# VIRGINIA Basketball

Basketball 2004-05 Media Notes Virginia (13-12, 4-10 ACC)

VS.

NC State (16-11, 6-8 ACC)
March 2, 2005 • 9:00 p.m.
University Hall (8,392)
Charlottesville, Va.



# 2004-05 SCHEDULE

13-12 Overall / 4-10 ACC

Home: 10-4 Away: 2-8 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	Comena	W, 77-60
Nov. 28	RICHMOND	Correcce	W, 85-58
Dec. 1	at Northwestern&	Marrie (C)	W, 48-44
Dec. 3	vs. Auburn %	SW) SOUTH	W, 89-87
Dec. 6	at Iowa State	Marrie (C)	L, 79-81
Dec. 8	FURMAN		W, 79-67
Dec. 23	LOYOLA MARYMOUN	Γ W	, 79-77 OT
Jan. 2	#5 WAKE FOREST	(584)	L, 70-89
Jan. 5	WESTERN KENTUCKY	Cornece W,	80-79 2OT
Jan. 8	at #9 Georgia Tech	marchine III	L, 69-92
Jan. 12	MIAMI		L, 80-91
Jan. 16	at #5 Duke	5857	L, 66-80
Jan. 19	at Maryland	wastin III	L, 68-82
Jan. 22	CLEMSON		W, 81-79
Jan. 27	at Virginia Tech	wastin it.	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	marchin III	W, 64-62
Feb. 9	FLORIDA STATE		W, 56-55
Feb. 12	VIRGINIA TECH	was dies R	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	services II	L, 68-90
Mar. 2	NC STATE	RSN	9:00 p.m.
Mar. 6	at Florida State	wastin it	2:00 p.m.
Mar. 10-13	ACC Tournament ^		TBD

- & ACC/Big Ten Challenge
- % ALLTEL Pavalion 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**

The Regional Sports Network will televise tonight's game. Mike Hogewood will handle the play-by-play. Dan Bonner is the analyst.

## **RADIO**

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

#### **OFFICIALS**

#### THE GAME

**Virginia** enters tonight's game with a 13-12 overall record and a 4-10 mark in the Atlantic Coast Conference. The Cavaliers are coming off a 90-68 loss to sixth-ranked Wake Forest (Feb. 27) in Winston-Salem, N.C.

**NC State** stands at 16-11 overall and 6-8 in the ACC. The Wolfpack is coming off a 74-54 victory over Virginia Tech (Feb. 26) in Raleigh, N.C.

## The Series vs. NC State

NC State leads the overall series with Virginia 76-51 (dating back to 1912-13). The Cavaliers stopped a two-game slide to NC State with a 64-62 win (Feb. 5) in Raleigh, as well as a seven-game losing streak at NC State.

Last season, the Wolfpack took an 86-69 decision (Dec. 28) in Raleigh and also posted a 79-63 win (Feb. 7) over UVa in Charlottesville.

The Wolfpack won the first meeting of the 2002-03 season 75-63 (Jan. 5) in Raleigh. The Cavaliers snapped a five-game losing streak to NC State with a 61-58 victory (Feb. 9) in Charlottesville. In the 2001-02 season, NC State earned three wins over UVa – 81-74 (Jan. 5) in Charlottesville, 85-68 (Feb. 6) in Raleigh, and 92-72 (Mar. 8) in the quarterfinals of the ACC Tournament in Charlotte.

Despite winning only twice in the last nine meetings, the Cavaliers have won 17 of 29 contests against NCSU in the last 14 seasons. Since 1980, the Cavaliers are 34-22 in all games against the Wolfpack.

The two teams have split the regular season series five times in the last seven seasons (NCSU, however, has won all three ACC Tournament matchups during the same span – 2000, 2001 and 2002). When NC State swept the 2001-02 regular season series, it marked the Wolfpack's first sweep over UVa since winning both matchups (by a combined seven points) in 1988. Virginia has swept the season series six times since then, but the last time UVa swept the season series was in the 1996-97 season.

The Cavaliers have won 23 of the last 27 games between the two teams at University Hall. UVa had its 13-game home winning streak over the Wolfpack snapped in the 2001-02 season (81-74 – Jan. 5). UVa also lost to the Wolfpack 79-63 (Feb. 7) last season in Charlottesville. State's previous two wins in Charlottesville during that stretch came in 1985 and 1988 by a combined margin of three points.

Virginia is 25-13 against the Wolfpack at University Hall and 31-22 in Charlottesville.

Virg	jinia's	PROBABLE St	arters							
No.	Pos.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	CI.	Ppg.	Rpg.	Apg.	Mpg	Notes
33	F	Devin Smith	6-5	242	Sr.	17.0	6.1	1.1	31.9	1,000th point vs. FSU; Career-high 40 pts vs. lowa St.
43	F/C	Elton Brown	6-9	255	Sr.	13.8	8.6	8.0	29.8	Scored 1,000th point vs. Arizona; 11 double-doubles
2	G	J.R. Reynolds	6-2 1/2	200	So.	10.3	2.6	1.8	32.5	Game-winning shot vs. Loy. Mary.; 21 pts. vs. GaTech
15	G	T.J. Bannister	5-10 1/2	170	So.	4.6	1.3	3.7	21.8	Three or more assists in 15 of last 16 games
44	G	Sean Singletary	6-0	180	Fr.	10.1	2.9	4.0	29.4	5-time ACC Rookie of the Week
Virg	inia's K	(ey Reserves								
23	G/F	Gary Forbes	6-6	210	So.	9.5	4.1	1.0	22.5	Career-high 23 points vs. UNC (2/16)
30	F	Adrian Joseph	6-7	200	Fr.	4.8	1.3	0.4	15.4	Played vs. Wake (2/27); missed 6 games with a leg injury
32	F	Jason Cain	6-10	205	So.	2.2	2.7	0.4	10.9	First career start vs. Clemson; 7 pts, 9 rebs vs. NCSU
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	С	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 NC State in the 2004-05 season.

Virginia	Category	NC State
73.9	Points	71.7
76.5	Points Allowed	71.1
-2.6	Scoring Margin	+0.6
43.4	Field Goal %	45.7
45.8	Field Goal % Defense	45.5
32.9	3 Point Field Goal %	40.6
39.1	. 3 Point Field Goal % Defense .	36.7
69.2	Free Throw %	72.0
35.9	Rebounds	29.5
-1.0	Rebound Margin	3.6
13.1		14.5
14.2	Turnovers	13.0
7.2	Steals	6.9
3.4	Blocked Shots	3.9

## **Senior Night**

Tonight's game against NC State marks the final regular season home game at University Hall for two Cavaliers – captains Elton Brown and Devin Smith.

## Cavaliers and Wolfpack Battle to the Wire

The history of the series between these two schools since the late 1970s has been one marked by many closely contested games. Since 1978, 40 of the 61 games have been decided by less than 10 points. UVa is 28-12 (.700) in those games.

Virginia's last 10 wins (going back 10 seasons) over the Wolfpack have been by a combined 45 points (4.5/g).

Since 1978, four games have been decided by one point, six by two points, seven by three points, three by four points and three by five points.

It's curious to note in the long history of the series going back to the first meeting 92 years ago that only three games have gone to overtime. Virginia has been victorious in all three overtime contests. UVa won the first overtime game 81-73 in 1977-78 and won 84-82 in double overtime in 1995-96. In the most recent overtime affair, the Cavaliers won 82-79 in 1998-99. During one stretch (1985-1988) nine consecutive games were decided by nine points or less.

In a bit of an aberration, 10 of the last 12 NC State wins in the series have been by double digits—67-54 in 1994, 74-55 in 1998, 82-72 in 1999, 76-65 in 2000, 90-80 in 2001, 85-68, 92-72 in 2002, 75-63 in 2003, and 86-69 and 79-63 last season. The exceptions were a 65-62 Wolfpack win on Jan. 12, 2000, and an 81-74 win on Jan. 5, 2002.

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	2004-2005 ACC Pre-Season Media Prediction					
	2007 20	Team	Points	1011011		
	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-A	ACC Sele	ections		
	First					
	Chris	Paul, Wake Forest		85		
	Julius	Hodge, N.C. State		85		
	Rasha	d McCants, North Carolina		70		
	Sean	May, North Carolina		34		
	J.J. Re	edick, Duke		33		
	2004-05	Media Pre-Season ACC	: Plaver	of Year		
		Paul, Wake Forest	, i ayo.	38		
		Hodge, N.C. State		35		
		nd McCants, North Carolina		8		
		May, North Carolina		3		
Justin Gray, Wake Forest 2						
	Jarrett	Jack, Georgia Tech		2		
	B.J. E	lder, Georgia Tech		1		
	J.J. Re	edick, Duke		1		
	2004-05	Media Pre-Season ACC	Rookie	of Year		
		Williams, North Carolina		60		
		Singletary, Virginia		7		
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## 2004-05 UVa ACC Player/Rookie of the Week

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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)
Feb. 14	Sean Singletary (Rookie)
Feb. 21	Sean Singletary (Rookie)

Eight other players received votes

DeMarcus Nelson, Duke

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: 391-218 (20th season) Record at Virginia: 117-90 (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

## 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.

## Field Goal Percentage is Key to Wins Over 'Pack

Virginia has had the upper hand in the series versus NC State over the last 16 years and one of the keys to the Cavaliers' success is field goal percentage defense. Since the 1989-90 season, Virginia has won 19 of 33 contests. In the 19 wins, UVa has held NC State below 45 percent field goal shooting 15 times and under 40 percent nine times. In the Wolfpack's 14 victories, they have shot 52.0 percent from the floor, including 61.0 percent (25-41) in the 2000 ACC Tournament (Mar. 10) and 60.4 percent (29-48) in the 2002 ACC Tournament (Mar. 8). The lowest NCSU has shot in a victory over the Cavaliers since 1989-90 was 46.9 percent (23-49) in a 75-63 win (Jan. 5) in Raleigh during the 2002-03 season.

The Wolfpack shot 44.7 percent from the field and averaged 69.1 points per game against Virginia over the last 16 seasons. In wins over UVa, NC State has shot 52.0 percent from the floor and averaged 79.9 points, compared to 39.9 percent shooting and 65.5 points per game in losses to Virginia.

In the last 11 meetings (eight NCSU wins), NC State shot 51.6 percent (289-560) from the field, including a trio of 60+ percent contests. Only four times in the last 11 games have

the Cavaliers held NC State under 50 percent shooting – 49.1 percent (28-57), 46.9 percent (23-49), 41.8 percent (23-55), and 40.0 percent (18-45).

A look at NC State's field goal shooting and points scored against Virginia since the 1989-90 season follows.

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Year	Site	FGM	FGA	Pct.	Pts.	Winner
1989-90	NCSU	33	62	53.2	84	NCSU
	UVa	26	69	37.7	71	UVa
1990-91	UVa	27	59	45.8	72	UVa
	NCSU	28	58	48.3	83	NCSU
1991-92	NCSU	24	66	36.4	69	UVa
	UVa	26	62	41.9	68	UVa
1992-93	NCSU	19	64	29.7	56	UVa
	UVa	28	62	45.2	66	UVa
1993-94	UVa	21	68	30.9	58	UVa
	NCSU	25	53	47.2	67	NCSU
1994-95	NCSU	24	65	36.9	65	UVa
	UVa	24	62	38.7	55	UVa
1995-96	UVa	25	77	32.5	69	UVa
	NCSU	26	61	42.6	82	UVa
1996-97	UVa	20	44	45.5	50	UVa
	NCSU	15	39	38.5	46	UVa
1997-98	UVa	17	49	34.7	56	UVa
	NCSU	25	50	50.0	74	NCSU
1998-99	NCSU	29	50	58.0	82	NCSU
	UVa	25	59	42.4	79	UVa
1999-00	NCSU	25	52	48.1	65	NCSU
	UVa	30	68	44.1	82	UVa
	ACC	25	41	61.0	76	NCSU
2000-01	UVa	30	49	61.2	81	UVa
	NCSU	30	53	56.6	90	NCSU
2001-02	UVa	28	57	49.1	81	NCSU
	NCSU	27	53	50.9	85	NCSU
	ACC	29	48	60.4	92	NCSU
2002-03	NCSU	23	49	46.9	75	NCSU
	UVa	23	55	41.8	58	UVa
2003-04	NCSU	30	59	50.8	86	NCSU
	UVa	26	51	51.0	79	NCSU
2004-05	NCSU	18	45	40.0	62	UVa
<b>UVa Wins</b>			(19)	39.9	65.5	
UVa Losse	es since 1	989-90	(14)	52.0	79.9	
Overall sin	(33)	44.7	69.1			

## Earlier This Season vs. NC State

Sean Singletary followed up his own missed shot and scored the game-winning basket with 2.2 seconds remaining to lift Virginia to a 64-62 win over NC State (Feb. 5) at the RBC Center in Raleigh, N.C. The win snapped UVa's three-game losing streak as well as a seven game slide in Raleigh (and five straight losses at the RBC Center).

Devin Smith and T.J. Bannister led UVa with 14 points apiece. Smith added eight rebounds, while Bannister handed out six assists. Singletary and Gary Forbes both scored 11 points, while Jason Cain tallied seven points and a careerhigh nine rebounds.

The Cavaliers let a 14-point lead slip away and fell behind by as many as three points on four occasions late in the game. Virginia led 39-25 with 18:25 to play, but the Wolfpack used a 23-6 run to take a 48-45 lead with 9:30 remaining in the game. Bannister ended the spurt with two free throws with 9:17 to play. After two NC State free throws, Forbes nailed a three to knot the game at 50-50 with 8:34 left. Two more State free throws at the 4:21 mark were answered

by a pair of foul shots by Smith to bring the Cavaliers within one, 57-56, with 3:31 to go. The Wolfpack used two more free throws to take a 59-56 lead, but again Virginia's clutch free throw shooting brought it within one, 59-58, as Cain drained a pair of tosses from the charity stripe at the 2:41 mark.

Cain's dunk with 2:18 left put UVa on top, 60-59. A Julius Hodge layup with 1:42 to go put NCSU in front 61-60, but Singletary answered with a jumper with 1:16 to go. The Wolfpack's Cedric Simmons tied the game at 62-62 when he made one of two free throws with 16 seconds left. Singletary then scored the game-winning basket on a put-back of his own missed shot with 2.2 ticks left.

After falling behind 9-2 to start the game, UVa used a 12-2 run to take a 14-11 lead with 10:49 left before intermission and led for the rest of the half. Smith's three-pointer at the halftime buzzer gave the Cavaliers a 34-23 edge.

UVa shot 46.5 percent (20-43) from the field in the game, including 60.9 percent (14-23) in the first half. The Cavaliers held NC State to 40.0 percent (18-45) shooting from the field in the game. Virginia made 20-24 (83.3 percent) of its free throws and held a 33-22 edge in rebounds.

Tony Bethel led NC State with 20 points, while Simmons had 16 points. UVa held Hodge to six points, snapping his double figure scoring steak at 36 games.

#### **Four ACC Wins**

After dropping seven of their first eight ACC games, the Cavaliers won three consecutive conference tilts before falling at fourth-ranked North Carolina 85-61 (Feb. 16), to #22 Maryland 92-89 in double overtime (Feb. 19) in Charlottesville, and at sixth-ranked Wake Forest 90-68 (Feb. 27). UVa is currently 4-10 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) 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/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

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## **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:

Team (Date)	W/L	Score	Site
Northwestern (Dec. 1)	W	48-44	Evanston, III.
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 391-218 record for a .642 winning percentage. Gillen is in his seventh season at Virginia and has posted a 117-90 record (.565 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 25 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 24 of UVa's 25 contests this season.

## Virginia Drops 90-68 Decision to Wake Forest

Sixth-ranked Wake Forest shot 61.0 percent from the field while registering a 90-68 victory over Virginia (Feb. 27) in Winston-Salem, N.C. UVa made two second half runs to make it a two possession game, but both times the Demon Deacons answered with a run of their own.

Wake Forest made 36-59 field goal attempts for 61.0 percent, including 18-25 for 72.0 percent in the second half. Virginia shot 40.4 percent (21-52) from the field in the game.

The Demon Deacons took a 44-31 halftime lead, but UVa opened the second half with a 10-2 run to pull within five points, 46-41, on a T.J. Bannister three-pointer with 18:03 to play. Wake scored the next six points to open up a 52-41 lead. The Cavaliers went on a mini 6-1 run, capped off by another three-pointer from Bannister, to come within six, 53-47, with 14:15 to go. The Demon Deacons scored the next six points and UVa was able to cut the deficit to single digits only once thereafter.

Devin Smith led all players with 22 points, including 16 in the first half. He also had four steals and two blocked shots. Bannister and J.R. Reynolds both scored 15 points with Bannister equalling his career high in scoring while also handing out six assists.

In addition to holding a field goal shooting advantage, Wake Forest won the battle of the boards 38-23.

Justin Gray led the Demon Deacons with 20 points. Eric Williams and Chris Paul both tallied 17 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 1,329 points, placing him 20th in career points at UVa. Mel Kennedy (1985-88) holds the 19th spot with 1,415 career points.

With 1,329 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 1,076 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 ties for the fourth 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.

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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	lowa 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.

Team	Points
Oklahoma	46
UCLA	45
Oklahoma	43
Boston College	42
Missouri	42
Colorado	42
Virginia	40
	Oklahoma UCLA Oklahoma Boston College Missouri Colorado

## 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 his seven games prior to Wake Forest, 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.

## **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 first time in the last four 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 careerhigh with 21 points in a 92-69 loss at Georgia Tech (Jan 8).

On the season, Reynolds is averaging 10.3 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 10.1 points and 4.0 assists per game. He has reached double digits in scoring in 10 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 15.3 points per game in his last four contests. He is also averaging 6.0 rebounds per game and has made 23-38 attempts from the field for 60.5 percent accuracy during the same span.

## **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 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 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 five 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), and 40.4 percent (21-52) against Wake Forest (Feb. 27).

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 lowa 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 15 of his last 16 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 15-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' first 25 games this season and is tied for second in the ACC in that category through games played February 27. 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 10 points, 12 rebounds Western Kentucky (Jan. 5) Miami (Jan. 12) 20 points, 10 rebounds Maryland (Jan. 19) 18 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 13.8 points and 8.6 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 20 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 150 career threepoint field goals for the Cavaliers and stands in sixth place alltime 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
6.	Devin Smith (2003-pres.)	150
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 22 games he has played this season, is averaging 17.0 points per game overall (fifth in the ACC) and 16.1 points per game in conference play (ninth in the ACC). He is shooting 46.7 percent (133-285) from the field, including 36.1 percent (52-144) from three-point range. Smith is also averaging 6.1 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 lowa 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 shoot-

ing 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 31.6 percent (49-155) from three-point range. At home, UVa shoots 45.1 percent (395-875) overall and 31.8 percent (92-289) from three-point land.

In its 13 wins, Virginia is shooting 46.8 percent (356-760), while in 12 losses, the Cavaliers are shooting only 39.9 percent (298-747).

On the season, UVa is shooting 43.4 percent (654-1,507) from the floor and 41.2 percent (345-838) in ACC play.

#### Outblocked

Part of the Cavaliers' shooting woes stem from the fact that they have had 120 shots blocked in 25 games this season (4.8 per game). In 14 ACC games, UVa has had 78 shots blocked for an average of 5.6 per game. Virginia has blocked 47 shots in 14 conference games.

Over the last 14 games, Virginia has had 85 of its shots blocked for an average of 6.1 per game. The 85 blocked shots represent 10.1 percent of the Cavaliers' field goal attempts (842 attempts) over the last 14 contests. UVa has only blocked 45 of its opponents' shots over the last 14 games. That represents 5.5 percent of opponents' shots (820 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 lowa 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 Tunii 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 NACAAII-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) 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 lowa 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 BASKET-BALL 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.