

VIRGINIA

Basketball

2004-05

Media Notes

#24/#25 Virginia (6-0)

vs.

Iowa State (3-1)

December 6, 2004 • 7:00 p.m. ET

Hilton Coliseum (14,092)

Ames, Iowa



2004-05 SCHEDULE

6-0 Overall / 0-0 ACC

Home: 4-0

Away: 1-0

Neutral: 1-0

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	W, 77-60
Nov. 28	RICHMOND	W, 85-58

Dec. 1	at Northwestern	W, 48-44
Dec. 3	vs. Auburn % (FSN) SOUTH	W, 89-87
Dec. 6	at Iowa State	7:00 p.m.
Dec. 8	FURMAN	7:00 p.m.
Dec. 23	LOYOLA MARYMOUNT	7:30 p.m.

Jan. 2	#1 WAKE FOREST	5:30 p.m.
Jan. 5	WESTERN KENTUCKY	9:00 p.m.
Jan. 8	at #4 Georgia Tech	8:00 p.m.
Jan. 12	MIAMI	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 16	at #10 Duke	8:00 p.m.
Jan. 19	at #12 Maryland	9:00 p.m.
Jan. 22	CLEMSON	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 27	at Virginia Tech	8:00 p.m.
Jan. 29	#9 NORTH CAROLINA	Noon

Feb. 2	at Providence	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 5	at #16 N.C. State	8:00 p.m.
Feb. 9	FLORIDA STATE	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 12	VIRGINIA TECH	Noon
Feb. 16	at #9 North Carolina	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 19	#12 MARYLAND	3:30 p.m.
Feb. 27	at #1 Wake Forest	2:00 p.m.

Mar. 2	#16 N.C. STATE	RSN 9:00 p.m.
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

ESPN2 will televise tonight's game. Ron Franklin will handle the play-by-play. Fran Fraschilla 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 tonight's game with a 6-0 record, marking the fourth time in the last five seasons UVA has won its first six contests. The Cavaliers, ranked 24th in *The Associated Press* and 25th in the ESPN/USAToday Top 25 polls, are coming off an 89-87 victory over Auburn on Friday (December 3) at the Siegel Center in Richmond, Va. Iowa State stands at 3-1 in 2004-05 and is coming off a 99-82 loss at Northern Iowa on Wednesday (December 1) in Cedar Falls, Iowa. The Cyclones finished the 2003-04 season with a 20-13 overall record and a 7-9 mark in the Big 12. Iowa State advanced to the semifinals of the NIT where it lost to Rutgers 84-81 in overtime.

The Series vs. Iowa State

Tonight's game is just the second meeting between Virginia and Iowa State in men's basketball. The Cavaliers won the initial meeting 85-74 last season on December 31 in Charlottesville.

Virginia vs. the Big 12 Conference

Given the geographic disparity of the Big 12 Conference and the Atlantic Coast Conference, it isn't surprising that Virginia rarely plays schools from the Big 12.

Against the 12 current members of the Big 12, the Cavaliers are 7-8 all-time. The Cavaliers are 1-0 vs. Iowa State, 4-1 vs. Missouri, 1-1 vs. Oklahoma, 1-2 vs. Kansas, and 0-1 vs. Baylor, Nebraska, Oklahoma State and Texas A&M.

Virginia has played only four games against teams when they were a member of the Big 12 Conference (the Big 12 was formed in the 1996-97 season). In the first game, the Cavaliers lost to Nebraska 80-65 in the Rainbow Classic in Honolulu, Hawaii on December 27, 1997. In the 2000-2001 season, UVA defeated Missouri 85-72 on January 20, 2001 in Charlottesville. Virginia lost to Missouri 81-77 on February 3, 2002 in Columbia, Mo. In Virginia's most recent meeting against a Big 12 team, which was against tonight's opponent Iowa State last season, the Cavaliers registered an 85-74 victory (December 31) at University Hall.

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

With a 48-44 victory over Northwestern on Wednesday (Dec. 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.

Virginia's PROBABLE Starters

No.	Pos.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Ppg.	Rpg.	App.	Mpg	Notes
33	F	Devin Smith	6-5	242	Sr.	15.8	6.2	1.3	29.5	Scored a season-high 26 points vs. Richmond
34	F	Jason Clark	6-8	240	Sr.	7.2	5.3	0.3	27.7	Career –102 blocked shots; 61.6% (149-242) shooter
43	F/C	Elton Brown	6-9	255	Sr.	16.0	9.5	1.7	32.0	Scored 1,000th point vs. Arizona; 4 double-doubles
2	G	J.R. Reynolds	6-2 1/2	200	So.	10.7	3.0	3.2	31.8	Career high – 7 rebs. vs. App. St., 6 asts. vs. Richmond
44	G	Sean Singletary	6-0	180	Fr.	12.2	3.5	4.2	27.3	Career highs of 25 pts., 7 reb. vs. Auburn

Virginia's Key Reserves

15	G	T.J. Bannister	5-10 1/2	170	So.	3.3	1.2	1.7	13.8	Career-high 4 steals vs. Arizona; 13-14 from FT line
23	G/F	Gary Forbes	6-6	210	So.	7.3	3.3	2.0	20.2	UVa's leader off the bench - 20.2 min. and 7.3 pts.
30	F	Adrian Joseph	6-7	200	Fr.	3.2	0.5	0.3	10.7	Scored 8 pts. in collegiate debut vs. Robert Morris
55	F/C	Donte Minter	6-8	245	So.	1.8	0.3	0.0	4.3	Limited in preseason by knee injury

Last Season vs. Iowa State

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

The Cavaliers forced six turnovers in the final 6:18 of the game and limited the Cyclones to three field goals in the same span.

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

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

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

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

Tale of the Tape

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

Virginia	Category	Iowa State
77.5	Points	68.5
60.7	Points Allowed	59.8
+16.8	Scoring Margin	+8.7
49.1	Field Goal %	46.2
40.0	Field Goal % Defense	41.9
33.9	3 Point Field Goal %	30.6
33.1	3 Point Field Goal % Defense	28.0
68.0	Free Throw %	77.5
37.5	Rebounds	31.5
+5.5	Rebound Margin	-2.5
14.7	Assists	13.0
14.3	Turnovers	15.0
9.7	Steals	8.8
3.0	Blocked Shots	4.8

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. Virginia	394
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
Sean Singletary, Virginia	7
DeMarcus Nelson, Duke	5
Eight other players received votes	

Singletary ACC Rookie of the Week

Sean Singletary was honored as the ACC Rookie of the Week after his play in the first two games of the season. In UVa's 88-55 win over Robert Morris (Nov. 19), Singletary had game-high totals of seven assists and three steals, while scoring six points and grabbing three rebounds. In the Cavaliers' 78-60 win over nationally-ranked Arizona (Nov. 21), Singletary had game-high totals of eight assists and six steals, while scoring 15 points with six rebounds.

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: 384-206 (20th season)
Record at Virginia: 110-78 (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

Ranked Cavaliers

Virginia earned its first national ranking in nearly two years in last week's *Associated Press* Top 25 Poll. The Cavaliers were ranked 24th in the AP Poll released Monday (November 29) 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.

Here's an interesting fact (thanks to Andrew Joyner of the *Charlottesville Daily Progress*). The last time UVa's men's basketball and football (currently 18th in the AP Poll) teams were ranked at the same time was the first week of December in 1996.

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.

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.

Head Coach Pete Gillen

Pete Gillen is in his 20th season as a collegiate head coach and sports a 384-206 record for a .651 winning percentage. Gillen is in his seventh season at Virginia and has posted a 110-78 record (.585 winning percentage).

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

Gillen has led his teams to postseason play 16 times in 19 seasons (nine NCAA, seven NIT), including the last five seasons at Virginia. He has been selected as the conference Coach of the Year five times – all while coaching Xavier (Midwestern Collegiate Conference).

Cavalier Captains

Seniors Elton Brown, Jason Clark and Devin Smith are the captains of the 2004-05 Virginia basketball team. It is the second consecutive year Smith is serving as a team captain.

Hectic Stretch

Tonight's game at Iowa State is UVa's fourth in the last nine days (and third in six days – all three away from the friendly confines of University Hall). Virginia will wrap up a busy 11-day stretch in which it will have played five games with a home contest against Furman on Wednesday (Dec. 8).

UVa will then take a two-week hiatus for final exams before returning to action on December 23 against Loyola Marymount.

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.

Solid 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).

The last time UVa limited its first five opponents to 60 or less 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.

Only once during the Pete Gillen era has UVa held more than five opponents to 60 or fewer points in a game and that was six times during the 1998-99 season (Gillen's first at Virginia).

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).

Cavaliers Run Past Auburn 89-87

After defeating a very slow and methodical Northwestern team earlier in the week, the Cavaliers met an opponent with a style of play more to their liking and posted an 89-87 victory over Auburn (Dec. 3) at the ALLTEL Pavilion at the Siegel Center in Richmond, Va.

Sean Singletary scored a career-high 25 points and added career best totals of seven rebounds and two blocked shots in leading UVA to the victory. Devin Smith contributed 23 points and eight rebounds. Elton Brown and J.R. Reynolds rounded out the Cavaliers' double figure scorers with 17 and 12 points, respectively.

UVA jumped out of the gates quickly, racing to a 17-3 lead 4:35 into the contest. Auburn answered with a 21-5 run to grab a 24-22 advantage with 8:18 left in the opening stanza. The Tigers eventually built their lead to as many as nine points, 44-35, but Reynolds made a three-pointer with 34 seconds remaining to trim the deficit to 44-38 at the half.

Auburn held the lead for the early portion of the second half. The Cavaliers eventually took the lead for good with 7:14 to play on a pair of free throws by Singletary that made the score 71-69. UVA extended its lead to six, 84-78, on a three-pointer by Smith with 2:38 to play. Virginia led by five, 89-84 with six seconds remaining, but a foul on Singletary led to one Auburn free throw. Then the Tigers grabbed the offensive rebound off the second free throw and made the basket while drawing a foul on Smith. Auburn missed the free throw on purpose, but UVA knocked the loose ball away from the basket as time expired.

Both teams shot the ball well from the field. UVA was 33-62 for 53.2 percent and made 10-21 three-pointers (47.6 percent). Auburn connected on 30-57 shots from the floor (52.6 percent) and made 13-27 threes (48.1 percent). The Cavaliers committed a season-low eight turnovers.

Toney Douglas led the Tigers with 33 points, while Nathan Watson and Ronny LeMelle both had 15 points.

Seniors Leading the Way

UVA's three seniors are the main reason the Cavaliers have started out the season with six consecutive victories. The trio – Elton Brown, Jason Clark, and Devin Smith – have led Virginia in scoring, rebounding and blocked shots in all but one game this season. Sean Singletary led UVA in points (25) and blocked shots (2) against Auburn (Dec. 3).

Smith has led the team in scoring three times and Brown has topped the club twice.

Brown has led the team in rebounding five times, including four double digit performances, and Smith has led the team once.

Clark has led the team in blocked shots in two games, and tied for team-best honors in one game along with Brown, Smith and sophomore Gary Forbes (all had one blocked shot vs. Arizona). Brown and Smith have both led UVA in blocks by themselves in one game.

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 1,081 points, placing him 35th in career points at UVA. Adam Hall (1999-02) is 34th with 1,104 career points.

Clark Ranked Sixth on Blocked Shots List

Jason Clark is currently sixth on Virginia's career blocked shots list with a total of 102. Steve Castellan (1976-79) holds the fifth spot with 108 career blocks. Ralph Sampson (1980-83) tops the UVA list with 462 career blocked shots and Chris Alexander (1993-96) is second with 148.

Starting Strong

For the fourth time in the last five years (including this season), Virginia has started its season with six consecutive victories.

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.

Double-Doubles

Elton Brown has registered an ACC-best four double-doubles in the Cavaliers' first six games this 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

Brown now has eight career double-doubles. He is averaging team highs of 16.0 points and 9.5 rebounds per game.

Smith 10th in Three-Point Field Goals

Senior forward Devin Smith has made 115 career three-point field goals for the Cavaliers and stands in 10th place all-time at Virginia. Chris Williams (1999-02) is in ninth place with 130 career threes.

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
6. Cory Alexander (1992-95)	142
7. Roger Mason, Jr. (2000-02)	137
8. Richard Morgan (1986-89)	132
9. Chris Williams (1999-02)	130
10. Devin Smith (2003-pres.)	115
11. Bryant Stith (1989-92)	114
12. Keith Friel (2000-01)	107

Smith Off to a Good Start

After being plagued by a back injury last season, a healthy Devin Smith is off to a great start in his senior season. Smith, who has led UVA in scoring in three of the first six games this season, is averaging 15.8 points per game while shooting 53.0 percent (35-66) from the field, including 43.6 percent (17-39) from three-point range. He is also averaging 6.2 rebounds per game.

Smith scored a season-high 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), he had 23 points and eight rebounds. Smith made 9-14 attempts from the field, including 4-7 from three-point range.

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.

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).

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.

Four Out of Five Returning

The Cavaliers return four of five starters from last season to the 2004-05 team. T.J. Bannister, Elton Brown, Jason Clark and J.R. Reynolds are Virginia's returning starters from last season.

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.

Brown, Clark and Smith Look Toward Senior Year

Seniors Elton Brown (forward/center), Jason Clark (forward) and Devin Smith (forward) provide the Cavaliers with experience in the front court for the 2004-05 season. They are also the team's tri-captains.

Brown earned honorable mention All-ACC recognition last season. He averaged a team-leading 14.8 points per game for the 2003-04 season and scored in double figures in 25 of 31 games. Brown also led the team in rebounding with an average of 6.3 a game. He had three double-doubles during the 2003-04 season. Brown grabbed a career-high 13 rebounds and scored 14 points in the win at VMI (12/5/03). He also had 21 points and 10 rebounds in the victory at Loyola Marymount (12/19/03), and 22 points and 11 rebounds in the win over Coastal Carolina (12/22/03).

Clark played in the last 19 games of the 2003-04 season, starting the last 17. He blocked at least one shot in 16 of the 19 games he played in during the season, and entered the season ranked eighth on Virginia's career blocked shots list with 95. Through his first three seasons at Virginia, Clark is shooting 61.1 percent (129-211) from the field.

Smith earned honorable mention All-ACC honors in 2004, and served as a tri-captain for the 2003-04 team. He ranked first on last season's team in free throw percentage (.800, 60-75) and steals (37). Smith also scored in double figures 18 times, second best on the team, despite being hampered by a back injury which resulted in four missed games. He scored a season-high 25 points and had a career-high five steals in the victory over Iowa State (12/31/03), and also blocked three shots, had three assists, and three rebounds in 30 minutes of action in that game. His three-point play with 5.8 seconds remaining in the game provided the margin of victory in the 84-82 home win over Wake Forest (3/2/04).

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 and Georgia Tech once, and Maryland, North Carolina, N.C. State and Wake Forest twice, while also matching up twice against NIT participant Florida State. In addition to those games, Virginia plays 2004 NCAA participants Arizona (won, 78-60), Providence and Richmond (won, 85-58) while also facing 2004 NIT participant Iowa State.

John Paul Jones Arena On Its Way

On May 30, 2003 ground was broken on the University of Virginia's new special events center, the John Paul Jones Arena. Scheduled for completion in the summer of 2006, the \$129.8 million arena will replace University Hall. The new 15,000-seat arena will feature training and weight rooms, men's and women's basketball locker rooms, 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 BIOS

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.

TRYSHAN RAVENELL

G, 6-0 194, So.
Charlottesville, Va.
William Monroe High School

WORTH NOTING: Joined the team after tryouts in October.

HIGH SCHOOL: Lettered twice as a point guard for head coach Tim Morris at William Monroe High School ... earned first-team All-District and second-team All-Central Virginia honors as a senior ... played defensive back in football for two seasons ... was the Central Virginia Rookie of the Year in football as a junior ... also participated in track and field ... was a regional qualifier in the 300-meter hurdles as a senior.

PERSONAL: Tryshan Lemar Ravenell ... nickname is "Try" ... born July 14, 1985 in Charlottesville, Va. ... son of Charis Ravenell ... has two younger brothers ... named to the National Honor Roll and graduated from William Monroe High School with honors ... member of the Beta Club in high school ... enjoys poetry, reading and lifting weights ... architecture major.