent (356-760), while in 13 losses, the Cavaliers are shooting only 40.1 percent (323-806).

On the season, UVA is shooting 43.4 percent (679-1,566) from the floor and 41.2 percent (370-897) in ACC play.

## **Outblocked**

Part of the Cavaliers' shooting woes stem from the fact that they have had 124 shots blocked in 26 games this season (4.8 per game). In 15 ACC games, UVA has had 82 shots blocked for an average of 5.5 per game. Virginia has blocked 50 shots in 15 conference games.

Over the last 15 games, Virginia has had 89 of its shots blocked for an average of 5.9 per game. The 89 blocked shots represent 9.9 percent of the Cavaliers' field goal attempts (901 attempts) over the last 15 contests. UVA has only blocked 48 of its opponents' shots over the last 15 games. That represents 5.5 percent of opponents' shots (871 attempts).

## **Most Points by a Freshman**

Sean Singletary scored 25 points in UVA's 89-87 win over Auburn (Dec. 3). It marked the most points in a game by a Cavalier freshman since the 1998-99 season. Chris Williams scored 25 or more points in five games as a rookie in 1998-99, while classmate Adam Hall scored 27 points in a game the same season.

The last time Williams scored 25 or more points in a game as a freshman was against NC State (Jan. 14) when he tallied 27. He had a season-high 34 points versus Liberty (Dec. 8), marking the first time he scored 25 or more points in a game. Hall scored his 27 points against Hampton (Nov. 25).

## **Campbell Makes Most of Opportunity**

Reserve guard Billy Campbell scored a career-high eight points against North Carolina (Jan. 29). He made all three field goal attempts, including a pair of three-pointers, in six minutes of playing time. Campbell also made his only field goal attempt against Providence (Feb. 2).

## **Starting Strong**

For the fourth time in the last five years (including this season), Virginia started its season with six consecutive victories. UVA had its winning streak snapped with an 81-79 loss to Iowa State (Dec. 6).

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

Last season, Virginia won its first eight games. In 2001-

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

## **From Hectic to a Long Layoff**

Virginia's home game against Furman on December 8 closed out a stretch of five games in 11 days (and four in eight days – all four at different venues). UVA's game against Loyola Marymount on December 23 was the Cavaliers' first since the Furman game – a 14-day layoff for final exams.

Virginia's game against Wake Forest (an 89-70 loss) on January 2 was UVA's first since the Loyola Marymount game – a nine-day layoff.

After playing five games in 11 days in late November and early December, the Wake Forest game was just UVA's third game in 25 days.

## **McDonald Earns Sportscaster Award**

Mac McDonald, the Director of Broadcasting for Cavalier Sports Marketing and play-by-play voice for the University of Virginia, has been selected the 2004-05 Sportscaster of the Year in the state of Virginia. McDonald, who also serves as a host of Charlottesville Radio Group's WINA morning show, was selected by a statewide ballot of his peers in conjunction with the National Association of Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association in Salisbury, N.C. McDonald, who is in his ninth consecutive season with the Cavaliers, is also host of his own charity golf tournament that has raised over \$200,000 in four years for the UVA Children's Medical Center. He also served as the "Voice of the Cavaliers" from 1980-85.

## **Virginia Picked Eighth**

At the 43rd annual Atlantic Coast Conference Operation Basketball in Greensboro, N.C., on October 31, the Cavaliers were picked eighth in the media's pre-season poll. Wake Forest topped the list followed by North Carolina.

Virginia freshman guard Sean Singletary was second in the voting for pre-season ACC Rookie of the Year behind Marvin Williams from North Carolina.

## **Virginia Travels North of the Border**

The Virginia men's basketball team traveled to Montreal for three exhibition games October 8-10. The Cavaliers won all three games, defeating Royal Military College (111-52, Oct. 8) and Concordia University (88-76, Oct. 9) in the Concordia Nike Tournament, and McGill University (83-46, Oct. 10).

Six UVA players averaged double figures in scoring during the trip. Senior forward-center Elton Brown averaged 19 points a game, shot 75 percent (21-28) from the field in the three games and was named the Most Valuable Player in the Concordia Nike Tournament. Other players averaging in double figures in scoring during the three-game trip were sophomore guard J.R. Reynolds (14.7 ppg.), sophomore forward-guard Gary Forbes (13.0 ppg.), senior forward Devin Smith (12.7 ppg.), freshman forward Adrian Joseph (10.0 ppg.) and freshman guard Sean Singletary (10.0 ppg.). Smith was named to the All-Tournament team at the Concordia Nike Tournament.

### **UVa Downs Marymount University in Second Exhibition**

Senior center Elton Brown scored 23 points and grabbed 16 rebounds, and sophomore guard J.R. Reynolds also scored 23 points to lead the University of Virginia men's basketball team to a 129-75 victory over Marymount University in an exhibition game at University Hall on November 12.

Senior forward Devin Smith added 18 points, five rebounds and two blocked shots for the Cavaliers. Also scoring in double figures for UVa were senior forward Jason Clark (15), sophomore forward Gary Forbes (11) and freshman forward Adrian Joseph (10).

Virginia shot 59.5 percent (50-84) from the field for the game and out-rebounded Marymount 64-29. The Cavaliers led 72-39 at halftime after shooting 65.2 percent (30-46) from the field in the first half.

Freshman guard Evan Martin led Marymount with 21 points and five rebounds.

### **UVa Wins Exhibition Opener**

Virginia shot 64.1 percent (50-78) from the field, including 50 percent (10-20) from three-point range, and had seven players score in double figures in a 121-29 victory over Lehman College in an exhibition game at University Hall on November 5.

Sophomore forward/guard Gary Forbes made all nine of his shots from the field and scored 21 points off the bench to lead the Cavaliers. Senior forward Devin Smith had 17 points, and senior center/forward Elton Brown scored 14 points and had a game-high 10 rebounds. Sophomore forward Jason Cain had 13 points and nine rebounds for Virginia. Also scoring in double figures for the Cavaliers were senior forward Jason Clark (13), freshman forward Adrian Joseph (11) and freshman guard Sean Singletary (10).

UVa led 69-14 at halftime after shooting 73 percent (27-37) from the field in the first half, including 58.3 percent (7-12) from three-point range.

Senior forward Miguel Jorge led Lehman with 11 points and three steals.

### **Fitzpatrick and Byington Join Coaching Staff**

Virginia's men's basketball coaching staff has changed since last season. John Fitzpatrick was named an assistant coach after spending the past four years as an assistant at the University of Houston.

Mark Byington joins the staff as the Director of Men's Basketball Operations. Byington took over the position after Alexis Sherard was named an assistant coach. Byington was an assistant coach at the College of Charleston the last two seasons.

### **Virginia In Postseason Play Five Consecutive Years**

Virginia received an invitation to the National Invitation Tournament (NIT) following the 2003-04 regular season. UVa defeated George Washington University 79-66 at University Hall in the first round of the tournament. The Cavaliers then suffered a 73-63 loss at Villanova in the second round. It was the Cavaliers 11th NIT appearance and the team's fifth consecutive postseason appearance. Virginia finished the 2003-04 season with an overall record of 18-13 and a 6-10 mark in the ACC.

### **Cavaliers Welcome Three Newcomers**

Joining the Cavaliers this season are 6-7 freshman forward Adrian Joseph, 6-0 freshman guard Sean Singletary, and 6-11 freshman center Tunji Soroye.

Joseph attended Brewster Academy in Wolfeboro, N.H., during the 2003-04 academic year, and averaged 17.5 points, 11 rebounds and four assists a game. He earned first-team All-New England Class A honors, All-Tournament honors at the National Prep School Invitational Tournament and was a 2004 McDonald's All-America nominee.

Singletary played at The William Penn Charter School where he averaged 23 points, six rebounds, five assists and three steals a game as a senior during the 2003-04 season. He earned first-team Philadelphia Inter-Academic League, first-team All-City and first-team All-State honors his junior and senior seasons, and received the Herb Good Basketball Club Award for being the Player of the Year in the Inter-Academic League as a senior. Singletary was also honored as the state and Philadelphia Player of the Year after his senior season, the Philadelphia Inquirer's Southeastern Pennsylvania Player of the Year and he received the Police Athletic League Athlete of the Year award and the Markward Scholar-Athlete Award.

Soroye averaged 11.2 points and 8.9 rebounds a game for the 2003-04 season as a senior at Montrose Christian School in Rockville, Md. He was voted the Most Valuable Player of the National Association of Christian Athletes Tournament (NACA). Soroye was also voted a NACA All-American, and he earned All-Metro honors in 2004.

### **Sixteen Games Against Tournament Teams**

Of Virginia's 27 regular-season games before the 2005 ACC Tournament, 16 are against 11 teams that participated in either the 2004 NCAA Tournament or the National Invitation Tournament (NIT). The Cavaliers meet league foes and NCAA Tournament participants Duke (lost 80-66) and Georgia Tech (lost 92-69) once, and Maryland (lost twice, 82-68 and 92-89 2 OT), North Carolina (lost 110-76 and lost 85-61), N.C. State (won 64-62, lost 82-72) and Wake Forest twice (lost twice 89-70 and 90-68), while also matching up twice against NIT participant Florida State (won 56-55). In addition to those games, Virginia plays 2004 NCAA participants Arizona (won, 78-60), Providence (lost, 98-79) and Richmond (won, 85-58) while also facing 2004 NIT participant Iowa State (lost 81-79).

### **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 \$130 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, 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.

### **Virginia Signs Three to Letters of Intent**

University of Virginia men's head basketball coach Pete Gillen has announced the signing of three individuals to national letters of intent with Virginia. The three individuals are 6-5 guard/forward Mamadi Diane of Potomac, Md.; 6-8 forward Laurynas Mikalauskas of Lithuania; and 6-10 center Sam Warren of Greenwood Village, Colo.

Diane averaged 15.7 points, 9.1 rebounds and 2.9 steals a game for DeMatha Catholic High School (Hyattsville, Md.) as a junior during the 2003-04 season. He shot 41 percent from three-point range. Diane was a second-team All-Washington Catholic Athletic Conference selection last season and was a first-team preseason All-State selection this year.

Mikalauskas averaged 18.3 points and 11.4 rebounds a game for the Blue Ridge School (Dyke, Va.) last season. He earned first-team Virginia Independent Schools Division I All-State honors as a junior last season, and first-team All-Virginia Prep League honors as a sophomore and a junior. He also earned first-team All-Central Virginia recognition from the Charlottesville Daily Progress for the 2003-04 season.

Warren, who is in his first year at Cherry Creek High School in Englewood, Colo., played with the Colorado Select AAU team last summer and participated in the 2004 Junior Olympic Festival. He also was rated among the top big men at the Adidas camp in Sewanee, Ga., last summer.

## **2004-2005 VIRGINIA MEN'S BASKETBALL ADDITIONAL PLAYER BIO**

### **MIKE FORKIN**

F, 6-5 189, So.  
Centreville, Va.  
Westfield High School

**WORTH NOTING:** Joined the team after tryouts in October.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Lettered twice in basketball at Westfield High School for head coach Bob McKeag ... earned second-team All-District honors as a senior.

**PERSONAL:** Michael Joseph Forkin ... nickname "Mike" ... born March 5, 1985 in Arlington, Va. ... son of Gwen and Ed Forkin ... has a younger sister, Erin ... member of the National Honor Society at Westfield High School ... has volunteered with Habitat for Humanity ... aerospace engineering major.