

# VIRGINIA

## Basketball

### 2004-05

#### Media Notes

Virginia (10-6, 1-5 ACC)

vs.

Virginia Tech (10-6, 3-2 ACC)

January 27, 2005 • 8:00 p.m.

Cassell Coliseum (10,052)

Blacksburg, Va.



## 2004-05 SCHEDULE

10-6 Overall / 1-5 ACC

Home: 8-2

Away: 1-4

Neutral: 1-0

### TELEVISION

Raycom/Jefferson Pilot will televise tonight's game. Tim Brando 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/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 10-6 overall record and a 1-5 mark in the Atlantic Coast Conference. The Cavaliers are coming off an 81-79 win over Clemson (Jan. 22) at University Hall that snapped a four-game losing streak.

Virginia Tech stands at 10-6 overall and 3-2 in the ACC. The Hokies are coming off a 70-69 win (Jan. 22) over 12th-ranked Georgia Tech in Atlanta, Ga. Virginia Tech has won its last four games.

### The Series vs. Virginia Tech

Virginia leads the series with Virginia Tech 73-45. Last season, UVa recorded an 80-65 win (Nov. 28) in Charlottesville. Virginia Tech snapped the Cavaliers' six-game winning streak in the series with a 73-55 victory (Jan. 21) in Blacksburg in the 2002-03 season.

On December 1, 2001, Virginia defeated the Hokies 69-61 in Charlottesville for its sixth consecutive victory in the series. In the 2000-01 season, the Cavaliers defeated Virginia Tech 64-48 (Nov. 24) in Blacksburg. Tech's 48 points are the fewest scored in the series by either team since the second meeting of the 1947-48 season when UVa was held to 43 points (Tech won 57-43 in Blacksburg). It was also the fewest points the Hokies scored in a game in the series since scoring 29 points versus UVa in the 1945-46 season (UVa won 57-29 in Charlottesville). Virginia has won 13 of the last 16 meetings and 24 of the last 30.

This is only the fifth time since the 1975-76 season the game will not be played on a neutral floor. Over the past 29 years (34 games), the series has been held at the Richmond Coliseum (14 times), Roanoke Civic Center (13 times), Cassell Coliseum (three times, including tonight), The Norfolk Scope (once), the Hampton Coliseum (once), and University Hall (twice).

The Cavaliers are 14-23 all-time in games played in Blacksburg. UVa's 64-48 victory (Nov. 24) in the 2000-01 season snapped Virginia's 13-game losing streak in Blacksburg. UVa's last win in Blacksburg prior to the 64-48 victory was a 95-73 triumph in the 1953-54 season.

This is the 71st consecutive season the Cavaliers and Hokies have met (every season since 1934-35). They have played 98 games in that span. Virginia's next oldest opponent in terms of consecutive seasons played is Maryland (58 straight seasons).

The Cavaliers' 73 wins against Virginia Tech make the Hokies Virginia's second-most defeated opponent in school history. UVa has defeated VMI a record 100 times.

This is the 119th meeting in the series, the fifth-most played series in school history. North Carolina is Virginia's most frequent opponent with the two teams having met 163 times.

|         |                           |           |
|---------|---------------------------|-----------|
| 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  |

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|---------|--------------------------|-------------|
| 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 |

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|---------|--------------------|--------------|
| 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        | L, 68-82     |
| Jan. 22 | CLEMSON            | W, 81-79     |
| Jan. 27 | at Virginia Tech   | 8:00 p.m.    |
| Jan. 29 | #3 NORTH CAROLINA  | Noon         |

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|---------|----------------------|-----------|
| 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 #3 North Carolina | 7:00 p.m. |
| Feb. 19 | # MARYLAND           | 3:30 p.m. |
| Feb. 27 | at #5 Wake Forest    | 2:00 p.m. |

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|------------|------------------|---------------|
| 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.

## Virginia's PROBABLE Starters

| No. | Pos. | Name            | Ht.     | Wt. | Cl. | Ppg. | Rpg. | App. | Mpg  | Notes  |
|-----|------|-----------------|---------|-----|-----|------|------|------|------|--|
| 32  | F    | Jason Cain      | 6-10    | 205 | So. | 2.1  | 1.7  | 0.2  | 6.7  | Made first career start vs. Clemson                      |
| 33  | F    | Devin Smith     | 6-5     | 242 | Sr. | 17.3 | 6.8  | 1.0  | 29.8 | Career-high 40 pts vs. Iowa St.; 17 pts, 10 rebs vs. Md. |
| 43  | F/C  | Elton Brown     | 6-9     | 255 | Sr. | 15.3 | 9.4  | 1.0  | 32.5 | Scored 1,000th point vs. Arizona; 9 double-doubles       |
| 2   | G    | J.R. Reynolds   | 6-2 1/2 | 200 | So. | 11.1 | 3.0  | 2.0  | 32.3 | Game-winning shot vs. Loy. Mary.; 21 pts. vs. GaTech     |
| 44  | G    | Sean Singletary | 6-0     | 180 | Fr. | 10.1 | 2.9  | 4.0  | 28.8 | Three-time ACC Rookie of the Week                        |

## Virginia's Key Reserves

|    |     |                |          |     |     |     |     |     |      |  |
|----|-----|----------------|----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|--|
| 23 | G/F | Gary Forbes    | 6-6      | 210 | So. | 8.8 | 4.2 | 1.2 | 21.9 | Season-high 21 points vs. Furman                         |
| 30 | F   | Adrian Joseph  | 6-7      | 200 | Fr. | 5.0 | 1.1 | 0.4 | 15.3 | Scored career-high 19 pts. vs. Wake in first start       |
| 15 | G   | T.J. Bannister | 5-10 1/2 | 170 | So. | 3.6 | 1.3 | 3.3 | 18.1 | Made game-winning shot vs. Western Kentucky              |
| 55 | F/C | Donte Minter   | 6-8      | 245 | So. | 1.6 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 4.8  | Limited by preseason knee injury; playing w/ hand injury |
| 21 | C   | Tunji Soroye   | 6-11     | 210 | Fr. | 0.2 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 3.3  | Played in 11 games                                       |

## Tale of the Tape

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

| Virginia | Category                     | Virginia Tech |
|----------|------------------------------|---------------|
| 76.0     | Points                       | 70.4          |
| 73.8     | Points Allowed               | 65.4          |
| +2.2     | Scoring Margin               | +5.0          |
| 44.0     | Field Goal %                 | 43.7          |
| 43.7     | Field Goal % Defense         | 43.9          |
| 32.6     | 3 Point Field Goal %         | 33.8          |
| 36.8     | 3 Point Field Goal % Defense | 34.9          |
| 70.5     | Free Throw %                 | 66.0          |
| 38.1     | Rebounds                     | 32.4          |
| +0.9     | Rebound Margin               | -4.8          |
| 13.1     | Assists                      | 14.1          |
| 14.1     | Turnovers                    | 13.3          |
| 7.6      | Steals                       | 10.7          |
| 3.4      | Blocked Shots                | 4.8           |

## 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.

## Conference Opponent

Tonight's game is the first time Virginia and Virginia Tech are meeting as conference opponents in 68 years.

The last time the two teams played as conference opponents was back in the 1936-37 season when both schools were members of the Southern Conference. The Cavaliers left the Southern Conference after the 1936-37 season.

The two teams met twice on neutral courts in 1936-37. The Hokies won 29-28 (Feb. 11) in Lynchburg, while UVa won 40-22 (Feb. 19) in Roanoke.

## First ACC Win

After falling short in its first five ACC games, Virginia 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.

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## 2004-2005 ACC Pre-Season Media Prediction

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

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

### First Team

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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:** 388-212 (20th season)  
**Record at Virginia:** 114-84 (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

## 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, 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 72 over the years. Georgia Tech is second with 68 all-time ACC Rookie of the Week selections.

## Ranked Cavaliers

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

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

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

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

ARV – Also Receiving Votes

## Cavaliers Down Top Ten Foe

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

## Don't Be Surprised By the Unusual Tonight

Virginia and Virginia Tech have met in some peculiar games and wild finishes through the years.

Last season, Virginia Tech scored the first seven points of the game and led for much of the first half. Todd Billet's three-pointer with 1:41 to go in the first stanza gave UVA the lead for good, 31-30. Virginia led by double digits the final 14 minutes of the game and won 80-65. UVA shot 58.3 percent (7-12) from three-point range, but only 46.4 percent (13-28) overall in the first half. The Cavaliers shot 49.2 percent in the game (30-61). Virginia Tech was an identical 13-36 (36.1 percent) from the field in both the first and second halves. The Hokies held a 44-39 edge in rebounds and committed only 10 turnovers while forcing 12 UVA miscues.

In 2002-03, the Cavaliers led by one point (30-29) at half-time, but were outscored 44-25 in the second half, including a 13-0 run to close the contest, in a 73-55 loss at Cassell Coliseum. UVA outshot Virginia Tech 42.9 to 40.3 percent and held a 39-37 edge in rebounds. The difference in the game was at the foul line as Virginia was a woeful 1-6 (16.7 percent), while the Hokies were 17-26 (65.4 percent), and in turnovers as UVA committed 23 while forcing only 11.

In the 2001-2002 meeting, Virginia Tech built a 19-point first half lead and led by 16 (43-27) at the intermission. The Cavaliers outscored Virginia Tech 42-18 in the second half for a 69-61 victory (Dec. 1) at University Hall.

The Cavaliers opened the second half with a 25-8 run to take their first lead of the game, 52-51, with 8:34 left on a running jumper by guard Keith Jennifer. UVA grabbed the lead for good, 60-59, on a jumper by guard Roger Mason, Jr., with 2:13 to play.

In the 2000-01 season, UVA posted a 64-48 win over Virginia Tech (Nov. 24) at Cassell Coliseum, its largest margin of victory in the series since an 86-61 triumph in the 1990-91 season. Tech's 48 points are the fewest scored in the series by either team since the second meeting of the 1947-48 season when UVA was held to 43 points (Tech won 57-43 in Blacksburg). It was also the fewest points the Hokies scored in a game in the series since scoring 29 points versus UVA in the 1945-46 season (UVA won 57-29 in Charlottesville).

It also marked the first time since the 1975-76 season the game was not played on a neutral floor.

In 1999-00, the Cavaliers won 71-66 in overtime (Jan. 24) at the Richmond Coliseum, the fourth time a game in the series has been decided in an extra session. All four overtime games have come since the 1975-76 season, including three since 1988-89.

In the 1999-00 game, UVA built a 12-point lead midway through the second half, only to see Virginia Tech use a 13-0 run to take a 54-53 lead with just over five minutes to play. UVA briefly regained the lead only to see the Hokies go on a 6-0 run to take a 60-56 edge. The Cavaliers scored the final four points of regulation to force overtime, before prevailing in the extra session.

The 1998-99 matchup in Richmond wasn't as close as some games in previous years, but it was unique. UVa won by nine points, 64-55, but the game could have been extremely close had the Hokies been able to capitalize on some Virginia miscues. Virginia committed 23 turnovers in the game (Virginia Tech had 11), but the Cavaliers overcame that by shooting 53.5 percent (23-43) from the field. On the other hand, the Hokies shot 27.5 percent (19-69) from the floor, the lowest percentage by a UVa opponent that season. The Hokies managed 22 offensive rebounds, but only 11 second chance points. Despite giving up 22 offensive rebounds, UVa managed to grab 29 missed Virginia Tech shots.

The Cavaliers won 58-57 in the 1996-97 season in Richmond in a game that hinged on the last shot. The Hokies had two opportunities to win in the last 10 seconds, but weren't able to connect. Brendan Dunlop missed a runner in the lane, but got the rebound and called timeout following a mad scramble with five seconds left. With time running down, Tech's Jim Jackson drove into the lane and lost control of the ball. Norman Nolan grabbed the ball as Virginia held on to win.

Virginia's 63-62 victory in 1995 in Richmond was a tight contest throughout. Harold Deane's running jumper in the lane with 17.2 seconds remaining proved to be the winning basket for UVa. The Hokies' Shawn Smith had a chance to win it for Tech in the final seconds, but his jumper rimmed out and Tech could not control the rebound as time expired.

Jason Williford was Virginia's hero in that game. Playing in his final college game in his hometown, he brought the Cavaliers back from a seven-point deficit in the game's final 2:34. He scored eight of Virginia's last 10 points in the final two minutes to rally the Cavaliers. He made a steal in the backcourt, converted it into a layup, drew a foul and hit the ensuing free throw with 53.8 seconds left to put UVa ahead for just the second time in the second half at 61-60. Tech's Ace Custis made two free throws with 34.3 seconds left to set the stage for Deane's game-winning basket.

Virginia shot over 50 percent from the field only once during the 1993-94 season, but it came in a 70-61 win over the Hokies in Roanoke. The Cavaliers shot 51.1 percent in defeating the Hokies.

The 1989 meeting played at the Richmond Coliseum is the second-highest scoring game in UVa history. The Cavaliers needed overtime, but posted a 113-106 win.

Virginia built a 16-point lead early in the second half of the 1993 game in Richmond, but scored only 12 points in the final 16 minutes and dropped a 59-53 decision to the Hokies. The Cavaliers made five field goals in the second half, including three in the final 18 minutes.

Virginia posted a 61-57 double overtime win at the Roanoke Civic Center in 1992. The Cavaliers shot 33.3 percent from the field for the game and managed to pull out the win. That was the lowest UVa had shot and won since January 12, 1977. On that day, the Cavaliers shot 28.9 percent (13-45) in a 55-50 win over Virginia Tech.

### **Virginia vs. In-State Teams**

This is the Cavaliers' second of three games this season against in-state opponents. UVa defeated Richmond 85-58 on November 28 at University Hall. In the last 28 seasons (since 1977-78), UVa is 111-15 (.881) against in-state opponents and has won its last 11 in-state home games.

UVa won all four games against in-state opponents last

season. The Cavaliers defeated Virginia Tech 80-65 (Nov. 28), VMI 78-56 (Dec. 5), James Madison 90-80 (Dec. 16), and William & Mary 84-71 (Jan. 5) in 2003-04.

Virginia had its 15-game in-state winning streak snapped with a 73-55 loss at Virginia Tech (Jan. 21) in the 2002-03 season. Virginia also posted a 77-58 victory over Liberty (Dec. 30) in 2002-03. Prior to losing to the Hokies during the 2002-03 season, UVa's most recent in-state loss was a 69-64 setback to Liberty (Jan. 7) in U-Hall in the 1997-98 season.

In 2001-02, Virginia registered home victories against Virginia Tech (69-61 – Dec. 1) and VMI (93-59 – Jan. 24).

In the 2000-01 season, the Cavaliers won both of their contests against in-state opponents. UVa defeated Virginia Tech 64-48 (Nov. 24) in Blacksburg and VMI 89-70 (Dec. 4) in Lexington.

In 1999-00, Virginia was 4-0 against in-state opponents with the four victories coming against VMI 98-57 (Nov. 21) at University Hall, Hampton 102-56 (Dec. 10) at the Hampton Convocation Center, Richmond 69-65 (Dec. 21) at the Robins Center, and Virginia Tech 71-66 in overtime (Jan. 24) at the Richmond Coliseum.

In 1998-99, the Cavaliers' were 5-0 against in-state opponents defeating Hampton, Liberty, Virginia Commonwealth, VMI and Virginia Tech. In the 1997-98 season, the Cavaliers were 5-2 against in-state foes. The two losses were the most against state teams since the 1987-88 season when UVa was 1-3 vs. state teams.

Pete Gillen is 20-3 against Virginia schools as a collegiate head coach. He is 5-0 vs. VMI, 2-0 vs. Hampton, Liberty and Richmond, 1-0 vs. James Madison and William & Mary, 6-2 vs. Virginia Tech, and 1-1 vs. VCU.

Gillen's Xavier team defeated Virginia Tech 85-52 in 1993-94, while his 1994-95 Providence team lost to the Hokies 91-78 in the NIT. In the 1993-94 season, Gillen's Xavier team lost to VCU 79-76.

### **Among the NCAA Leaders**

Through games played January 24, Elton Brown is tied for 18th among all Division I players with 9.4 rebounds per game. He has pulled down 151 rebounds in 16 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 recorded his second career double-double with 17 points and 10 rebounds against Maryland (Jan. 19) in his first start since injuring his ankle. He was 8-13 from the field in 30 minutes of action. Smith led UVa with 22 points in 35 minutes against Clemson (Jan. 22). He was 9-15 from the field (3-7 on three-pointers) and grabbed five rebounds.

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

Smith leads UVa in scoring with 17.3 points per game and is also averaging 6.8 rebounds per contest.

## 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.

## 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 six games that have been decided by four points or less, including two overtime affairs. UVa is 5-1 in those close games.

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

| <b>Team (Date)</b>         | <b>W/L</b> | <b>Score</b> | <b>Site</b>     |
|----------------------------|------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Northwestern (Dec. 1)      | W          | 48-44        | Evanston, Ill.  |
| Auburn (Dec. 3)            | W          | 89-87        | Richmond, Va.   |
| Iowa State (Dec. 6)        | L          | 79-81        | Ames, Iowa      |
| Loyola Marymount (Dec. 23) | W          | 79-77 OT     | Charlottesville |
| Western Kentucky (Jan. 5)  | W          | 80-79 2OT    | Charlottesville |
| Clemson (Jan. 22)          | W          | 81-79        | Charlottesville |

## 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 388-212 record for a .647 winning percentage. Gillen is in his seventh season at Virginia and has posted a 114-84 record (.576 winning percentage).

Gillen coached the 600th game of his career against Clemson on January 22.

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).

## UVa Nets First ACC Victory, 81-79 over Clemson

Virginia shot a season-high 57.1 percent (32-56) from the field, committed only six turnovers and held off a late charge by the Tigers to register an 81-79 win (Jan. 22) over Clemson at University Hall. It marked the first ACC win of the season for the Cavaliers.

Devin Smith led four UVa players in double figures with 22 points, while Elton Brown had 16 points and seven rebounds. Sean Singletary netted 15 points and seven assists, while J.R. Reynolds added 11 points and tied Brown for team-high honors in rebounds with seven. Those four players combined to make 25-45 (55.6 percent) of their field goal attempts.

The Cavaliers led by as many as nine points, 35-26, with 5:17 remaining in the first half. Clemson closed to within six points, 41-35, at the intermission. UVa shot 51.7 percent (15-29) in the opening half, while the Tigers shot 50 percent (12-24).

The Tigers opened the second half with an 8-2 run to tie the game at 43-43 with 17:53 to play. Virginia responded with an 11-1 run to open up a 54-44 advantage. Clemson slowly chipped away at UVa's lead and pulled within two points, 68-66, with 4:36 to go. Smith increased the Cavaliers' advantage to five with 4:25 left with a three-pointer and UVa eventually pushed its lead to seven, 75-68, with 3:26 left. A jumper by Cliff Hammonds pulled Clemson within 77-75 with 1:57 left to play. A bucket by Brown and two free throws from Reynolds sandwiched around a Tiger free throw gave UVa an 81-76 advantage. A three-pointer by Olu Babalola with 17.1 seconds left made the score 81-79. Reynolds then missed the front end of a one-and-one with 13 seconds to go and Clemson had a chance to win the game, but Sharrod Ford's three-pointer at the buzzer was short.

UVa shot a season-best 57.1 percent (32-56) from the floor while holding Clemson to 41.0 percent (25-61) accuracy from the field. The Tigers made 13-30 three-pointers for 43.3 percent. Clemson also held a 35-29 edge in rebounds, including a 16-8 edge on the offensive glass. Virginia committed a season-low six turnovers while forcing 10.

Babalola led Clemson with 22 points, seven rebounds, five assists, two steals and a blocked shot. Cheyenne Moore added 15 points, while Ford scored 13 points, had five rebounds and blocked four 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 1,230 points, placing him 27th in career points at UVa. He needs 15 points to move all the way up to 23rd place. Brown needs just two points to move ahead of Roger Mason, Jr., (2000-02), who is 26th with 1,231 points. Billy Langloh (1974-77) is 25th with 1,240 points, Tom Sheehy (1984-87) is 24th with 1,241 points, and Marc Iavaroni (1975-78) is 23rd with 1,244 career 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 started five consecutive games before coming off the bench against Maryland (Jan. 19) and Clemson (Jan. 22).

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 five points and had two rebounds in 21 minutes off the bench against Maryland (Jan. 19). He had two points and two assists in 11 minutes vs. Clemson (Jan. 22).

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.

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.

| 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.

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

## 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). Reynolds scored 12 points against Maryland (Jan. 19) and reached double figures for the ninth time this season with 11 points vs. Clemson (Jan. 22).

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 11.1 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).

Against Maryland (Jan. 19), Singletary had eight points in 28 minutes and was 2-10 from the field. He 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.

## 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 a career-best tying 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 nine 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). The 6-10 sophomore played 20 minutes, scored four points and had one rebound. He made 2-5 attempts from the field and had one assist and one steal.

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). UVa's previous season high shooting percentage was 54.2 percent (32-59) against Arizona (Nov. 19).

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).

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

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

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

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

### **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.

### **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).

Since holding its first five opponents to 60 or less points, UVa's last 11 opponents have averaged 82.2 points per game. The Cavaliers have only held one opponent under 77 points and that was Furman (Dec. 8) with 67 points.

### **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).

## Double-Doubles

Elton Brown has registered nine double-doubles in the Cavaliers' first 16 games this season and is tied for the ACC lead in that category through games played January 25.

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

|                             |                        |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| Robert Morris (Nov. 19)     | 13 points, 12 rebounds |
| Appalachian State (Nov. 24) | 24 points, 12 rebounds |
| Richmond (Nov. 28)          | 12 points, 10 rebounds |
| Northwestern (Dec. 1)       | 15 points, 12 rebounds |
| Iowa State (Dec. 6)         | 13 points, 11 rebounds |
| Furman (Dec. 8)             | 16 points, 12 rebounds |
| Western Kentucky (Jan. 5)   | 10 points, 12 rebounds |
| Miami (Jan. 12)             | 20 points, 10 rebounds |
| Maryland (Jan. 19)          | 18 points, 10 rebounds |

Brown now has 13 career double-doubles. He is averaging 15.3 points and 9.4 rebounds per game in 2004-05.

## Smith 10th in Three-Point Field Goals

Senior forward Devin Smith has made 127 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.)  | 127               |

## 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 six of the 13 games he has played this season, is averaging 17.3 points per game while shooting 50.3 percent (80-159) from the field, including 38.2 percent (29-76) from three-point range. He is also averaging 6.8 rebounds per game.

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

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

He registered his second career double-double with 17 points and 10 rebounds against Maryland (Jan. 19). Smith tallied a team-high 22 points in Virginia's win over Clemson (Jan. 22).

Last season, Smith played in 27 of 31 games and aver-

aged 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 six games, UVa has eclipsed 40 percent shooting only twice and is just 157-403 for 39.0 percent from the field. Virginia has only shot better than 44.0 percent once in its last eight games. The one game Virginia shot better than 44 percent was an impressive 57.1 percent (32-56) against Clemson (Jan. 22).

Virginia is shooting just 36.5 percent (112-307) in five away games this season, including 28.9 percent (22-76) from three-point range. At home, UVa shoots 46.7 percent (291-623) overall and 32.4 percent (61-188) from three-point land.

In its 10 wins, Virginia is shooting 48.0 percent (290-604), while in six losses, the Cavaliers are shooting only 37.6 percent (146-388).

On the season, UVa is shooting 44.0 percent (436-992) from the floor and 39.6 percent (153-386) in ACC play.

## Outblocked

Part of the Cavaliers' shooting woes stem from the fact that they have had 85 shots blocked in 16 games this season (5.3 per game). In six ACC games, UVa has had 51 shots blocked for an average of 8.5 per game. Virginia has blocked 17 shots in six conference games.

Over the last five games, Virginia has had 50 of its shots blocked for an average of 10.0 per game. The 50 blocked shots represent 15.3 percent of the Cavaliers' field goal attempts (327 attempts) over the last five games. UVa has only blocked 14 of its opponents shots over the last five games. That represents 4.5 percent of opponents shots (310 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).

### **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.

### **McDonald Earns Sportscaster Award**

Mac McDonald, the Director of Broadcasting and play-by-play voice for the University of Virginia, has been selected as the 2004-05 Sportscaster of the Year in the state of Virginia. McDonald, who also serves as a host of Charlottesville Radio Group WINA morning show, was awarded the honor on a statewide ballot by his peers by the National Association of Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association in Salisbury, N.C. McDonald, who is in his ninth 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.

### **Virginia Picked Eighth**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **UVA Wins Exhibition Opener**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **Cavaliers Welcome Three Newcomers**

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

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

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

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

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

Of Virginia's 27 regular-season games before the 2005 ACC Tournament, 16 are against 11 teams that participated in either the 2004 NCAA Tournament or the National Invitation Tournament (NIT). The Cavaliers meet league foes and NCAA Tournament participants Duke (lost 80-66) and Georgia Tech (lost 92-69) once, and Maryland (lost 82-68), 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.

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

### **MIKE FORKIN**

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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.