VIRGINIA Basketball

Basketball 2004-05 Media Notes #25/#25 Virginia (8-1)

VS.

#5/#4 Wake Forest (11-1)
January 2, 2005 • 5:30 p.m.
University Hall (8,392)
Charlottesville, Va.



2004-05 SCHEDULE

8-1 Overall / 0-0 ACC

Home: 6-0 Away: 1-1 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 STATI | (Comean SourceSe) | W, 77-60 |
| Nov. 28 | RICHMOND | (Comean Tour teller | W, 85-58 |
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| Dec. 1 | at Northwestern& | marry) | W, 48-44 |
| Dec. 3 | vs. Auburn % | SW) SOUTH | W, 89-87 |
| Dec. 6 | at Iowa State | (MARKET) | L, 79-81 |
| Dec. 8 | FURMAN | | W, 79-67 |
| Dec. 23 | LOYOLA MARYMOUN | T W | , 79-77 OT |
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| Jan. 2 | #5 WAKE FOREST | (82) | 5:30 p.m. |
| Jan. 5 | WESTERN KENTUCKY | (Cornecto Sourcester) | 9:00 p.m. |
| Jan. 8 | at #9 Georgia Tech | was diffe. | 8:00 p.m. |
| Jan. 12 | MIAMI | | 7:30 p.m. |
| Jan. 16 | at #6 Duke | P864 | 8:00 p.m. |
| Jan. 19 | at #24 Maryland | was die R | 9:00 p.m. |
| Jan. 22 | CLEMSON | | 7:30 p.m. |
| Jan. 27 | at Virginia Tech | was die R | 8:00 p.m. |
| Jan. 29 | #4 NORTH CAROLINA | | Noon |
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| Feb. 2 | at Providence | | 7:30 p.m. |
| Feb. 5 | at #17 N.C. State | wastin III | 8:00 p.m. |
| Feb. 9 | FLORIDA STATE | | 7:30 p.m. |
| Feb. 12 | VIRGINIA TECH | MARCHA III | Noon |
| Feb. 16 | at #4 North Carolina | | 7:00 p.m. |
| Feb. 19 | #24 MARYLAND | ®CBS | 3:30 p.m. |
| Feb. 27 | at #5 Wake Forest | manager Mil | 2:00 p.m. |
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| Mar. 2 | #17 N.C. STATE | RSN | 9:00 p.m. |
| Mar. 6 | at Florida State | wastin III | 2:00 p.m. |
| Mar. 10-13 | ACC Tournament ^ | | TBD |
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- & ACC/Big Ten Challenge
- % ALLTEL Pavalion at the Siegel Center, Richmond, Va.
- ^ MCI Center, Washington, D.C.
- All Times Eastern

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

TELEVISION

Fox Sports Net will televise tonight's game. Ron Thulin will handle the play-by-play. Dan Bonner is the analyst.

RADIO

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

OFFICIALS

THE GAME

Virginia enters tonight's game with an 8-1 record and is ranked 25th in both The Associated Press and ESPN/USAToday Top 25 polls released December 27. The Cavaliers are coming off a 79-77 overtime victory over Loyola Marymount (Dec. 23) at University Hall.

Wake Forest stands at 11-1 in 2004-05 and is ranked fifth in the AP poll and fourth in the ESPN/USAToday poll. The Demon Deacons have won six consecutive games and are coming off a 98-76 win over North Carolina A&T (Dec. 30) in Winston-Salem.

The Series vs. Wake Forest

Virginia led the all-time series with Wake Forest entering the 1990s, but the Demon Deacons have had the better of the Cavaliers recently and now lead the series 61-57. The two teams split the 2003-04 series. The Deacs registered a 91-78 win (Jan. 31) in the first meeting in Winston-Salem, while Virginia won 84-82 (Mar. 2) in Charlottesville. Wake Forest has won 15 of the last 23 meetings and 20 of the 34 matchups since the 1989-90 season. Virginia, however, has won seven of the last 14 games. The home team has won the past eight matchups in the series.

In the 2002-03 season, UVa posted an 85-75 win (Jan. 23) in the first meeting of the season in Charlottesville. Wake Forest won the second matchup 75-71 (Feb. 23) in Winston-Salem.

The Cavaliers split the 2001-2002 season series with Wake Forest with both teams winning on their home floor. UVa won the first meeting 86-74 (Jan. 15) in Charlottesville, while the Demon Deacons took a 92-70 decision (Feb. 17) in Winston-Salem. The two teams also split the 2000-2001 season series with both teams winning at home. Wake won the first meeting in the 2000-2001 season 96-73 (Jan. 2) in Winston-Salem in a matchup of two top 10 teams (UVa was ranked eighth in the AP poll and Wake was fourth). Virginia won the second meeting 82-71 (Feb. 3) in Charlottesville.

The Cavaliers have won 20 of the last 26 games played at University Hall, including the last four. Wake Forest has won five of the last 11 games in Charlottesville dating back to the 1992-93 season. The Demon Deacons' last win in Charlottesville was an 80-75 win (Mar. 2) in the 1999-00 season. Virginia leads 34-18 in games played in Charlottesville.

Virginia vs. Top 10 Wake Forest Teams

UVa has played top 10 ranked Demon Deacon teams 13 times through the years and is 3-10 all-time. The Cavaliers are also 0-5 vs. top five Wake teams. The sixth-ranked Deacs that Virginia beat 83-73 on Jan. 28, 1981 is the highest ranked Wake team UVa has defeated.

| Virg | inia's | PROBABLE St | arters | | | | | | | |
|------|----------|-----------------|----------|-----|-----|------|------|------|------|--|
| No. | Pos. | Name | Ht. | Wt. | CI. | Ppg. | Rpg. | Apg. | Mpg | Notes |
| 33 | F | Devin Smith | 6-5 | 242 | Sr. | 17.4 | 6.6 | 1.2 | 30.0 | Scored a career-high 40 points vs. Iowa State |
| 34 | F | Jason Clark | 6-8 | 240 | Sr. | 6.9 | 5.3 | 0.3 | 28.1 | Career –102 blocked shots; 61.5% (155-252) shooter |
| 43 | F/C | Elton Brown | 6-9 | 255 | Sr. | 16.7 | 9.8 | 1.1 | 32.3 | Scored 1,000th point vs. Arizona; 6 double-doubles |
| 2 | G | J.R. Reynolds | 6-2 1/2 | 200 | So. | 10.1 | 2.7 | 3.0 | 32.2 | Made game-winning shot vs. Loyola Marymount |
| 44 | G | Sean Singletary | 6-0 | 180 | Fr. | 10.3 | 3.4 | 3.8 | 27.4 | Three-time ACC Rookie of the Week |
| Virg | inia's K | ey Reserves | | | | | | | | |
| 15 | G | T.J. Bannister | 5-10 1/2 | 170 | So. | 4.4 | 1.2 | 2.2 | 17.6 | Season-high 11 pts. vs. Loy. Mary.; 25-28 from FT line |
| 23 | G/F | Gary Forbes | 6-6 | 210 | So. | 7.9 | 3.8 | 1.7 | 21.6 | Season-high 21 points vs. Furman |
| 30 | F | Adrian Joseph | 6-7 | 200 | Fr. | 3.1 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 10.0 | Scored 8 pts. in collegiate debut vs. Robert Morris |
| 55 | F/C | Donte Minter | 6-8 | 245 | So. | 1.8 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 5.0 | 3 blks vs. Loy. Mary.; limited in preseason by knee injury |

Virginia in ACC Openers

Virginia is 19-32 all-time in Atlantic Coast Conference season openers. UVa is 13-15 in home ACC openers and 6-17 on the road. The Cavaliers have lost their last nine ACC openers, including the last three to N.C. State. Virginia's last win in an ACC opener was an 81-75 victory at Florida State in the 1994-95 season.

Tonight's game is the ninth time in 52 years that UVa has opened the ACC season against Wake Forest. The last time Virginia met the Demon Deacons to open the ACC season was in the 2000-01 season with Wake coming up with 96-73 victory on January 2 in Winston-Salem. The last time UVa defeated Wake in an ACC opener was in the 1978-79 season with the Cavaliers winning at Wake Forest 88-75. Virginia is 2-2 in ACC openers at Wake Forest and 3-1 in home openers against the Demon Deacons.

Virginia is 5-3 vs. Wake Forest, 3-2 vs. Florida State, 1-0 vs. Georgia Tech and South Carolina, 8-13 vs. Duke, 1-7 vs. Maryland, 0-2 vs. North Carolina, 0-4 vs. N.C. State, and 0-1 vs. Clemson alltime in ACC openers.

Tale of the Tape

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

| Virginia | Category | Wake Forest |
|----------|------------------------------|-------------|
| 78.0 | Points | 83.5 |
| 65.4 | Points Allowed | 72.1 |
| +12.6 | Scoring Margin | +11.4 |
| 47.9 | Field Goal % | 49.6 |
| 41.5 | Field Goal % Defense | 41.7 |
| 31.7 | 3 Point Field Goal % | 39.5 |
| 36.1 | 3 Point Field Goal % Defense | 36.3 |
| 71.2 | Free Throw % | 66.0 |
| 37.8 | Rebounds | 40.6 |
| +4.2 | Rebound Margin | +6.7 |
| 13.4 | | 16.7 |
| 15.3 | Turnovers | 16.5 |
| 8.6 | Steals | 9.7 |
| 3.6 | Blocked Shots | 4.3 |

Ranked ACC Season-Opening Opponents

Tonight's game against Wake Forest marks the 18th time in 52 years the Cavaliers have opened ACC play against a ranked team. UVa is 3-14 all-time in ACC openers vs. ranked teams. Virginia is 3-7 at home and 0-7 on the road in conference openers against ranked teams. UVa is 2-10 vs. top 10 ACC teams in openers.

UVa is 0-3 against ranked Wake Forest teams in ACC openers, including a 96-73 setback to the then fourth-ranked Deacs in the 2000-01 opener.

The Cavaliers' last win over a ranked ACC team in the opener was an 80-76 home win over #23 Florida State in the 1992-93 season.

| 2004-2 | 2005 ACC Pre-Season Med | dia 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 |
| | 95 Media Pre-Season All- <i>A</i> Team | ACC Selections |
| Chris | s Paul, Wake Forest | 85 |
| Juliu | s Hodge, N.C. State | 85 |
| Rash | nad McCants. North Carolina | 70 |

| 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

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| 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) |

Elton Brown and Sean Singletary were honored as the ACC Player and Rookie of the Week, respectively, on December 27 as both players were instrumental in UVa's 79-77 overtime win over Loyola Marymount (Dec. 23). Brown totaled 25 points and 8 rebounds and was 9-11 from the free throw line. He scored UVa's final four points in regulation and first four in overtime. Singletary had 12 points and four rebounds and scored five points in overtime.

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: 386-207 (20th season) Record at Virginia: 112-79 (7th season)

Assistant Coaches: Walt Fuller (Drexel '87) – 7th season, Alexis Sherard (Saint Michael's '93) – 6th season, John Fitzpatrick (Bowling Green '80) – 1st season

Director of Basketball Operations: Mark Byington (UNC-

Wilmington '98) - 1st season

2003-04 Record: 18-13 (NIT Second Round)

2003-04 ACC Record: 6-10 (7th-tie) Starters Returning/Lost: 4/1 Lettermen Returning/Lost: 10/7

Ranked Cavaliers

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

The Cavaliers are currently ranked 25th in both The Associated Press and ESPN/USAToday polls released December 27.

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 |
| | | |

Tough to Shoot Well vs. Wake Forest

Virginia has had a rough time on the offensive end against Wake Forest since the 1989-90 season. The Cavaliers have shot 46 percent or better against Wake Forest just 10 times in the last 34 games. Eight of the 10 games resulted in Virginia wins with the two losses coming when UVa shot 52.0 percent (26-50) in a 75-71 loss (Feb. 23, 2003) in Winston-Salem and last season when the Cavaliers shot 50.0 percent (31-62) in a 91-78 loss (Jan. 31, 2004) in Winston-Salem.

In the second meeting of the 2003-04 season, the Cavaliers shot 51.6 percent (33-64) in an 84-82 victory (Mar. 2) in Charlottesville.

In the first meeting of the 2002-03 season, an 85-75 Virginia win (Jan. 23), the Cavaliers also bettered 50 percent

shooting in the game - 30-59 for 50.8 percent. The Cavaliers are 14-20 vs. Wake Forest since 1989-90.

UVa has shot 41.9 percent from the floor and averaged 67.2 points per game against Wake Forest since 1989-90.

Similarly, the Cavalier defense has been almost as stingy as Wake's. The Deacons have made 43.8 percent of their field goal attempts over the last 34 meetings and have averaged 69.6 points per game.

Wake Forest topped 50 percent shooting from the floor only six times since 1989-90. Those games are:

- 52.1 percent (25-48) in a 74-66 win on February 10, 1991:
- 55.8 percent (29-52) in an 81-64 win on January 24, 1996;
- 52.9 percent (27-51) in an 80-67 win on March 2, 2000 (the only time since the 1989-90 season Wake has eclipsed 50 percent shooting at University Hall):
- 58.1 percent (36-62) in a 96-73 win on January 2, 2001;
- 57.9 percent (33-57) in a 92-70 win on February 17, 2002;
- 50.0 percent (27-54) in a 91-78 win on January 31, 2004

A breakdown of both teams' offensive performance since the 1989-90 season in wins and losses is below.

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|-----------------|------|------|------|------|
| | FG% | PPG | FG% | PPG |
| Combined (34) | .419 | 67.2 | .438 | 69.6 |
| UVa wins (14) | .463 | 72.9 | .407 | 65.8 |
| UVa losses (20) | .390 | 63.2 | .461 | 72.2 |

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.

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.

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.

Overtime Good for Virginia

With a 79-77 overtime win over Loyola Marymount (Dec. 23), the Cavaliers' have won their last four overtime games.

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.

Head Coach Pete Gillen

Pete Gillen is in his 20th season as a collegiate head coach and sports a 386-207 record for a .651 winning percentage. Gillen is in his seventh season at Virginia and has posted a 112-79 record (.586 winning percentage).

Gillen won his 350th career game on December 21, 2002 when his Cavaliers posted a 61-57 victory over Rutgers. His 300th career victory came when Virginia defeated then 21st-ranked North Carolina 87-85 on January 18, 2000 at University Hall.

Gillen has led his teams to postseason play 16 times in 19 seasons (nine NCAA, seven NIT), including the last five seasons at Virginia. He has been selected as the conference Coach of the Year five times – all while coaching Xavier (Midwestern Collegiate Conference).

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.

Tonight's game against Wake Forest is 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, tonight's game against Wake Forest is just UVa's third game in 25 days.

Smith Joins Elite Group

Devin Smith lit up the scoreboard for a career-high 40 points in UVa's 81-79 loss at Iowa State (Dec. 6). He became the eighth Cavalier to tally 40 or more points in a game and the first since Donald Hand poured in 41 points against N.C. State on February 14, 1999.

Smith made 11-18 field goal attempts, including 4-8 from three-point range, and 14-15 free throws (including his last 14 attempts).

Smith's 40-point performance marked the 17th time a Virginia player had reached the 40-point plateau. Here's a list of UVa players who have scored 40 or more points in a game.

| Player | Pts | Opponent (Date) |
|-----------------|-----|----------------------------------|
| Barry Parkhill | 51 | Baldwin-Wallace (Dec. 11, 1971) |
| Buzzy Wilkinson | 48 | Hampden-Sydney (Dec. 1, 1954) |
| Buzzy Wilkinson | 45 | North Carolina (Feb. 8, 1954) |
| Buzzy Wilkinson | 45 | Georgetown (Feb. 13, 1954) |
| Buzzy Wilkinson | 45 | Roanoke (Feb. 25, 1954) |
| Buzzy Wilkinson | 45 | Clemson (Feb. 14, 1955) |
| Buzzy Wilkinson | 43 | Washington & Lee (Dec. 31, 1954) |
| Buzzy Wilkinson | 43 | VMI (Jan. 8, 1955) |
| Buzzy Wilkinson | 42 | Hampden-Sydney (Dec. 2, 1953) |
| Buzzy Wilkinson | 42 | Duke (Mar. 4, 1954) |
| Bob McCarty | 42 | Clemson (Feb. 12, 1956) |
| Jim Connelly | 42 | William & Mary (Dec. 1, 1965) |
| Tony Laquintano | 41 | West Virginia (Dec. 17, 1960) |
| Donald Hand | 41 | N.C. State (Feb. 14, 1999) |
| Buzzy Wilkinson | 40 | Washington & Lee (Mar. 1, 1955) |
| Ralph Sampson | 40 | Ohio State (Jan. 25, 1981) |
| Devin Smith | 40 | lowa State (Dec. 6, 2004) |

More on 40

Devin Smith's 40 points against Iowa State marked the 13th time a Cyclone opponent has scored 40 or more points in a game. He is the seventh player to score 40 against Iowa State in regulation.

Here's the impressive list Smith joined by scoring 40 points against the Cyclones in regulation.

| 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 |

Cavalier Captains

Seniors Elton Brown, Jason Clark and Devin Smith are the captains of the 2004-05 Virginia basketball team. It is the second consecutive year Smith is serving as a team captain.

The Antithesis

After defeating an extremely deliberate Northwestern team 48-44 (Dec. 1) in Evanston, III., the Cavaliers put their track shoes on and posted an 89-87 victory over Auburn (Dec. 3) in Richmond, Va.

Virginia scored 41 more points against Auburn than it did versus Northwestern. It marked the largest increase in points from one game to the next since the end of the 1999-2000 season. UVa scored 65 points in a loss to NC State (Mar. 10) in the ACC Tournament, then scored 111 points in a triple overtime loss to Georgetown (Mar. 15) in the National Invitation Tournament.

Solid Defense

The Cavaliers held their first five opponents to 60 or fewer points – Robert Morris (55), Arizona (60), Appalachian State (60), Richmond (58), and Northwestern (44). Auburn broke that streak with 87 points in a two point loss to UVa (Dec. 3).

The last time UVa limited its first five opponents to 60 or less points was back in the 1948-49 season. In the 1948-49 season, the Cavaliers held their first nine opponents to 60 or fewer points.

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

More Defense

Virginia held Northwestern to only 44 points in a 48-44 victory (Dec. 1) in the ACC/Big Ten Challenge. It marked the fewest points the Cavaliers have allowed in a game in the Pete Gillen era. The previous low by a UVa opponent for points in a game in the Gillen era was 48 points by Virginia Tech (in a 64-48 Cavalier win) on November 24, 2000.

The 44 points by Northwestern also marked the fewest points Virginia has allowed in a game since holding UMBC to 34 points (in a 57-34 UVa win) on December 21, 1996. It is also the lowest point total by a UVa opponent on its home court since the Cavaliers held UNLV to 39 points (a 59-39 UVa win) in Las Vegas on January 3, 1994.

Just Enough Offense

UVa's 48 points against Northwestern marked the fewest points in a Virginia victory in the Pete Gillen era. The previous low was 58 points (in a 58-55 win) at Clemson (Feb. 21) last season. It also marked the fewest points scored in a UVa victory since the 1981-82 season when the Cavaliers defeated NC State 45-40 on February 20.

UVa's 48 points against Northwestern are one point more than the fewest points scored in a game under Gillen. The Cavaliers managed just 47 points in losses to North Carolina (Jan. 21, 1999) and Georgia Tech (Feb. 9, 2000).

Virginia Sneaks Past Loyola Marymount in OT

Elton Brown scored 25 points, including the last four in regulation and UVa's first four in overtime, in leading Virginia to a 79-77 overtime victory over Loyola Marymount (Dec. 23) at University Hall.

In addition to his 25 points, Brown led the Cavaliers with eight rebounds. Devin Smith and Sean Singletary both scored 12 points with Smith adding five rebounds and a career-high five blocked shots. Singletary also contributed four rebounds and a pair of steals. T.J. Bannister came off the bench to score a season-high 11 points.

Loyola Marymount led by as many as eight points in the first half, including 24-16 with 8:05 remaining in the half. The Cavaliers closed out the first half with an 18-4 spurt to grab a 34-28 advantage at the intermission.

Virginia extended its lead to 10 points, 38-28, on two Brown free throws at the 18:26 mark of the second half. The Lions reeled of the next 11 points to take a 39-38 lead with 15:31 to play. After four lead changes and four ties, Loyola Marymount built a six-point lead, 60-54, with 6:48 to go. UVa closed to within two, 65-63, on a Singletary three-pointer with 2:59 to play. A layup by LMU's Matthew Knight at the 2:38 mark gave the Lions a 67-63 lead. Brown then made a jumper in the paint with 1:30 to play and knotted the game at 67-67 with a pair of free throws with 50 seconds on the clock.

Brown opened the overtime with two free throws, and after a LMU basket, he scored his final basket of the game. Singletary hit at three-pointer with 2:34 left and then drained a pair of free throws with 2:02 to go to give the Cavaliers a 76-72 advantage. A Bannister free throw with 40 seconds left gave UVa a 77-73 edge. Loyola Marymount scored the next four points to tie the game at 77-77, but J.R. Reynolds' driving layup with 1.5 seconds left gave the Cavaliers the 79-77 victory.

UVa shot 42.4 percent (25-59) from the field in the game, and made 25-34 (73.5 percent) free throw attempts. The Lions shot 43.7 percent (31-71) from the floor and made 10-12 (83.3 percent) free throws. Loyola Marymount held a 44-34 edge in rebounds.

Knight led the Lions with 27 points and 10 rebounds, while Dustin Brown added 15 points.

Seniors Leading the Way

UVa's three seniors are the main reason the Cavaliers have started out the season with an 8-1 record. The trio – Elton Brown, Jason Clark, and Devin Smith – have led Virginia in scoring, rebounding and blocked shots in all but three games this season. Freshman Sean Singletary led UVa in points (25) and blocked shots (2) against Auburn (Dec. 3), while sophomore J.R. Reynolds led the team with three blocked shots vs. lowa State (Dec. 6). Sophomore Gary

Forbes led the Cavaliers in scoring against Furman (Dec. 8) with 21 points.

Smith has led the team in scoring four times, including a 40-point performance against Iowa State (Dec. 6), and Brown has topped the club three times.

Brown has led the team in rebounding eight times, including six double-digit performances, and Smith has led the team once.

Clark has led the team in blocked shots in two games, and tied for team-best honors in one game along with Brown, Smith and Forbes (all had one blocked shot vs. Arizona). Brown and Smith have both led UVa in blocks by themselves twice.

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 1,135 points, placing him 34th in career points at UVa. Paul Adkins (1958-60) is 33rd with 1,150 career points and Olden Polynice (1984-86) is 32nd with 1,151.

Clark Ranked Sixth on Blocked Shots List

Jason Clark is currently sixth on Virginia's career blocked shots list with a total of 102. Steve Castellan (1976-79) holds the fifth spot with 108 career blocks. Ralph Sampson (1980-83) tops the UVa list with 462 career blocked shots and Chris Alexander (1993-96) is second with 148.

Starting Strong

For the fourth time in the last five years (including this season), Virginia started its season with six consecutive victories. UVa had its winning streak snapped with an 81-79 loss to lowa State (Dec. 6).

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

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

Double-Doubles

Elton Brown has registered six double-doubles in the Cavaliers' first nine games this season to tie for the ACC lead.

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

Robert Morris (Nov. 19)
Appalachian State (Nov. 24)
Richmond (Nov. 28)
Northwestern (Dec. 1)
Iowa State (Dec. 6)
Furman (Dec. 8)

13 points, 12 rebounds
12 points, 10 rebounds
15 points, 12 rebounds
13 points, 11 rebounds
16 points, 12 rebounds

Brown now has 10 career double-doubles. He is averaging 16.7 points and 9.8 rebounds per game.

Smith 10th in Three-Point Field Goals

Senior forward Devin Smith has made 119 career threepoint field goals for the Cavaliers and stands in 10th place alltime 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 |
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| 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.) | 119 |
| 11. | Bryant Stith (1989-92) | 114 |

Smith Off to a Great Start

After being plagued by a back injury last season, Devin Smith is off to a great start in his senior season. Smith, who has led UVa in scoring in four of the first nine games this season, is averaging 17.4 points per game while shooting 50.0 percent (54-108) from the field, including 37.5 percent (21-56) from three-point range. He is also averaging 6.6 rebounds per game.

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

Before leaving the Loyola Marymount (Dec. 23) game in the second half with an injury, Smith had 12 points, five rebounds and a career-high five blocked shots.

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.

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).

Virginia Picked Eighth

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

Virginia freshman guard Sean Singletary was second in the voting for pre-season ACC Rookie of the Year behind

Marvin Williams from North Carolina.

Virginia Travels North of the Border

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

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

UVa Downs Marymount University in Second Exhibition

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

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

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

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

UVa Wins Exhibition Opener

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

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

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

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

Fitzpatrick and Byington Join Coaching Staff

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

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

Four Out of Five Returning

The Cavaliers return four of five starters from last season to the 2004-05 team. T.J. Bannister, Elton Brown, Jason Clark and J.R. Reynolds are Virginia's returning starters from last season.

Virginia In Postseason Play Five Consecutive Years

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

Cavaliers Welcome Three Newcomers

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

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

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

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

Brown, Clark and Smith Look Toward Senior Year

Seniors Elton Brown (forward/center), Jason Clark (forward) and Devin Smith (forward) provide the Cavaliers with experience in the front court for the 2004-05 season. They are also the team's tri-captains.

Brown earned honorable mention All-ACC recognition last season. He averaged a team-leading 14.8 points per game for the 2003-04 season and scored in double figures in 25 of 31 games. Brown also led the team in rebounding with an average of 6.3 a game. He had three double-doubles during the 2003-04 season. Brown grabbed a career-high 13 rebounds and scored 14 points in the win at VMI (12/5/03). He also had 21 points and 10 rebounds in the victory at Loyola Marymount (12/19/03), and 22 points and 11 rebounds in the win over Coastal Carolina (12/22/03).

Clark played in the last 19 games of the 2003-04 season, starting the last 17. He blocked at least one shot in 16 of the 19 games he played in during the season, and entered the season ranked eighth on Virginia's career blocked shots list with 95. Through his first three seasons at Virginia, Clark is shooting 61.1 percent (129-211) from the field.

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

Sixteen Games Against Tournament Teams

Of Virginia's 27 regular-season games before the 2005 ACC Tournament, 16 are against 11 teams that participated in either the 2004 NCAA Tournament or the National Invitation Tournament (NIT). The Cavaliers meet league foes and NCAA Tournament participants Duke and Georgia Tech once, and Maryland, North Carolina, N.C. State and Wake Forest twice, while also matching up twice against NIT participant Florida State. In addition to those games, Virginia plays 2004 NCAA participants Arizona (won, 78-60), Providence and Richmond (won, 85-58) while also facing 2004 NIT participant lowa State (lost 81-79).

John Paul Jones Arena On Its Way

On May 30, 2003 ground was broken on the University of Virginia's new special events center, the John Paul Jones Arena. Scheduled for completion in the summer of 2006, the \$130 million arena will replace University Hall. The new 15,000-seat arena will feature training and weight rooms, men's and women's basketball locker rooms, coaches' offices, and one-and-a-half practice courts per program so the men's and women's basketball teams can practice simultaneously, and when the arena is being used for other purposes.

Virginia Signs Three to Letters of Intent

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

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

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

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

2004-2005 VIRGINIA MEN'S BASKETBALL ADDITIONAL PLAYER BIOS

MIKE FORKIN

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

WORTH NOTING: Joined the team after tryouts in October.

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

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

TRYSHAN RAVENELL

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

WORTH NOTING: Joined the team after tryouts in October.

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

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