

VIRGINIA

Basketball

2004-05

Media Notes

#24/#25 Virginia (4-0)

vs.

Northwestern (1-3)

ACC/Big Ten Challenge

December 1, 2004 • 9:30 p.m. ET

Welsh-Ryan Arena (8,117)

Evanston, Ill.



2004-05 SCHEDULE

4-0 Overall / 0-0 ACC

Home: 4-0

Away: 0-0

Neutral: 0-0

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	9:30 p.m.
Dec. 3	vs. Auburn % (FSN) SOUTH	7:00 p.m.
Dec. 6	at Iowa State	7:00 p.m.
Dec. 8	FURMAN	7:00 p.m.
Dec. 23	LOYOLA MARYMOUNT	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 2	#1 WAKE FOREST	5:30 p.m.
Jan. 5	WESTERN KENTUCKY	9:00 p.m.
Jan. 8	at #4 Georgia Tech	8:00 p.m.
Jan. 12	MIAMI	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 16	at #10 Duke	8:00 p.m.
Jan. 19	at #12 Maryland	9:00 p.m.
Jan. 22	CLEMSON	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 27	at Virginia Tech	8:00 p.m.
Jan. 29	#9 NORTHCAROLINA	Noon
Feb. 2	at Providence	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 5	at #16 N.C. State	8:00 p.m.
Feb. 9	FLORIDA STATE	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 12	VIRGINIA TECH	Noon
Feb. 16	at #9 North Carolina	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 19	#12 MARYLAND	3:30 p.m.
Feb. 27	at #1 Wake Forest	2:00 p.m.
Mar. 2	#16 N.C. STATE	RSN 9:00 p.m.
Mar. 6	at Florida State	2:00 p.m.
Mar. 10-13	ACC Tournament ^	TBD

% - Siegel Center, Richmond, Va.

^ - MCI Center, Washington, D.C.

All Times Eastern

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

TELEVISION

ESPN2 will televise tonight's game. Bob Carpenter will handle the play-by-play. Tim McCormick 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 4-0 record, marking the fourth time in the last five seasons UVA has won its first four contests. The Cavaliers, ranked 24th in The Associated Press and 25th in the ESPN/USAToday Top 25 polls, are coming off an 85-58 victory over in-state rival Richmond on Sunday (November 28) at University Hall. Northwestern stands at 1-3 in 2004-05 and is coming off a 66-57 loss at Colorado on Sunday (November 28). Tonight's game is Northwestern's home opener. The Wildcats finished the 2003-04 season with a 14-15 overall record and an 8-8 mark in the Big Ten.

The ACC/Big Ten Challenge

Tonight's game against Northwestern is part of the sixth annual ACC/Big Ten Challenge, a three-day series matching two of the nation's top basketball conferences. Over the past six years, the ACC and Big Ten have dominated the Final Four with the two leagues providing 13 of the 24 Final Four teams during that span.

The Cavaliers are 2-2 in ACC/Big Ten Challenge matchups. Last season, UVA defeated Minnesota 86-78 (Dec. 3) at University Hall. In the 2002-03 season, Virginia fell at Michigan State 82-75 (Dec. 4). In 2001, Virginia's matchup against Michigan State (Nov. 28) in Richmond, Va., was halted with UVA leading 31-28 with 15:04 remaining in the second half due to slippery floor conditions (unseasonably warm temperature (70 degrees) combined with the ice surface under the playing court to produce condensation on the court). Virginia won its 2000 ACC/Big Ten Challenge game 98-79 over Purdue (Nov. 29) at University Hall. In the initial ACC/Big Ten meeting in 1999, Virginia fell to Minnesota 74-62 (Nov. 30) in Minneapolis.

The ACC has won the first five ACC/Big Ten Challenges. Last season, the ACC won the Challenge 7-2. The ACC won by 5-4 margins in 1999, 2000 and 2002, and 5-3 in 2001. The ACC is 27-17 in the Challenge vs. the Big Ten.

Previous ACC Challenge

Virginia was the only ACC school to win all three games in the ACC/Big East Challenge, held during the 1989-90 through 1991-92 seasons. In the ACC/Big East Challenge, UVA defeated Villanova (73-65 in 1989-90), Pittsburgh (84-80 in 1990-91) and Georgetown (76-66 in overtime in 1991-92).

The Series vs. Northwestern

Tonight's game is the first-ever meeting between Northwestern and Virginia in the sport of men's basketball.

Virginia's PROBABLE Starters

No.	Pos.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Ppg.	Rpg.	App.	Mpg	Notes
33	F	Devin Smith	6-5	242	Sr.	15.5	6.5	0.8	28.5	Scored a season-high 26 points vs. Richmond
34	F	Jason Clark	6-8	240	Sr.	7.3	5.8	0.5	25.5	99 career blocked shots; 61.4% (143-233) career shooter
43	F/C	Elton Brown	6-9	255	Sr.	16.0	10.3	1.8	31.0	Scored 1,000th point vs. Arizona; 3 double-doubles
2	G	J.R. Reynolds	6-2 1/2	200	So.	11.5	3.5	2.5	31.8	Career high – 7 rebs. vs. App. St., 6 asts. vs. Richmond
44	G	Sean Singletary	6-0	180	Fr.	10.0	2.8	5.3	25.8	Named ACC Rookie of the Week on Nov. 22

Virginia's Key Reserves

15	G	T.J. Bannister	5-10 1/2	170	So.	5.0	1.5	1.8	15.3	Career-high 4 steals vs. Arizona; 13-14 from FT line
23	G/F	Gary Forbes	6-6	210	So.	9.8	4.3	2.0	20.5	UVa's leader off the bench - 20.5 min. and 9.8 pts.
30	F	Adrian Joseph	6-7	200	Fr.	4.3	0.3	0.5	11.3	Scored 8 pts. in collegiate debut vs. Robert Morris
55	F/C	Donte Minter	6-8	245	So.	1.8	0.3	0.0	4.3	Limited in preseason by knee injury

Virginia vs. the Big Ten

Virginia is 14-15 all-time against the 11 current Big Ten schools. UVa is 1-0 vs. Purdue, 5-2 vs. Penn State, 4-1 vs. Minnesota, 1-1 vs. Wisconsin, 1-2 vs. Indiana and Michigan, 1-3 vs. Ohio State, 0-1 vs. Iowa and 0-3 vs. Michigan State. The Cavaliers have never faced Illinois and Northwestern (prior to this evening). In its last game against a Big Ten school, Virginia defeated Minnesota 86-78 (Dec. 3) at University Hall in last season's ACC/Big Ten Challenge.

Tale of the Tape

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

Virginia	Category	Northwestern
82.0	Points	57.8
58.2	Points Allowed	61.8
+23.8	Scoring Margin	-4.0
49.0	Field Goal %	41.3
37.4	Field Goal % Defense	46.5
31.6	3 Point Field Goal %	26.5
27.8	3 Point Field Goal % Defense	32.7
71.9	Free Throw %	60.0
39.8	Rebounds	26.8
+6.6	Rebound Margin	-8.7
15.0	Assists	12.5
15.3	Turnovers	10.8
10.0	Steals	4.3
2.5	Blocked Shots	2.8

Ranked Cavaliers

Virginia earned its first national ranking in nearly two years in this week's *Associated Press* Top 25 Poll. The Cavaliers are ranked 24th in the AP Poll released Monday (November 29) with 235 points. Virginia is also ranked 25th in the ESPN/USA Today Poll. The last time UVa was ranked was in the 2002-03 season when it was 22nd in the AP Poll released December 2, 2002.

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

Cavaliers Down Top Ten Foe

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

2004-2005 ACC Pre-Season Media Prediction

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

2004-05 Media Pre-Season All-ACC Selections

First Team

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

2004-05 Media Pre-Season ACC Player of Year

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

2004-05 Media Pre-Season ACC Rookie of Year

Marvin Williams, North Carolina	60
Sean Singletary, Virginia	7
DeMarcus Nelson, Duke	5
Eight other players received votes	

Singletary ACC Rookie of the Week

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

Virginia Quick Facts

Location: Charlottesville, Va.
Founded: 1819 by Thomas Jefferson
Enrollment: 20,018 (13,140 undergraduates)
President: John T. Casteen III
Athletics Director: Craig Littlepage
Faculty Athletic Rep.: Carolyn M. Callahan
Conference: Atlantic Coast Conference
Arena: University Hall (8,392)
Colors: Orange and Blue
Nicknames: Cavaliers, Wahoos, 'Hoos
Mascot: Cavalier

Basketball Information

Head Coach: Pete Gillen (Fairfield '68)
Career Record: 382-206 (20th season)
Record at Virginia: 108-78 (7th season)
Assistant Coaches: Walt Fuller (Drexel '87) – 7th season, Alexis Sherard (Saint Michael's '93) – 6th season, John Fitzpatrick (Bowling Green '80) – 1st season
Director of Basketball Operations: Mark Byington (UNC-Wilmington '98) – 1st season
2003-04 Record: 18-13 (NIT Second Round)
2003-04 ACC Record: 6-10 (7th-tie)
Starters Returning/Lost: 4/1
Lettermen Returning/Lost: 10/7

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.

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.

Solid Defense

The Cavaliers have held their first four opponents to 60 or fewer points – Robert Morris (55), Arizona (60), Appalachian State (60), Richmond (58).

The last time UVa limited its first four opponents to 60 or less points was back in the 1979-80 season (the first season of the Ralph Sampson era) – Johns Hopkins (58), Georgia Tech (37), Randolph-Macon (55), Temple (52).

If UVa can limit Northwestern to 60 or fewer points, it would be the first time since the 1948-49 season that UVa has held its first five opponents to 60 or less points. In 1948-49, the Cavaliers held their first nine opponents to 60 or fewer points. The Wildcats enter tonight's game averaging 57.8 points per game.

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

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 Rolls to 85-58 Victory over Richmond

The Cavaliers broke open a close game with a 20-4 run over the final 6:19 of the first half and went on to an 85-58 win over in-state rival Richmond Sunday (November 28) at University Hall.

Devin Smith led the Cavaliers with a season-high 26 points on 8-13 shooting from the field (5-10 from three-point range) and a 5-6 effort from the free throw line. Elton Brown registered his third double-double of the season with 12 points and 10 rebounds. Sean Singletary added 11 points, while Gary Forbes came off the bench to tally 10 points. J.R. Reynolds scored all nine of his points in the first half and also dished out a career-high six assists.

Virginia led 24-16 midway through the first half, but Richmond used a 9-3 spurt to close within two, 27-25, with 6:55 remaining in the opening half. The Cavaliers responded with a 20-4 run to close the first half with a 47-29 advantage. UVa extended its lead to 64-34 with a 17-5 run to open the second stanza.

The Cavaliers made a season-high 11 three-point field goals in the game and shot 47.3 percent (26-55) from the floor. Richmond connected on 40.8 percent (20-49) attempts from the floor. UVa held a 35-32 edge in rebounds and forced 22 turnovers while committing 15.

Kevin Steenberge led the Spiders with 14 points, while Daon Merritt had 10 points and five assists.

Head Coach Pete Gillen

Pete Gillen is in his 20th season as a collegiate head coach and sports a 382-206 record for a .650 winning percentage. Gillen is in his seventh season at Virginia and has posted a 108-78 record (.581 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).

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 1,049 career points, placing him 36th in career points at UVa. Gene Engel (1961-63) is 35th with 1,071 career points.

Clark Ranked Sixth on Blocked Shots List

Jason Clark is currently sixth on Virginia's career blocked shots list with a career total of 99. Ralph Sampson (1980-83) tops the UVa list with 462 career blocked shots and Chris Alexander (1993-96) is second with 148.

Starting Strong

For the fourth time in the last five years, Virginia has started its season with four consecutive victories.

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

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

Double-Doubles

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

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

Robert Morris (Nov. 19)	13 points, 12 rebounds
Appalachian State (Nov. 24)	24 points, 12 rebounds
Richmond (Nov. 28)	12 points, 10 rebounds

Brown now has seven career double-doubles. He is averaging team highs of 16.0 points and 10.3 rebounds per game.

Smith 11th in Three-Point Field Goals

Senior forward Devin Smith has made 109 career three-point field goals for the Cavaliers and stands in 11th place all-time at Virginia. Smith needs six three-pointers to move into 10th place in front of Bryant Stith (1989-92), who made 114 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. Bryant Stith (1989-92)	114
11. Devin Smith (2003-pres.)	109
12. Keith Friel (2000-01)	107

Smith Off to a Good Start

After being plagued by a back injury last season, a healthy Devin Smith is off to a great start in his senior season. Smith, who has led UVa in scoring in three of the first four games this season, is averaging 15.5 points per game while shooting 53.7 percent (22-41) from the field, including 42.3 percent (11-26) from three-point range. He is also averaging 6.5 rebounds per game.

Smith scored a season-high 26 points while making 8-13 field goal attempts (5-10 three-pointers) against Richmond (Nov. 28). He was also 5-6 from the free throw line.

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.

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 ranks eighth on Virginia's career blocked shots list with 95. Clark is shooting 61.1 percent (129-211) from the field for his Virginia career.

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

Sixteen Games Against Tournament Teams

Of Virginia's 27 regular-season games before the 2005 ACC Tournament, 16 are against 11 teams that participated in either the 2004 NCAA Tournament or the National Invitation Tournament (NIT). The Cavaliers meet league foes and NCAA Tournament participants Duke and Georgia Tech once, and Maryland, North Carolina, N.C. State and Wake Forest twice, while also matching up twice against NIT participant Florida State. In addition to those games, Virginia plays 2004 NCAA participants Arizona (won, 78-60), Providence and Richmond (won, 85-58) while also facing 2004 NIT participant Iowa State.

John Paul Jones Arena On Its Way

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

Virginia Signs Three to Letters of Intent

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

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

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

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

2004-2005 VIRGINIA MEN'S BASKETBALL ADDITIONAL PLAYER BIOS

MIKE FORKIN

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

WORTH NOTING: Joined the team after tryouts in October.

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

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

TRYSHAN RAVENELL

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

WORTH NOTING: Joined the team after tryouts in October.

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

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