

VIRGINIA

Basketball

2004-05

Media Notes

Virginia (9-5, 0-4 ACC)

vs.

Maryland (10-4, 1-2 ACC)

January 19, 2005 • 9:00 p.m.

Comcast Center (17,950)

College Park, Md.



2004-05 SCHEDULE

9-5 Overall / 0-4 ACC

Home: 7-2

Away: 1-3

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	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	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	9:00 p.m.
Jan. 22	CLEMSON	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 27	at Virginia Tech	8:00 p.m.
Jan. 29	#6 NORTH CAROLINA	Noon
Feb. 2	at Providence	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 5	at N.C. State	8:00 p.m.
Feb. 9	FLORIDA STATE	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 12	VIRGINIA TECH	Noon
Feb. 16	at #6 North Carolina	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 19	# MARYLAND	3:30 p.m.
Feb. 27	at #3 Wake Forest	2:00 p.m.
Mar. 2	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

Raycom/Jefferson Pilot will televise tonight's game. Tim Brant will handle the play-by-play. Billy Packer 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 9-5 overall record and an 0-4 mark in the Atlantic Coast Conference. The Cavaliers have lost their last three games and are coming off an 80-66 loss to fifth-ranked Duke (Jan. 16) in Durham, N.C.

Maryland stands at 10-4 overall and 1-2 in the ACC. The Terrapins are coming off an 80-69 win over Temple (Jan. 15) in College Park, Md.

The Series vs. Maryland

Maryland leads the series with Virginia 97-64 in a rivalry that dates back to the 1912-13 season. The Cavaliers lost both games in the 2003-04 season to Maryland. The Terrapins won 71-67 (Feb. 4) in Charlottesville, snapping UVA's two-game winning streak in the series. Maryland earned a sweep in the season series with a 70-61 win (Mar. 7) in College Park.

Uva snapped a three-game losing streak (and a nine-game slide at Maryland) with an 86-78 victory (Feb. 6) at Comcast Center in the 2002-03 season. Virginia completed the 2002-03 season series sweep with an 80-78 overtime victory (Mar. 9) in Charlottesville. It marked the Cavaliers' first season sweep of Maryland since the 1992-93 campaign.

Despite winning four of the last nine meetings, Virginia has lost 15 of the last 22 contests in the series with Maryland since winning five consecutive games between 1992-1994.

In the 2001-02 season, the Terrapins won 91-87 (Jan. 31) in Charlottesville in the first meeting and 112-92 (Mar. 3) in the final game at Cole Field House. In 2000-01, UVA split a pair of games with Maryland with each team winning at home. Virginia earned a 99-78 victory (Jan. 31) in the first meeting of 2000-01 in Charlottesville. Maryland gained a split in the season series with a 102-67 victory (Mar. 3) in College Park.

This is the 58th consecutive season the Cavaliers and Terrapins have met (every season since 1947-48), Virginia's second-oldest opponent in terms of consecutive seasons met. They have played 123 games in that span. (Virginia's oldest opponent in terms of consecutive seasons played is Virginia Tech—69 straight seasons).

The Terrapins lead 55-20 in games played in College Park during the series. UVA won only 13 of 47 meetings at Cole Field House. In its first appearance at the Comcast Center, UVA registered an 86-78 victory over then eighth-ranked Maryland (Feb. 6, 2003). The victory snapped the Cavaliers' nine-game losing streak at Maryland. The Cavaliers' previous victory in College Park was a 70-68 win on February 4, 1993.

Five of the Cavaliers' last six wins over the Terrapins (1995, 1997, 2000, 2001 and 2003) have occurred at University Hall in Charlottesville.

Virginia's PROBABLE Starters

No.	Pos.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Ppg.	Rpg.	App.	Mpg	Notes
23	G/F	Gary Forbes	6-6	210	So.	9.7	4.3	1.4	23.1	Season-high 21 points vs. Furman
30	F	Adrian Joseph	6-7	200	Fr.	5.1	1.1	0.3	15.1	Scored career-high 19 pts. vs. Wake in first start
43	F/C	Elton Brown	6-9	255	Sr.	15.1	9.6	0.9	32.3	Scored 1,000th point vs. Arizona; 8 double-doubles
2	G	J.R. Reynolds	6-2 1/2	200	So.	11.0	2.7	2.1	32.1	Game-winning shot vs. Loy. Mary.; 21 pts. vs. GaTech
44	G	Sean Singletary	6-0	180	Fr.	9.9	3.1	3.9	28.8	Three-time ACC Rookie of the Week

Virginia's Key Reserves

33	F	Devin Smith	6-5	242	Sr.	16.9	6.6	1.0	29.4	Career-high 40 pts vs. Iowa St.; 21 pts vs. Miami
34	F	Jason Clark	6-8	240	Sr.	6.7	5.2	0.5	26.2	Career-high 16 pts. vs. West. Ky.; 61.7% (37-60) FG%
15	G	T.J. Bannister	5-10 1/2	170	So.	3.9	1.3	3.2	18.6	Made game-winning shot vs. Western Kentucky
55	F/C	Donte Minter	6-8	245	So.	1.4	0.7	0.0	4.5	3 blks vs. Loy. Mary.; limited in preseason by knee injury

Tale of the Tape

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

Virginia	Category	Maryland
76.2	Points	85.0
72.9	Points Allowed	72.1
+3.3	Scoring Margin	+12.9
43.8	Field Goal %	46.7
43.9	Field Goal % Defense	40.3
31.5	3 Point Field Goal %	31.0
36.3	3 Point Field Goal % Defense	31.1
71.0	Free Throw %	70.1
38.2	Rebounds	42.8
+0.9	Rebound Margin	+3.8
13.1	Assists	16.7
14.6	Turnovers	16.1
7.9	Steals	10.9
3.4	Blocked Shots	6.4

A Nailbiter Could be in the Offing

The recent series with Maryland has featured quite a few close games. Since 1987, 24 of 37 games have been decided by nine points or less, with Virginia winning 12 of the close games. In the last 18 years there have also been four overtime games, with Virginia winning three of the four games.

A breakdown of the close games in the series since the 1986-87 season is below:

2 points - 6	4 points - 3	5 points - 2	6 points - 3
7 points - 5	8 points - 3	9 points - 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.

Looking for First ACC Win

Virginia stands at 0-4 in the ACC this year, marking the first time since the 1998-99 season – Pete Gillen's first year at UVa – that the Cavaliers have lost their first four conference games. Virginia dropped its first five ACC contests in the 1998-99 season.

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	

2004-05 UVa ACC Player/Rookie of the Week

Nov. 22	Sean Singletary (Rookie)
Dec. 6	Sean Singletary (Co-Rookie)
Dec. 27	Elton Brown (Player)
Dec. 27	Sean Singletary (Rookie)
Jan. 3	Adrian Joseph (Rookie)

Adrian Joseph was honored as the ACC Rookie of the Week on January 3. He tallied a career-high 19 points in UVa's 89-70 loss to Wake Forest (Jan. 2) in his first collegiate start. Joseph was 7-12 from the field (3-6 from three-point range) and made both free throw attempts. He blocked one shot and had no turnovers in 32 minutes of action.

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: 387-211 (20th season)
Record at Virginia: 113-83 (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 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/USAToday
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.

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.

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Among the NCAA Leaders

Through games played January 10, Elton Brown is ranked 18th among all Division I players with 9.8 rebounds per game. Brown is currently averaging 9.6 rebounds per game. He has pulled down 134 rebounds in 14 games this season.

Smith Returns to Lineup

After missing three consecutive games – the ACC opener against Wake Forest (Jan. 2), Western Kentucky (Jan. 5) and Georgia Tech (Jan. 8) – Devin Smith returned to UVA's lineup against Miami (Jan. 12).

Smith came off the bench to score a team-high 21 points in 28 minutes of playing time. He made 8-15 attempts from the floor (4-8 from three-point range) and 1-2 free throws. Smith also grabbed six rebounds and had three turnovers vs. the Hurricanes. In 25 minutes vs. Duke (Jan. 16), Smith tallied eight points and eight rebounds.

Smith injured an ankle in the Cavaliers' overtime victory over Loyola Marymount (Dec. 23).

Smith leads UVA in scoring with 16.9 points per game and is also averaging 6.6 rebounds per contest.

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 six times. Sean Singletary is a three-time recipient of the award this season and Adrian Joseph has won the award once.

In the last two years, the only other ACC schools to have more than one player named ACC Rookie of the Week are Maryland and Duke with two players earning the honor.

Virginia leads all schools in ACC Rookie of the Week selections with 72 over the years. Georgia Tech is second with 68 all-time ACC Rookie of the Week selections.

Overtime Good for Virginia

With two overtime wins this season, including an 80-79 double overtime victory over Western Kentucky (Jan. 5), the Cavaliers' have won their last five overtime games. UVA also posted a 79-77 overtime win over Loyola Marymount (Dec. 23) this season.

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.

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

Close Games

The Cavaliers have played five games that have been decided by four points or less, including two overtime affairs. UVA is 4-1 in those close games and all five tight contests have occurred in the Cavaliers' last 10 games.

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

Team (Date)	W/L	Score	Site
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

Beating the Buzzer

The Cavaliers have scored game-winning baskets in the closing seconds of two games this season.

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 was the latest Cavalier to provide 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.

Head Coach Pete Gillen

Pete Gillen is in his 20th season as a collegiate head coach and sports a 387-211 record for a .647 winning percentage. Gillen is in his seventh season at Virginia and has posted a 113-83 record (.577 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).

Virginia Falls to Duke 80-66

The Cavaliers led fifth-ranked Duke by as many as seven points in the early stages of the game, but the Blue Devils eventually pulled ahead and posted an 80-66 victory (Jan. 16) over the Cavaliers at Cameron Indoor Stadium.

Gary Forbes registered his first career double-double with 17 points and 10 rebounds, including eight offensive boards. Sean Singletary paced the Cavaliers in scoring with 19 points, while Elton Brown added 13 points and six rebounds.

The Cavaliers took a 17-10 lead at the 10:57 mark of the first half when Forbes capped off a 6-0 run with a layup. Duke responded with an 8-0 run to take its first lead of the game, 18-17, with 8:39 left in the opening half. With the score tied at 23-23, the Blue Devils rattled off nine straight points to take the lead for good. Duke led 34-28 at the intermission.

Duke used an 11-2 spurt to start the second half to increase its lead to 45-30 with 16:19 to play. The Cavaliers trimmed the deficit to eight points on three occasions, but could get no closer.

The Blue Devils shot 50.9 percent (28-55) from the field in the game, including 55.6 percent (15-27) in the second half. Virginia was able to connect on only 22-63 attempts from the field for 34.9 percent. Duke blocked 14 of UVa's 63 field goal attempts. UVa made 20-21 free throw attempts for an impressive 95.2 percent. The Blue Devils held a 37-35 edge in rebounds.

J.J. Redick led Duke with 28 points. Shelden Williams nearly registered a triple-double with 16 points, 11 rebounds and nine blocked shots.

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 1,196 points, placing him 29th in career points at UVa. Jim Miller (1982-85) is 28th with 1,218 points and Kenny Turner (1988-91) is 27th with 1,220 points.

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 has remained in the Cavaliers' starting lineup since the Wake Forest game. 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 his seven games prior to Wake Forest, Joseph had scored just 16 points and played only 67 minutes.

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.

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)
Devin Smith	40	Iowa State (Dec. 6, 2004)

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.

<i>Player</i>	<i>Team</i>	<i>Points</i>
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
Devin Smith	Virginia	40

Reaching Double Figures

Jason Clark scored a career-high 16 points against Western Kentucky (Jan. 5) and it marked just the 10th time in 88 career games Clark reached double figures in scoring.

Currently, Clark is shooting an impressive 61.7 percent (37-60) from the floor this season. In his career, Clark has made 166-271 field goal attempts for an outstanding 61.3 percent in 91 career contests.

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). He was plagued by foul trouble and only scored two points against Miami (Jan. 12) to snap his streak of 20-plus point games. He also scored just three points against Duke (Jan. 16).

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 11.0 points per game.

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). It marked the most points Singletary has scored since tallying 25 against Auburn (Dec. 3).

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 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.

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.

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.

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).

Clark Ranked Fifth on Blocked Shots List

Jason Clark is currently fifth on Virginia's career blocked shots list with a total of 112. Kris Hunter (1997-99) holds the fourth spot with 126 career blocks. Ralph Sampson (1980-83) tops the UVa list with 462 career blocked shots.

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

1. Ralph Sampson (1980-83)	462
2. Chris Alexander (1993-96)	148
3. Travis Watson (2000-03)	130
4. Kris Hunter (1997-99)	126
5. Jason Clark (2002-pres.)	112
6. Steve Castellani (1976-79)	108

Seniors Leading the Way

UVa's three seniors – Elton Brown, Jason Clark and Devin Smith – have led Virginia in scoring, rebounding and blocked shots in seven games this season.

The seniors have led the team in scoring in eight of 14 games. Smith has led the team in scoring five times, including a 40-point performance against Iowa State (Dec. 6), and Brown has topped the club three times.

Sophomore J.R. Reynolds led UVa in scoring with 20 points vs. Western Kentucky (Jan. 5) and a career-high 21 points against Georgia Tech (Jan. 8). Freshman Sean Singletary led Virginia with 25 points vs. Auburn (Dec. 3) and 19 points against Duke (Jan. 16). Sophomore Gary Forbes led the Cavaliers in scoring (21 points) against Furman (Dec. 8) and freshman Adrian Joseph paced the team with 19 points against Wake Forest (Jan. 2).

The senior trio has led UVa in rebounding in 13 of 14 games. Brown has led the team in rebounding 12 times, including eight double-digit performances, and Smith has led the team once. Forbes paced UVa with 10 rebounds against Duke (Jan. 16).

In blocked shots, the seniors have led the team 12 times. Clark has led the team on six occasions, and tied for team-best honors in two games (once along with Brown, Smith and Forbes with one blocked shot apiece vs. Arizona (Nov. 21), and once along with Forbes with one block against Miami (Jan. 12)). Brown and Smith have both led UVa in blocks by themselves twice.

Singletary blocked two shots against Auburn (Dec. 3), while Reynolds led the team with three blocked shots vs. Iowa State (Dec. 6).

Double-Doubles

Elton Brown has registered eight double-doubles in the Cavaliers' first 14 games this season and is tied for the lead in the ACC.

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

Brown now has 12 career double-doubles. He is averaging 15.1 points and 9.6 rebounds per game in 2004-05.

Smith 10th in Three-Point Field Goals

Senior forward Devin Smith has made 123 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.)	123

Smith Off to a Great Start

After being plagued by a back injury last season, Devin Smith got off to a great start in his senior season. Smith, who led UVa in scoring in five of the 11 games he has played this season, is averaging 16.9 points per game while shooting 48.1 percent (63-131) from the field, including 38.5 percent (25-65) from three-point range. He is also averaging 6.6 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.

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 Woes

The Cavaliers have struggled shooting the basketball lately. In its last four games, UVa has eclipsed 40 percent shooting only once and is just 102-280 for 36.4 percent from the field. Virginia has not shot better than 43.3 percent (29-67 vs. Miami – Jan. 12) in its last six games. The last time the Cavaliers shot better than 45 percent was against Furman (Dec. 8) when they made 34-67 field goal attempts for 50.7 percent.

Virginia is shooting just 37.1 percent (89-240) in four away games this season, including 26.7 percent (16-60) from three-point range. At home, UVa shoots 45.7 percent (259-567) overall and 31.2 percent (54-173) from three-point land.

In its nine wins, Virginia is shooting 47.1 percent (258-548), while in five losses, the Cavaliers are shooting only 38.3 percent (123-321).

On the season, UVa is shooting 43.8 percent (381-869) from the floor.

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).

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.

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 (lost 80-66) and Georgia Tech (lost 92-69) once, and Maryland, North Carolina, N.C. State and Wake Forest twice (lost 89-70), 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 (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.

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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.