

VIRGINIA

Basketball

2005-06

Media Notes

Virginia (7-5, 1-1 ACC)

vs.

Florida State (10-2, 1-1)

January 11, 2006 • 7:00 p.m.

University Hall (8,392)

Charlottesville, Va.



2005-06 Schedule

7-5 Overall / 1-1 ACC

Home: 5-1

Away: 1-4

Neutral: 1-0

TELEVISION

Tonight's game will not be televised.

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.

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THE GAME

Virginia enters tonight's Atlantic Coast Conference game with a 7-5 overall record and a 1-1 mark in the ACC. The Cavaliers are coming off a 64-58 win over Clemson (Jan. 7) at University Hall.

Florida State stands at 10-2 overall and 1-1 in the ACC. The Seminoles posted a 74-68 victory over Virginia Tech (Jan. 7) in Tallahassee in their last outing.

The Series vs. Florida State

Virginia holds a 16-12 lead in the series with Florida State. UVa split a pair of meetings with the Seminoles last season with both teams winning on their home floors. It marked the fourth consecutive season (and seventh time overall) the two schools split the season series with both teams winning on their home court.

Virginia won the initial meeting of the 2004-05 season 56-55 (Feb. 9) on Devin Smith's three-pointer with 5.2 seconds remaining. Florida State earned a split in the season series with a 68-63 victory (Mar. 6) in Tallahassee.

In 2003-04, UVa won 76-67 in overtime (Jan. 18) in the first meeting in Charlottesville, while the Seminoles won 76-57 (Feb. 17) in Tallahassee.

The two teams split the 2002-03 series with UVa winning 85-72 (Jan. 29) in the first meeting at University Hall. The Seminoles took the second meeting 73-59 (Mar. 1) in Tallahassee. Both teams also won on their home courts in the 2001-02 season. Virginia won 91-74 at home (Jan. 20) and Florida State won 66-59 (Feb. 20) in Florida.

Virginia swept the 2000-01 season series from Florida State for the first time since 1996-97. UVa won 89-71 (Jan. 16) in Charlottesville and earned the sweep with a 69-66 victory (Feb. 17) in Tallahassee on a three-pointer by Roger Mason, Jr. with one second remaining.

UVa has won the first meeting of the season series with Florida State 11 times in 14 tries, including the last six.

The Cavaliers have won eight of the last 13 meetings after FSU won three consecutive contests (71-63 and 88-63 in the 1997-98 season and 72-69 in the 1998-99 campaign).

Virginia is 10-4 versus Florida State at University Hall and has won its last six home contests against the Seminoles after losing the previous two. The Seminoles' last win over Virginia at University Hall was a 72-69 triumph (Dec. 1) in the 1998-99 season.

Overall in the series, 10 of UVa's 16 wins over the Seminoles have been by nine points or less, while five of its losses have been by 14 or more points. In addition, six of FSU's last nine wins have been by fewer than nine points. Eight of the last 14 meetings (dating back to the 1998-99 season) have been decided by seven points or less. The Cavaliers have won four of those eight close games.

Nov. 11	CONCORDIA (ex)		W, 98-62
Nov. 18	LIBERTY		W, 79-44
Nov. 22	at Richmond	CN8	W, 59-43
Nov. 27	at #9 Arizona	FSN	L, 51-81
Nov. 30	NORTHWESTERN%	ESPNU	W, 72-57
Dec. 4	at Georgia Tech		L, 54-63
Dec. 7	FORDHAM		L, 60-62
Dec. 17	at #10 Gonzaga	FSN - NW	L, 69-80
Dec. 23	Loyola (Md.)		W, 98-59
Dec. 28	vs. UMBC #		W, 77-66
Dec. 31	HARTFORD		W, 71-62
Jan. 2	at Western Kentucky		L, 68-78
Jan. 7	CLEMSON		W, 64-58
Jan. 11	FLORIDA STATE		7:00 p.m.
Jan. 15	at Virginia Tech		4:00 p.m.
Jan. 19	NORTH CAROLINA		7:00 p.m.
Jan. 24	MIAMI	ESPNU	9:00 p.m.
Jan. 28	at Duke		7:00 p.m.
Feb. 1	at N.C. State	RSN	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 4	WAKE FOREST		1:30 p.m.
Feb. 7	at Maryland	RSN	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 11	VIRGINIA TECH		8:00 p.m.
Feb. 15	LONGWOOD		7:00 p.m.
Feb. 18	at Florida State		4:00 p.m.
Feb. 21	BOSTON COLLEGE	RSN	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 25	at Clemson		2:00 p.m.
Mar. 1	at North Carolina		9:00 p.m.
Mar. 5	MARYLAND		3:30 p.m.
Mar. 9-12	ACC Tournament ^		TBA

% - ACC/Big Ten Challenge

- Siegel Center, Richmond, Va.

^ - Greensboro, N.C.

All Times Eastern

Virginia's PROBABLE Starters

No.	Pos.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Ppg.	Rpg.	App.	Mpg.	Notes
11	F	Laurynas Mikalauskas	6-8	241	Fr.	5.3	4.7	0.1	22.1	8 points, 9 rebounds vs. Western Kentucky (1/2)
33	F	Jason Cain	6-10	212	Jr.	8.9	8.3	0.4	24.6	Four double-doubles in last eight games
24	G/F	Mamadi Diane	6-5	185	Fr.	8.2	3.8	1.0	27.3	Career-high 18 points vs. Northwestern (11/30)
2	G	J.R. Reynolds	6-2 1/2	197	Jr.	14.5	3.3	3.6	32.2	Season-high 26 points vs. Western Kentucky (1/2)
44	G	Sean Singletary	6-0	174	So.	17.4	4.5	4.6	33.3	Five games of 20 or more points this season
Virginia's Key Reserves										
12	G	Billy Campbell	6-0	184	Sr.	1.5	1.1	0.5	8.7	Made first career start vs. Fordham (12/7)
15	G	T.J. Bannister	5-10 1/2	176	Jr.	1.0	0.5	1.0	4.5	Only played vs. Georgia Tech (12/4) and Fordham (12/7)
21	C	Tunji Soroye	6-11	212	So.	2.6	4.8	0.1	22.5	Career high 12 points vs. Fordham (12/7)
30	F	Adrian Joseph	6-7	195	So.	10.7	4.3	0.3	28.5	Career-high 24 points (5 threes) vs. Loyola (12/23)

Tale of the Tape

Here's a statistical comparison of Virginia and Florida State in the 2005-06 season.

Virginia	Category	Florida State
68.5	Points	79.8
62.8	Points Allowed	62.2
+5.8	Scoring Margin	+17.7
42.7	Field Goal %	49.6
40.4	Field Goal % Defense	39.2
34.9	3 Point Field Goal %	35.4
29.9	3 Point Field Goal % Defense	33.8
74.5	Free Throw %	67.7
39.8	Rebounds	36.3
+8.3	Rebound Margin	+6.2
10.6	Assists	13.1
15.1	Turnovers	16.7
5.6	Steals	11.0
4.1	Blocked Shots	2.5

Last Season vs. Florida State

UVa and Florida State split last season's meetings with both teams winning on their home court. The Cavaliers won the first matchup 56-55 (Feb. 9) at University Hall, while FSU earned a 68-63 win (Mar. 6) in Tallahassee.

In the first meeting, 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 the victory.

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.

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.

In the second meeting, Florida State held off a Cavalier sec-

ond-half comeback to down Virginia 68-63 in Tallahassee (Mar. 6) in the regular season finale for both teams.

The Seminoles led by as many as 20 points in the second half only to see the Cavaliers cut the lead to three points with under three minutes to play.

The Seminoles went on a 14-3 run late in the first half to take a 32-16 lead. The Cavaliers scored the final five points of the half as Reynolds made a pair of free throws and Smith connected from behind the arc to cut the lead to 11 points, 32-21, at the break.

The Seminoles extended the lead to 20 points, 47-27 by the first media timeout of the second half. The Cavaliers responded by slowly chipping away at the lead. Led by Gary Forbes, who scored all 17 of his points after intermission, and Smith, who had 14 of his 22 points in the second half, Virginia cut the lead to single digits with eight minutes to play. After Florida State extended the lead back to 11 points (57-46) with 5:16 to play, Virginia went on an 8-0 run to make it a one possession game with 2:51 to go. The run consisted of a Forbes three-pointer, a Smith layup, and a Forbes old-fashioned three-point play. Virginia was within three (61-58) with 1:26 left to play, but Florida State scored the next four points and held on for the 68-63 win.

In addition to Smith's 22 points and Forbes' 17 points, Sean Singletary also scored in double digits for the Cavaliers with 11 points. Smith also led Virginia in rebounds with 10, as he recorded his third double-double of the season.

The Seminoles shot 43.4 percent (23-53) from the floor, while the Cavaliers shot 35.3 percent (22-62). Florida State was 18 of 23 (78.3) from the foul line, including 13-16 (81.3) in the second half, while Virginia shot 10-15 (66.7) from the line. Virginia outrebounded Florida State 41-36.

On senior day for the Seminoles, seniors Adam Waleskowski and Anthony Richardson led Florida State with 12 and 11 points respectively. Jason Rich and Al Thornton also scored in double figures with 10 points each.

Cavaliers Get ACC Win on Second Try

Virginia notched its first ACC win of the season (and improved to 1-1 in the conference) with a 64-58 victory over Clemson (Jan. 7) at University Hall.

The Cavaliers have lost their last 11 ACC openers, but have fared much better in their second ACC contest of the season. With the win over Clemson, Virginia has won its second ACC game six times in the last 11 seasons. Five of the wins have come at home at University Hall and the sixth win came in Richmond (against Wake Forest in the 1997-98 season).

ACC Openers Unkind to Virginia

Virginia lost its 2005-06 Atlantic Coast Conference season opener 63-54 to Georgia Tech (Dec. 4) in Atlanta. The Cavaliers have lost their last 11 ACC openers. UVa is 19-34 all-time in ACC openers and 6-18 in away ACC openers.

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: Dave Leitao (Northeastern '83)
Career Record: 87-74 (sixth season)
Record at Virginia: 7-5 (first season)
Assistant Coaches: Gene Cross (Illinois '94) – first season, Rob Lanier (St. Bonaventure '90) – first season, Steve Seymour (Bridgewater State '81) – first season
Director of Basketball Operations: Drew Diener (Saint Louis '03) – first season
2004-05 Record: 14-15
2004-05 ACC Record: 4-12 (10th-tie)
Starters Returning/Lost: 3/2
Lettermen Returning/Lost: 8/6
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Back to ACC Play

The Cavaliers opened ACC play on Dec. 4 (a 63-54 loss to Georgia Tech) and played their second conference game on Jan. 7 against Clemson (a 64-58 win). The 33 days between ACC games is the longest stretch ever between ACC contests for Virginia. The previous longest length of time between ACC games for UVa was 31 days in the 1979-80 season – Dec. 1 (vs. Georgia Tech) to Jan. 2 (vs. Wake Forest).

Virginia also played six non-conference games between league matchups. The six games ties for the second most all-time between ACC contests (1997-98, 1996-97, 1981-82, and 1967-68). In 1979-80, the Cavaliers played eight non-conference contests between their first two ACC games.

New UVa Coaches in Home ACC Debut

Dave Leitao made his ACC home game coaching debut against Clemson (Jan. 7) – a 64-58 win. He is only the third of seven UVa coaches to win their first home ACC game. Billy McCann was the first UVa coach to win his home ACC debut in the 1957-58 season (a 66-61 win over Wake Forest – Dec. 14). In 1990-91, Jeff Jones was the second UVa coach to win his first home ACC game (an 81-64 win over #8 Duke – Jan. 5).

Head Coach Dave Leitao

Dave Leitao was named the 10th head men's basketball coach at Virginia on April 16, 2005. Leitao was the head coach at DePaul University the last three seasons. His DePaul teams compiled an overall record of 58-34 and competed in a postseason tournament each season. The Blue Demons participated in the NCAA Tournament in 2004 and in the National Invitation Tournament in 2003 and 2005. Leitao also spent two seasons as

the head coach at his alma mater, Northeastern University, and now sports an 87-74 record in six seasons as a head coach.

This is Leitao's first meeting against Florida State as a head coach.

Leitao has coached in 22 games against AP ranked teams and is 5-17. Against top 10 AP teams, Leitao is 0-7. He was 0-4 against ranked teams in two seasons at Northeastern, 5-11 vs. ranked opponents in three years at DePaul, and 0-2 against ranked foes at UVa.

In six season-openers, Leitao is 4-2. In addition to this year's season-opening win, Leitao won all three season openers while at DePaul and lost both openers at Northeastern. Here's a look at the results of Leitao's six season-openers:

1994-95	Northeastern lost at Duke	93-70
1995-96	Northeastern lost at Marist	73-55
2002-03	DePaul won at Northern Illinois	63-48
2003-04	DePaul won at home over Loyola-Chicago	73-61
2004-05	DePaul won at home over Bowling Green	69-59
2005-06	Virginia won at home over Liberty	79-44

Dave Leitao Makes Virginia Debut

A new era of Virginia basketball began on Nov. 18 when Dave Leitao made his Virginia coaching debut. The Cavaliers rolled to a 79-44 victory over Liberty. Leitao became the seventh (of 10) head coach to win his opener at UVa. Here's a look at how the nine other coaches fared in their Cavalier debut:

Henry Lannigan (1905-06)	W	30-9	Charlottesville YMCA (H)
Roy Randall (1929-30)	L	65-32	Duke (H)
Gus Tebell (1930-31)	W	32-15	Staunton Collegians (H)
Evan "Bus" Male (1951-52)	W	56-50	Catholic (H)
Billy McCann (1957-58)	L	73-69	William & Mary (A)
Bill Gibson (1963-64)	L	75-64	Kentucky (A)
Terry Holland (1974-75)	W	77-69	Washington & Lee (H)
Jeff Jones (1990-91)	W	80-77	Siena (N)
Pete Gillen (1998-99)	W	86-70	Va. Commonwealth (N)
Dave Leitao (2005-06)	W	79-44	Liberty (H)

Leitao also earned a win in his second game at Virginia and joined four of the previous nine head basketball coaches at UVa to start out their stay at Virginia with consecutive wins. Jeff Jones (1990-91), Terry Holland (1974-75) and Gus Tebell (1930-31) each started out 2-0, while Henry Lannigan (1905-06) is the only Virginia coach to win more than his first two games. He led UVa to four consecutive victories in the first year of the Cavalier basketball program in 1905-06.

The Opener

UVa's 35-point margin of victory over Liberty (Nov. 18) marked the largest in a season-opener since the 2000-01 season when the Cavaliers won by 46 points over Long Island (Nov. 17) – 96-50. The 44 points allowed by UVa are the fewest in a season opener since 1991-92 when Virginia posted a 78-43 win over William & Mary (Nov. 24).

Singletary Named ACC Player of the Week

Sophomore guard Sean Singletary was named the Atlantic Coast Conference Player of the Week on Dec. 19. Singletary scored a career-high 35 points in UVa's 80-69 loss to 10th-ranked Gonzaga (Dec. 17). In addition to the 35 points, Singletary tied his career high with six steals and added six rebounds and four assists.

Singletary, who was a five-time ACC Rookie of the Week last season, is the first UVa player to garner the ACC's Player of the Week award since Elton Brown captured the honor on Dec. 27, 2004.

Singletary is currently fifth in the ACC with 17.4 points per game.

Cavalier Captains

Junior J.R. Reynolds and sophomore Sean Singletary are co-captains of the 2005-06 Virginia basketball team. Singletary is the first sophomore since Donald Hand in the 1998-99 season to be a team captain.

Cavaliers Open Season Strong

Virginia opened the 2005-06 season with a pair of victories, marking the seventh consecutive year UVa started out the season 2-0. UVa won its season-opener 79-44 over Liberty (Nov. 18) and then registered a 59-43 victory at Richmond (Nov. 22). The Cavaliers had their two-game winning streak snapped with an 81-51 loss to ninth-ranked Arizona Nov. 27.

Thief

Sean Singletary is second in the ACC in steals with 2.36 steals per game. Singletary has 26 steals in 11 games this season. He has three or more steals in five games this season.

Swat

Sophomore Tunji Soroye has blocked a career-best 24 shots this season for an average of 2.0 per game. Soroye is currently fourth in the ACC in blocked shots per game. He has blocked two or more shots in eight games, including a season-high four blocks vs. Clemson (Jan. 7).

Singletary Goes for 35

Sean Singletary scored a career-high 35 points in UVa's 80-69 loss at Gonzaga (Dec. 17). The 35 points set a McCarthy Athletic Center record for the most points scored by a Gonzaga opponent. Singletary, who missed UVa's previous game against Fordham (Dec. 7) with a hip injury, made 11-20 attempts from the field (4-9 three-pointers) and 9-14 free throws. He also had a career-high tying six steals, six rebounds and four assists in 39 minutes.

Singletary's 35 points are the most scored in a game by a UVa player since J.R. Reynolds tallied 32 points vs. Miami (Mar. 10) in last year's ACC tournament. The last time a UVa player scored more than 35 points in a game was last season when Devin Smith tallied 40 points against Iowa State (Dec. 6).

Singletary scored just over half of Virginia's points in the game against Gonzaga. The last time one player scored more than half of UVa's points in a game was when Smith scored his 40 points against Iowa State last season (UVa had 79 as a team).

Virginia Defeats Clemson 64-58 for First ACC Win

Adrian Joseph scored a game-high 19 points to help lead Virginia to a 64-58 victory over Clemson (Jan. 7) at University Hall. It marked the first ACC win in the Leitao era at UVa.

Joseph led four Cavaliers in double figure scoring with his 19 points. He was 6-10 from the field, including 3-5 on three-point attempts, and made all four free throws, while playing a career-high 39 minutes. Sean Singletary added 17 points, six assists, five rebounds and two steals, while Jason Cain nearly recorded a double-double with 12 points and a game-high nine rebounds. J.R. Reynolds added 10 points and six rebounds.

UVa led throughout much of the first half and took a 31-26 lead at the intermission. The Cavaliers took their biggest lead of the contest, 52-42, with 8:08 remaining on a Singletary three-pointer. Clemson immediately went on an 11-0 run to take a 53-52 edge with 4:35 to play. Vernon Hamilton scored seven of the 11 points during the spurt. A Cain free throw with 4:14 to go halted the run and tied the game. Two more Cain tosses from the charity stripe gave UVa a two-point lead (55-53) with 2:44 left. A three-point play by Cliff Hammonds put the Tigers back on top,

56-55 with 1:33 remaining. A Singletary jumper at the 1:12 mark put Virginia back on top to stay, 57-56. UVa made 7-8 free throws in the final minute to seal the victory.

The Cavaliers shot 41.7 percent (20-48) from the field, but made 6-11 three-point attempts (54.5 percent). Clemson shot 39.7 percent (23-58) from the floor and made 6-7 free throws (85.7 percent). UVa nearly matched the Tigers' accuracy from the line, but made three times as many while going 18-22 for 81.8 percent. Virginia held a commanding 39-21 advantage in rebounds, but committed 17 turnovers to Clemson's 11.

Hammonds led Clemson with 14 points, while Hamilton added 13 points, four assists and four steals.

Cavaliers Improve to 4-2 in ACC/Big Ten Challenge

With a 72-57 victory over Northwestern (Nov. 30), Virginia improved to 4-2 in the ACC/Big Ten Challenge. The Cavaliers also helped the ACC win the series for the seventh consecutive year as ACC schools won six of 11 contests. The ACC's cumulative record in the Challenge is 40-24.

Virginia Signs Three Players

Head basketball coach Dave Leitao announced the signing of three individuals to letters of intent with Virginia during the November signing period.

The three players are 6-6 forward Will Harris from Corona, N.Y.; 6-8 forward Johnnie Lett of Mobile, Ala.; and 6-9 forward Jamil Tucker of Gary, Ind.

Minter No Longer on Team

Head coach Dave Leitao announced on Dec. 22 that Donte Minter is no longer on the team for personal reasons. He is not expected to return to the team.

"Donte is a fine young man and I wish him well," Leitao said.

Minter, a 6-8 junior forward/center from Salisbury, N.C., did not play in a game for the Cavaliers this season.

Minter lettered for Virginia the last two seasons. He played in all 31 games for the Cavaliers and started three as a freshman during the 2003-04 season. He averaged 5.6 points and 2.6 rebounds a game that season, while shooting 56.0 percent (70-125) from the field and 71.7 percent (33-46) from the free throw line.

Minter was hampered by injuries in 2004-05. He played in 18 games that season, scoring 23 points and grabbing nine rebounds.

Bannister Makes Debut

After missing the first four games of the season, guard T.J. Bannister made his 2005-06 season debut against Georgia Tech (Dec. 4). Bannister played two minutes during the first half and made his only field goal attempt. He also played seven minutes against Fordham and had two assists and one rebound. Bannister has not played in UVa's last six games – Gonzaga (Dec. 17), Loyola (Dec. 23), UMBC (Dec. 28), Hartford (Dec. 31) Western Kentucky (Jan. 2) or Clemson (Jan. 7).

Last season, Bannister averaged 4.3 points and 3.7 assists per game.

Ruling the Offensive Glass

Jason Cain registered an amazing 16 offensive rebounds in two games (7 vs. Georgia Tech – Dec. 4 and 9 vs. Fordham – Dec. 7). The 16 offensive rebounds ties Bryant Stith for the most offensive rebounds in back-to-back games in school history. Stith had 16 offensive boards (eight each) against Wake Forest (Mar. 1, 1989) and Maryland (Mar. 5, 1989).

Furthermore, Cain's nine offensive rebounds vs. the Rams was just one shy of the single game school mark which is shared

by three players (Stith, Matt Blundin, and Travis Watson). Only one other player – Junior Burrough – has had nine offensive boards in a game (against Old Dominion on Dec. 11, 1993).

On the season, Cain has 44 offensive rebounds for an average of 3.67 per game. He leads the ACC in offensive rebounds.

Really Raising Cain

Jason Cain has recorded back-to-back double-doubles twice this season. He has four double-doubles in his last eight contests and is averaging 9.6 rebounds per game during that span. He has led Virginia in rebounding in seven of the last nine games.

Cain had his first career double-double in UVa's 63-54 loss to Georgia Tech (Dec. 4). The junior forward tallied then career highs of 15 points and 11 rebounds. Against Fordham (Dec. 7), Cain posted career bests with 16 points and 15 rebounds. Against Loyola (Dec. 23), he recorded 15 points and 16 rebounds with the 16 boards setting yet another career high. Against UMBC (Dec. 28), Cain tied his career high with 16 points and added 12 rebounds for his fourth double-double of the season.

His former career highs of 13 points and nine rebounds came in different games against NC State last season.

Cain is the only current UVa player to have a double-double to his credit (and is also the only Cavalier to have a double-digit rebounding performance). He leads UVa with 100 rebounds (8.3 per game – third in the ACC), including 44 offensive rebounds (3.67 per game). Cain is fourth on the team in scoring with 8.9 points per game.

Home is Sweet for Diane

Freshman Mamadi Diane has played well at home this season while struggling on the road. Here's a breakdown of Diane's statistics at home vs. on the road.

Category	Home (6 gms)	Away (6 gms)*	Overall
Points per game	9.5	6.8	8.2
FG shooting	45.2% (19-42)	27.3 % (15-55)	35.1% (34-97)
3-pt FG shooting	40.0% (4-10)	20.0% (3-15)	28.0% (7-25)
Turnovers	4	12	16
Assists	10	2	12
Steals	4	4	8
Blocks	4	4	8
Rebounds	3.7	4.0	3.8
Minutes Played	25.8	28.7	27.3

*UVa's game against UMBC (Dec. 28) is included as an away game. Diane had 16 points (6-11 field goals), three rebounds, three steals, one assist and one blocked shot with no turnovers.

Ditto for Joseph

Adrian Joseph is averaging 15.2 points per game at home (six games), but is averaging only 6.2 points per game away from U-Hall (six games). Joseph is shooting 47.8 percent (32-67) from the field and 45.5 percent (15-33) from three-point range at home. Away from U-Hall, Joseph is shooting only 35.9 percent (14-39) from the field and 19.0 percent (4-21) from three-point territory.

Overall, Joseph is averaging 10.7 points per game while shooting 43.4 percent (46-106) from the field.

Reynolds Breaks Out

After making only four three-point field goals (on 28 attempts) in the first seven games of the season, J.R. Reynolds drained a career-high tying five three-pointers against Loyola (Dec. 23) on seven attempts.

Including the Loyola game, Reynolds has made 13-25 (52.0 percent) three-point attempts in the last five games. Reynolds is now 17-53 (32.1 percent) from beyond the three-point line this

season.

Reynolds snapped an 0-11 slump that spanned four games when he made his first three against Loyola with 12:53 left in the first half. His 5-7 effort from long range against Loyola also snapped a 1-20 slump over the previous five games.

Reynolds is 10-25 (40.0 percent) from three-point land at home, but just 7-28 (25.0 percent) from long range away from University Hall. He made four threes against Western Kentucky after having just three three-pointers in his previous five games away from U-Hall.

In the last five games, Reynolds is averaging 18.8 points per game while shooting 44.3 percent (27-61) from the field.

Three-Point Field Goal Leaders

J.R. Reynolds has made 116 three-point field goals in his career and ranks 11th on UVa's all-time three-point field goals list. Chris Williams (1999-02) is 10th with 130 career threes.

Turnovers

UVa is averaging 15.1 turnovers per game through the first 12 contests. The Cavaliers committed 18 or more turnovers in four of their first five games. In the last seven games, UVa has cut its turnovers down to 13.4 per game (94 turnovers). The most miscues UVa has made in its last seven games is 17 vs. Hartford (Dec. 31) and Clemson (Jan. 7).

Against Northwestern (Nov. 30), UVa had only eight turnovers, including just two miscues in the second half against the Wildcats. In its previous game against Arizona, Virginia committed a season-high 24 turnovers.

Field Goal Percentage Leader

Freshman Laurynas Mikalauskas leads the Cavaliers in field goal percentage. He has made 28-47 attempts from the field for 59.6 percent accuracy. Over the last three games, Mikalauskas has made 9-12 attempts (75.0 percent) from the floor.

No Threes

UVa was 0-13 from three-point range against Georgia Tech (Dec. 4). The last time Virginia failed to make a three-pointer in a game was Jan. 31, 2004 at Wake Forest.

28 Offensive Rebounds

UVa pulled down 28 offensive rebounds against Georgia Tech (Dec. 4) and it ties for the second highest offensive rebounds total in a game in school history. The Cavaliers also had 28 offensive boards against Virginia Tech on Jan. 25, 1989. The school record for offensive rebounds in a game is 30 vs. Towson on Dec. 3, 1994.

Virginia gave up 28 offensive rebounds to Hartford (Dec. 31). The 28 offensive boards by the Hawks is the fourth highest total by a UVa opponent ever.

Guards Lead the Way

Starting guards Sean Singletary and J.R. Reynolds are pacing the Cavaliers this season. The two guards have combined to lead UVa in scoring in eight of 12 games.

Singletary leads UVa with 17.4 points per game and is averaging 4.6 assists per game (51 assists). Reynolds is second on the squad with 14.5 points per contest and has tallied 43 assists (3.6 per game).

Singletary has led UVa in scoring four times – 24 points against Arizona, 23 points vs. Northwestern, 35 points vs. Gonzaga, and 22 points vs. Hartford. Reynolds has also led the Cavaliers in scoring four times – 23 points against Richmond, 25 points vs. Loyola (Md.), 20 points vs. UMBC and 26 points vs. Western Kentucky.

Rebounding a Key

One of the keys to success for UVa this season is rebounding and so far Virginia has more than held its own on the glass. The Cavaliers have outrebounded 10 of their first 12 opponents and are averaging 8.3 more rebounds per game than the opposition. UVa is averaging 39.8 rebounds overall and 14.6 offensive boards per contest.

The Cavaliers have outrebounded seven of their opponents by 10 or more rebounds. In two ACC games, Virginia has outrebounded the opposition 91-62 for an average of +14.5 per game.

Free Throw Accuracy

UVa is currently shooting an impressive 74.5 percent (187-251) from the free throw line this season which ranks second in the ACC (UVa is shooting 75.6 percent – 34-45 – in ACC play). The Cavaliers have two players ranked among the leaders in the ACC in free throw shooting. J.R. Reynolds is sixth in the conference at 81.0 percent (47-58), while Sean Singletary is ninth at 78.6 percent (55-70).

Several other Cavaliers are shooting extremely well from the free throw line, but don't qualify to be listed among the ACC's leaders because they haven't made enough free throws (2.5 made per game is the requirement to be ranked).

– Mamadi Diane is shooting 88.5 percent (23-26) from the line.

– Tunji Soroye is shooting 78.6 percent (11-14) from the line.

– Adrian Joseph is shooting 77.3 percent (17-22) from the line

Double Figures in First Six Games

After scoring in double figures in back-to-back games only once last season, Sean Singletary scored in double figures in the first six games he played in this season before having his streak stopped when he scored only four points against Loyola (Md.). Singletary, who is averaging 17.4 points a game, scored only seven points against UMBC (Dec 28). Singletary has scored in double figures the last three games and in nine of the 11 games he has played this season.

Singletary scored in double figures in 13 games last season, but not in back-to-back games until he scored 17 vs. NC State (Mar. 2) and 11 vs. Florida State (Mar. 6).

Dating back to the final game of the 2004-05 season, Singletary scored in double digits in seven consecutive games (he tallied 16 points in the ACC Tournament vs. Duke - Mar. 11) before having the streak snapped against Loyola (Md.).

Reynolds from the Line

J.R. Reynolds had his streak of 20 consecutive free throws snapped when he missed his second attempt vs. Clemson (Jan. 7) with 1:30 remaining in the first half.

Reynolds' streak started when he made his last free throw vs. Loyola (Dec. 23). He was a career-best 10-10 against UMBC (Dec. 28) and then made all four attempts from the line against Hartford (Dec. 31). Reynolds also made all four attempts from the charity stripe against Western Kentucky (Jan. 2).

Impressive Start

Virginia limited its first two opponents to an average of 43.5 points per game (Liberty 44 points, Richmond 43 points) and 25.7 percent (27-105) shooting from the field. The last time UVa held its first two opponents under 50 points was way back in the 1948-49 season. In 1948-49, the Cavaliers held Lynchburg Independents to 40 points (in a 72-40 win) and Langley Field to 38 points (in a 78-38 win).

On the season, Virginia's opponents are shooting 40.4 percent (279-691) from the field and averaging 62.8 points per game.

Last Season in University Hall

The 2005-06 campaign is the last season in University Hall for Virginia's men's and women's basketball teams. After calling University Hall home since the 1965-66 season, the Cavaliers will move across the street to their new facility, the John Paul Jones Arena, for the 2006-07 season.

In 41 seasons (including 2005-06), the Cavaliers are 398-141 (.738) all-time at University Hall.

Shiembob Shines

Walk-on freshman forward Drew Shiembob made outstanding contributions in UVa's wins over UMBC (Dec. 28) and Hartford (Dec. 31).

In seven minutes vs. UMBC, Shiembob had a career-high four points while making both attempts from the field. Against Hartford, Shiembob equalled his career best with four points (2-3 shooting from the field) and also tallied a career-high two rebounds (both offensive). He also had an assist and a steal while playing a career-high 16 minutes.

Shiembob has played in seven games this season.

Two Players Join Virginia Squad

University of Virginia men's head basketball coach Dave Leitao announced on Nov. 8 that junior Matt Deasey and freshman Drew Shiembob joined the Virginia team after going through a tryout process.

Deasey is a 6-0 guard from Wynnewood, Pa. He lettered three times in basketball at Episcopal Academy and was the team captain his senior season.

Shiembob is a 6-4 freshman forward from Richmond, Va. He was a four-year starter at St. Christopher's School. He averaged 18.5 points and 6.9 rebounds a game as a senior and earned Virginia League of Independent Schools first-team All-State honors. He finished his career at St. Christopher's as the school's career leader in rebounds (582) and ranked fourth in scoring (1,097 points). Shiembob was the team's captain as a junior and a senior.

UVa Returns Three Starters

The Cavaliers return three starters from last year's team. The returning starters are guards T.J. Bannister, J.R. Reynolds and Sean Singletary.

UVa Guards Make Game-Winning Plays

Three returning guards for the Cavaliers provided game-winning heroics during the 2004-05 season. Sean Singletary scored Virginia's final four points, including the winning basket with 2.2 seconds to play, in a 64-62 victory at North Carolina State. J.R. Reynolds' driving layup with 1.5 seconds remaining in overtime provided UVa with its margin of victory in a 79-77 win over Loyola Marymount. T.J. Bannister's jumper in the lane with 2.7 seconds left in the second overtime period gave the Cavaliers' an 80-79 win over Western Kentucky.

Singletary and Reynolds Earn ACC All-Freshmen Honors

Virginia has had a player earn All-ACC Freshmen honors each of the last two seasons.

Sean Singletary was named to the All-ACC Freshmen Team in 2005 after earning ACC Rookie of the Week honors five times. He averaged 10.5 points, 3.9 assists, 3.0 rebounds and 29.9 minutes played a game, and was the only UVa player to start all 29 games during the 2004-05 season.

J.R. Reynolds was named to the All-ACC Freshmen Team in 2004. He averaged 9.4 points, 1.7 rebounds, 2.0 assists and 24.7 minutes played a game during the 2003-04 season.

Singletary, Bannister in Last Year's ACC Rankings

Guard Sean Singletary led Virginia in assists (3.9 apg.) and steals (1.66 spg.) in 2004-05, and ranked first among Atlantic Coast Conference freshmen in those two categories. He also ranked second among ACC freshmen in minutes played (29.9 mpg.) and third in scoring (10.5 ppg.). Overall, he ranked sixth in the ACC in assist/turnover ratio (1.61, 113 assists and 70 turnovers), and ninth in assists and steals.

Guard T.J. Bannister ranked fifth in the ACC in assist/turnover ratio (1.71, 108 assists and 63 turnovers) and 10th in assists (3.72 apg.). He had an assist to turnover ratio of 2.18 in ACC games (74 assists and 34 turnovers) that ranked second in the conference.

J.R. Reynolds in the ACC Tournament

Guard J.R. Reynolds has played very well in the first two Atlantic Coast Conference Tournaments of his Virginia career.

In two games in the 2005 ACC Tournament, Reynolds scored 43 points and earned second-team All-Tournament honors. He scored a career-high 32 points and tied his career-high with 39 minutes played in the 66-65 victory over Miami in the opening round of the tournament. His 32 points tied for the third highest point total ever by a Virginia player in an ACC Tournament game. He is Virginia's first All-Tournament selection since Junior Burrough was a first-team pick in 1995.

Reynolds scored 38 points in UVa's two games in the 2004 ACC Tournament. He had a season-high 20 points against Duke in the tournament quarterfinals and 18 against Clemson in the first round.

Virginia Assistants have Head Coaching Experience

Two members of University of Virginia men's head basketball coach Dave Leitao's coaching staff have head coaching experience at the Division I level.

Rob Lanier was the head coach at Siena College the last four years (2001-05). During his four years as Siena's head coach, the Saints participated in one NCAA Tournament and one National Invitation Tournament (NIT).

Siena won the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) Tournament Championship in 2002 to earn a spot in the NCAA Tournament. The Saints defeated Alcorn State in the NCAA Tournament opening round game before losing to eventual national champion Maryland.

During the 2002-03 season, Lanier led Siena to a 21-11 record and a third-place finish in the MAAC with a 12-6 record. The Saints earned a berth in the NIT where they defeated Villanova and Western Michigan before losing to Alabama-Birmingham.

Steve Seymour was the head coach at Drexel University for two years (1999-2001). Drexel compiled a 21-15 record in the America East Conference during his two years as head coach. He later served as an assistant coach at Siena during Rob Lanier's first three years as head coach of the Saints.

Brown Named Strength and Conditioning Coach

Shaun Brown, the head strength coach of the Toronto Raptors of the National Basketball Association the last two years, was named strength and conditioning coach for the University of Virginia men's basketball program on October 13.

Brown has 17 years of experience at the professional and collegiate levels. Before joining the staff of the Toronto Raptors, he was the head strength coach for the Boston Celtics from 1997-2003.

From 1992-97, Brown was the head strength coach for men's basketball at the University of Kentucky. During his time at

Kentucky, the men's basketball team won the 1996 NCAA Championship.

"The hiring of Shaun Brown continues to move our program in the right direction and helps us provide the best possible student-athlete experience," said UVa men's head basketball coach Dave Leitao. "Shaun comes to Virginia with credentials that speak for themselves. He has been a part of a national championship program, and has successfully trained athletes at the professional and collegiate levels."

Evan Marcus is Virginia's head strength coach and director of the McCue Center weight room. Ed Nordenschild (head strength coach for Olympic sports), and assistant coaches Bill Miller, Shad Pospahala and Lorenzo Rivers assist Marcus. Nordenschild will continue his work with the UVa women's basketball team.

"The strength training unit is critical to our success and has done a tremendous job in support of the athletics department's 10-year goals," said Virginia Executive Associate Athletics Director Jon Oliver. "Shaun Brown is an important addition in this area. His credentials are reflective of the type of professionals we have in the strength training unit."

Brown served as the head strength coach at Providence College from November of 1989 until April of 1992. Prior to that he was an assistant strength coach at Rutgers University from August of 1989 until he accepted the position at Providence.

A native of Hornell, N.Y., Brown earned a bachelor's degree from Canisius College in 1987 and a master's degree from Ohio State University in 1988. He served as a graduate assistant strength coach at Ohio State and as strength and conditioning coach at Dublin High School in Dublin, Ohio, from August of 1988 to August of 1989.

Littlepage Chairs NCAA Basketball Committee

University of Virginia Athletics Director Craig Littlepage is the chair of the NCAA Men's Division I Basketball Committee. The main responsibility of the committee is the administration of the NCAA men's basketball tournament. Littlepage has been a member of the committee since Sept. 1, 2002. His term on the committee ends on Sept. 1, 2006.

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 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.

25 Matt Deasey

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Episcopal Academy • Wynnewood, Pa.

[Pronunciation Key: Dee-see]

WORTH NOTING: Joined the team as a walk-on prior to the 2005-06 season ... team captain his senior season at Episcopal Academy ... received team Hustle and Coaches Awards as a senior ... earned All-Area and team Most Improved Awards his junior season.

HIGH SCHOOL: Competed four seasons for head coach Dan Dougherty at Episcopal Academy ... served as team captain his senior season ... lettered three times in basketball ... three-sport athlete in high school ... also competed in water polo and baseball.

PERSONAL: Matthew Joseph Deasey ... born February 7, 1985, in Wynnewood, Pa. ... son of Geoffrey and Molly Deasey ... has two siblings ... father rowed at the University of Pennsylvania ... Jefferson Scholar finalist ... Dean's List student ... neuroscience major.

35 Drew Shiembob

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St.Christopher's School • Richmond, Va.

[Pronunciation Key: Shem-bob]

WORTH NOTING: Joined the team as a walk-on prior to the 2005-06 season ... team captain as a junior and senior at St. Christopher's ... finished his high school career as St. Christopher's career leader in rebounds (582) ... fourth in career scoring (1,097 points) at St. Christopher's ... Virginia League of Independent Schools first-team All-State selection as a senior.

HIGH SCHOOL: Averaged 18.5 points and 6.9 rebounds per game during the 2004-2005 season ... a four-year starter for head coach Chuck Thomas at St. Christopher's ... school's all-time career leader in rebounds (582) and ranked fourth in scoring (1,097 points) at the conclusion of his high school career ... team captain in both his junior and senior seasons ... named first-team All-Prep League as a junior and senior ... Virginia League of Independent Schools first-team All-State as a senior ... participated in the Dominion Classic All-Star game.

PERSONAL: Andrew Reed Shiembob ... born September 11, 1986, in Richmond, Va. ... son of Mark and Cheryl Shiembob ... has one sibling ... father earned both his undergraduate and Law degrees at UVa ... Jefferson Scholar finalist.