

VIRGINIA

Basketball

2004-05

Media Notes

Virginia (12-9, 3-7 ACC)

vs.

Virginia Tech (12-9, 5-5 ACC)

February 12, 2005 • Noon

University Hall (8,392)

Charlottesville, Va.



2004-05 SCHEDULE

12-9 Overall / 3-7 ACC

Home: 9-3

Away: 2-6

Neutral: 1-0

Nov. 5	Lehman College (ex)	W, 121-29
Nov. 12	Marymount University (ex)	W, 129-75
Nov. 19	ROBERT MORRIS	W, 88-55
Nov. 21	#10 ARIZONA (FSN) SOUTH	W, 78-60
Nov. 24	APPALACHIAN STATE	W, 77-60
Nov. 28	RICHMOND	W, 85-58
Dec. 1	at Northwestern	W, 48-44
Dec. 3	vs. Auburn % (FSN) SOUTH	W, 89-87
Dec. 6	at Iowa State	L, 79-81
Dec. 8	FURMAN	W, 79-67
Dec. 23	LOYOLA MARYMOUNT	W, 79-77 OT
Jan. 2	#5 WAKE FOREST	L, 70-89
Jan. 5	WESTERN KENTUCKY	W, 80-79 2OT
Jan. 8	at #9 Georgia Tech	L, 69-92
Jan. 12	MIAMI	L, 80-91
Jan. 16	at #5 Duke	L, 66-80
Jan. 19	at Maryland	L, 68-82
Jan. 22	CLEMSON	W, 81-79
Jan. 27	at Virginia Tech	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	W, 64-62
Feb. 9	FLORIDA STATE	W, 56-55
Feb. 12	VIRGINIA TECH	Noon
Feb. 16	at #2 North Carolina	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 19	MARYLAND	3:30 p.m.
Feb. 27	at #6 Wake Forest	2:00 p.m.
Mar. 2	NC STATE RSN	9:00 p.m.
Mar. 6	at Florida State	2:00 p.m.
Mar. 10-13	ACC Tournament ^	TBD

& - ACC/Big Ten Challenge

% - ALLTEL Pavilion at the Siegel Center, Richmond, Va.

^ - MCI Center, Washington, D.C.

All Times Eastern

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

TELEVISION

Raycom/Jefferson Pilot will televise today's game. Tim Brant will handle the play-by-play. Don 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 today's game with a 12-9 overall record and a 3-7 mark in the Atlantic Coast Conference. The Cavaliers are coming off a 56-55 win over Florida State (Feb. 9) in Charlottesville.

Virginia Tech stands at 12-9 overall and 5-5 in the ACC. The Hokies are coming off an 86-71 loss (Feb. 8) to Maryland in College Park, Md.

The Series vs. Virginia Tech

Virginia leads the series with Virginia Tech 73-46. The Hokies won the first game this season 79-73 (Jan. 27) in Blacksburg in the first conference meeting between the two teams since 1936-37 (both teams were members of the Southern Conference). It is also the first time since the 1983-84 season the teams are meeting twice in the same season. UVa won the first game of the 1983-84 season 74-64 (Jan. 4) in Roanoke, while the Hokies claimed a 56-54 win (Feb. 15) in Richmond.

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 17 meetings and 24 of the last 31.

This is only the sixth time since the 1975-76 season the game will not be played on a neutral floor. Over the past 30 years (35 games), the series has been held at the Richmond Coliseum (14 times), Roanoke Civic Center (13 times), Cassell Coliseum (three times), The Norfolk Scope (once), the Hampton Coliseum (once), and University Hall (three times, including today).

The Cavaliers are 28-9 in games played in Charlottesville and 7-1 in matchups at University Hall. UVa has won six consecutive meetings at U-Hall vs. Virginia Tech, including an 80-65 win on November 28, 2003. The Cavaliers' last loss to Virginia Tech in Charlottesville was an 84-82 setback on January 6, 1968.

This is the 71st consecutive season the Cavaliers and Hokies have met (every season since 1934-35). They have played 99

Virginia's PROBABLE Starters

No.	Pos.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Ppg.	Rpg.	App.	Mpg	Notes
32	F	Jason Cain	6-10	205	So.	2.4	2.1	0.3	9.7	First career start vs. Clemson; 7 pts, 9 rebs vs. NCSU
33	F	Devin Smith	6-5	242	Sr.	17.0	6.2	1.0	30.8	1,000th point vs. FSU; Career-high 40 pts vs. Iowa St.
2	G	J.R. Reynolds	6-2 1/2	200	So.	11.0	2.8	2.1	32.5	Game-winning shot vs. Loy. Mary.; 21 pts. vs. GaTech
15	G	T.J. Bannister	5-10 1/2	170	So.	4.2	1.3	3.5	20.4	Three or more assists in each of last 12 games
44	G	Sean Singletary	6-0	180	Fr.	9.7	3.0	3.9	28.6	3-time ACC Rookie of the Week

Virginia's Key Reserves

43	F/C	Elton Brown	6-9	255	Sr.	14.5	8.9	0.9	30.1	Scored 1,000th point vs. Arizona; 10 double-doubles
23	G/F	Gary Forbes	6-6	210	So.	8.4	3.8	1.0	21.6	Season-high 21 points vs. Furman
30	F	Adrian Joseph	6-7	200	Fr.	5.1	1.3	0.4	15.7	Missed the last three games with a leg injury
55	F/C	Donte Minter	6-8	245	So.	1.6	0.6	0.0	5.1	Limited by preseason knee injury; playing w/ hand injury
21	C	Tunji Soroye	6-11	210	Fr.	0.4	1.0	0.1	4.3	4 pts, 4 rebs, 2 blks in 13 min. vs. Virginia Tech

games in that span. Virginia's next oldest opponent in terms of consecutive seasons played is Maryland (59 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 120th 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.

Tale of the Tape

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

Virginia	Category	Virginia Tech
74.5	Points	70.4
75.5	Points Allowed	69.1
-1.0	Scoring Margin	+1.3
43.8	Field Goal %	44.0
45.5	Field Goal % Defense	45.6
32.8	3 Point Field Goal %	34.4
39.4	3 Point Field Goal % Defense	35.4
70.3	Free Throw %	64.2
36.3	Rebounds	32.3
+0.2	Rebound Margin	-4.8
13.1	Assists	14.1
14.3	Turnovers	13.4
7.2	Steals	10.2
3.2	Blocked Shots	4.6

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.

This is men's basketball reunion weekend at the University of Virginia and a number of former Virginia players have returned to Charlottesville for the reunion activities. A special halftime ceremony today celebrates "100 Years of Basketball" for the UVa men's basketball program.

Another ACC Win

After dropping seven of their first eight ACC games, the Cavaliers have won two consecutive conference tilts to improve to 3-7 in the ACC.

UVa posted a 64-62 win over NC State (Feb. 5) in Raleigh to

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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. Virginia	394
9. Clemson	256
10. Virginia Tech	171
11. Miami	146

2004-05 Media Pre-Season All-ACC Selections

First Team

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

2004-05 Media Pre-Season ACC Player of Year

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

2004-05 Media Pre-Season ACC Rookie of Year

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

2004-05 UVa ACC Player/Rookie of the Week

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

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

Virginia Quick Facts

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

Basketball Information

Head Coach: Pete Gillen (Fairfield '68)
Career Record: 390-215 (20th season)
Record at Virginia: 116-87 (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

snap a two-game ACC slide, and then registered a 56-55 win over Florida State (Feb. 9) 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.

Earlier This Season vs. Virginia Tech

Virginia fell behind by as many as 16 points in the second half and nearly overcame the deficit, but eventually fell to in-state rival Virginia Tech 79-73 (Jan. 27) at Cassell Coliseum in Blacksburg, Va.

The Cavaliers trailed by as many as 10 points during the first half, but were able to whittle the deficit down to three points, 37-34, at halftime, thanks in part to Devin Smith's 13 points. In the second half, the Hokies used a 23-10 run over the first 8:31 to open up a 60-44 advantage. Virginia slowly chipped away at the Hokies' lead and pulled within two points, 75-73, on an Elton Brown layup with nine seconds left to play. Virginia Tech scored the final four points of the game to seal the victory.

Brown, Smith and J.R. Reynolds combined to score 25 of the Cavaliers' last 29 points in the final 11:18 of the contest.

Smith led all scorers with 24 points, while Brown registered his 10th double-double of the season with 19 points and a career-high 15 rebounds. Reynolds scored all 10 of his points in the second half.

Virginia shot 50.9 percent (27-53) from the field and held

a 38-25 edge in rebounds, but were victimized by 22 turnovers, including 12 in the second half. The Hokies shot 52.7 percent (29-55) from the field, had only 11 turnovers and made 12 steals.

Coleman Collins led five Virginia Tech players in double figures with 20 points and he also had seven rebounds. Carlos Dixon added 16 points, six rebounds and four steals, while Zabian Dowdell and Deron Washington each had 14 points.

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

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.

In the first meeting this season (a 79-73 Hokie win – Jan. 27 in Blacksburg), Virginia Tech built two double digit leads that the Cavaliers nearly erased. The Hokies led by 10 points during the first half, but UVA was able to trim the lead to three, 37-34, at the half. Virginia Tech slowly built its lead to 16 points in the second half, including 62-46 with 10:45 remaining in the contest. Virginia outscored the Hokies 27-17 over the final 10:29 of the game. The Cavaliers cut the deficit to three points on three occasions and two points once – 75-73 with nine seconds remaining. UVA held a 38-25 edge in rebounds, but had 22 turnovers to Virginia Tech's 11.

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' third and final regular season game against an in-state opponent. UVa defeated Richmond 85-58 (Nov. 28) at University Hall, but fell to Virginia Tech 79-73 (Jan. 27) in Blacksburg. In the last 28 seasons (since 1977-78), UVa is 111-16 (.874) 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 20-4 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, 6-3 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.

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.

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 eight games that have been decided by four points or less, including two overtime affairs. UVa is 7-1 in those close games. The seven wins are by a combined 14 points.

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

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

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 390-215 record for a .645 winning percentage. Gillen is in his seventh season at Virginia and has posted a 116-87 record (.571 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).

Late Three-Pointer Lifts UVa to 56-55 Win Over Florida State

It's not how long you are winning that counts; it's when you are winning that matters most. Virginia led only once against Florida State (Feb. 9), but that one time came with 5.2 seconds left when Devin Smith drained a three-pointer to lift the Cavaliers to 56-55 victory at University Hall.

Virginia held the Seminoles without a field goal in the final eight minutes of the game as FSU went 0-7 from the field after Von Wafer made a three-pointer with 8:07 to play. The Seminoles made their last six free throws, but were held scoreless for the final 3:54 of the game after Wafer made a pair of free throws to stake Florida State to a 55-50 lead.

An acrobatic fastbreak layup by J.R. Reynolds with 3:04 to go brought UVa within three, 55-52. Smith made the first of two free throws with 2:13 left to make the score 55-53. A Seminole turnover with 31 seconds on the clock gave the ball back to UVa. Sean Singletary's three with seven seconds remaining missed and Reynolds grabbed the offensive rebound and fed Smith for the game-winning three-pointer with 5.2 ticks to play. Wafer's desperation three at the final buzzer was off target.

Florida State led by as many as 10 points in the first half and took a 31-23 halftime advantage. The Seminoles increased their lead to 14, 41-27, with 14:39 to play in the game. The Cavaliers slowly chipped away at the deficit and pulled within three, 53-50, on a Smith three-pointer with 4:22 remaining. Wafer's two free throws 28 seconds later proved to be FSU's final points of the game.

Elton Brown led UVa with 13 points and six rebounds, while Reynolds had 12 points and Smith added 11. Smith scored his 1,000th career point on a driving layup with 20 seconds to play in the first half.

UVa shot 40.4 percent (21-52) from the field in the game, while the Seminoles shot 44.2 percent (19-43) from the floor. The Seminoles held a slight 30-29 edge in rebounds, but committed 15 turnovers to Virginia's 10.

Wafer was the only Florida State player to reach double figures in scoring as he had a game-high 16 points. Alexander Johnson led all players with 10 rebounds.

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 1,289 points, placing him 21st in career points at UVa. Norman Nolan (1995-98) holds the 20th spot with 1,321 career points.

With 1,289 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 1,008 career points at Virginia.

Only One Starter

Sean Singletary is the only Cavalier to start all 21 games this season. Singletary and Elton Brown both started the first 19 games of the season, but Brown did not start in Virginia's last two games. J.R. Reynolds has started in 20 of UVa's 21 contests this season.

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) and Florida State (Feb. 9).

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.

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

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.

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 three games where he scored a total of five points (two points vs. Miami – Jan. 12, three points vs. Duke – Jan. 16, and zero points vs. NC State – Feb. 5). 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 has reached double figures in scoring 13 times this season, including 12 points in his last outing against Florida State (Feb. 9).

The guard equaled his then career-high with 20 points in an 80-79 double overtime victory over Western Kentucky (Jan. 5). Reynolds managed to score 20 points, including 16 after halftime, despite not feeling well. He set a new career-high with 21 points in a 92-69 loss at Georgia Tech (Jan 8).

On the season, Reynolds is averaging 11.0 points per game.

Singletary Breaks Out

After scoring just 27 points and shooting only 21.2 percent (7-33) over his previous four games, Sean Singletary broke out of his slump against Duke (Jan. 16). He scored a team-high 19 points and made 7-12 attempts from the field (and was also 5-5 from the free throw line). It marked the most points Singletary has scored since tallying 25 against Auburn (Dec. 3).

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 9.7 points and 3.9 assists per game. He has reached double digits in scoring in eight games, but never in back-to-back outings.

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 10 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).

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 game, the Cavaliers shot 40.4 percent (21-52) against Florida State (Feb. 9).

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 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.

Bannister Assists

T.J. Bannister has a streak of 12 consecutive games with three or more assists, including seven assists against Wake Forest (Jan. 2) and Georgia Tech (Jan. 8).

On the season, Bannister is averaging 3.5 assists per game. He has made 53-63 free throws for an impressive 84.1 percent.

Bannister scored a 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 10 double-doubles in the Cavaliers' first 21 games this season and is second in the ACC in that category through games played February 10. 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
Western Kentucky (Jan. 5)	10 points, 12 rebounds
Miami (Jan. 12)	20 points, 10 rebounds
Maryland (Jan. 19)	18 points, 10 rebounds
Virginia Tech (Jan. 27)	19 points, 15 rebounds

Brown now has 14 career double-doubles. He is averaging 14.5 points and 8.9 rebounds per game 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.

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.

By holding Florida State to 55 points, it marked the second time during the Pete Gillen era UVa has held six 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 16 opponents have averaged 81.8 points per game. The Cavaliers have only held three opponents under 77 points and they were Furman (Dec. 8) with 67 points, NC State (Feb. 5) with 62 points, and Florida State (Feb. 9) with 55 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 Seventh in Three-Point Field Goals

Senior forward Devin Smith has made 139 career three-point field goals for the Cavaliers and is in seventh place all-time at Virginia. Cory Alexander (1992-95) is sixth with 142 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. Cory Alexander (1992-95)	142
7. Devin Smith (2003-pres.)	139
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 nine of the 18 games he has played this season, is averaging 17.0 points per game overall (fifth in the ACC) and 15.6 points per game in conference play (12th in the ACC). He is shooting 49.1 percent (109-222) from the field (seventh in the ACC), including 37.6 percent (41-109) from three-point range. Smith is also averaging 6.2 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) 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).

Last season, Smith played in 27 of 31 games and averaged 12.2 points per game. He rarely practiced with the team in the latter portion of the season due to his back injury.

Nearly Perfect

The Cavaliers made 20-21 free throws for 95.2 percent accuracy against Duke (Jan. 16). It tied for the third-best "non-perfect" free throw shooting effort by Virginia in school history. It also tied for the best non-perfect free throw shooting performance on the road.

On January 9, 1993, UVa also made 20-21 free throws at NC State. The Cavaliers' best non-perfect game from the charity stripe was a 24-25 (96.0 percent) effort at home against Marquette on November 26, 1988. UVa was 21-22 (95.5 percent) from the free throw line at home vs. North Carolina on January 15, 1983.

Over the years, UVa has had 12 contests when it did not miss a free throw in a game. The most free throws UVa made in a game without missing was 16 against South Carolina on January 8, 1965. Most recently, UVa was 12-12 against NC State on December 28, 2003.

Shooting Better at Home

The Cavaliers have struggled shooting the basketball on the road. In eight 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 39.7 percent (185-466) in eight away games this season, including 32.8 percent (44-134) from three-point range. At home, UVa shoots 45.6 percent (337-739) overall and 31.5 percent (76-241) from three-point land.

In its 12 wins, Virginia is shooting 47.4 percent (331-699), while in nine losses, the Cavaliers are shooting only 39.4 percent (224-568).

On the season, UVa is shooting 43.8 percent (555-1,267) from the floor and 41.1 percent (246-598) in ACC play.

Outblocked

Part of the Cavaliers' shooting woes stem from the fact that they have had 105 shots blocked in 21 games this season (5.0 per game). In 10 ACC games, UVa has had 63 shots blocked for an average of 6.3 per game. Virginia has blocked 28 shots in 10 conference games.

Over the last 10 games, Virginia has had 70 of its shots blocked for an average of 7.0 per game. The 70 blocked shots represent 11.6 percent of the Cavaliers' field goal attempts (602 attempts) over the last 10 contests. UVa has only blocked 26 of its opponents shots over the last 10 games. That represents 4.5 percent of opponents shots (572 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 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 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 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 (lost 110-76), N.C. State (won 64-62) and Wake Forest twice (lost 89-70), 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 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

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.