

# VIRGINIA

## Basketball

### 2005-06

#### Media Notes

Virginia (10-6, 4-2 ACC)

vs.

#2/#2 Duke (18-1, 6-0 ACC)  
 January 28, 2006 • 7:00 p.m.  
 Cameron Indoor Stadium (9,314)  
 Durham, N.C.



## 2005-06 Schedule

**10-6 Overall / 4-2 ACC**  
**Home: 7-2**  
**Away: 2-4**  
**Neutral: 1-0**

### TELEVISION

Tonight's game will be tele-vised by ESPN. Mike Patrick will handle the play-by-play. Jimmy Dykes is the analyst.

### RADIO

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

### OFFICIALS

### THE GAME

Virginia enters tonight's Atlantic Coast Conference game with a 10-6 overall record and a 4-2 mark in the ACC. The Cavaliers, who have won their last three games, are coming off a 71-51 win over Miami (Jan. 24) in University Hall.

Duke stands at 18-1 overall and 6-0 in the ACC and is ranked second in both *The Associated Press* and ESPN/USAToday Top 25 polls. The Blue Devils are coming off an 80-67 win over Virginia Tech (Jan. 26) in Blacksburg, Va.

### The Series vs. Duke

Duke leads the all-time series with the Cavaliers 106-47 and has won the last eight meetings. The Blue Devils won the only regular season meeting last season 80-66 (Jan. 16) in Durham and then won 76-64 (Mar. 11) in the quarterfinals of the ACC Tournament in Washington, D.C. Duke was ranked fifth at the time of both meetings last season.

The Blue Devils swept all three meetings in the 2003-04 season from UVa. Duke, ranked second in the nation at the time, won the first meeting 93-71 (Jan. 11) in Charlottesville. The Blue Devils also won 93-75 (Feb. 11) in Durham when they were the top-rated team in the nation. In the ACC Tournament, then fifth-ranked Duke won 84-74 (Mar. 12) in Greensboro, N.C.

Duke also won all three meetings during the 2002-03 season. Ranked number one in the nation at the time, Duke won the first meeting 104-93 (Jan. 15) in Durham. The eighth-ranked Blue Devils won 78-59 (Feb. 15) in Charlottesville. In the 2003 ACC Tournament, 12th-rated Duke won 83-76 (Mar. 14) in Greensboro. UVa split the 2001-02 season series with the Blue Devils. Virginia lost the first meeting 94-81 (Jan. 27) in Durham and won at home 87-84 (Feb. 28). The Cavaliers also split the 2000-01 series with the Blue Devils with both teams winning at home. Duke won the first meeting 103-61 (Jan. 13) in Durham, while UVa posted a 91-89 victory (Feb. 14) in Charlottesville, which snapped a 12-game slide to the Blue Devils.

Duke has dominated the series in the last 22 years, winning 42 of the last 52 meetings since Ralph Sampson's graduation from Virginia in 1983. The Blue Devils have also won 21 of the last 23 meetings dating back to the last matchup of the 1995-96 season.

In addition to snapping the 12-game losing streak to the Blue Devils with its win in 2001, Virginia broke a six-game streak in which Duke reached triple digits against the Cavaliers.

During Duke's 12-game winning streak over UVa, the Blue Devils won in convincing fashion, winning by an average of 25.3 points per game. Duke won by more than 40 points on four occasions. Only six of the last 21 games have been decided by fewer than 10 points.

Playing in front of the "Cameron crazies" has been difficult for UVa as the Wahoos are 8-45 against Duke at Cameron. All-time Virginia is 10-50 on Duke's various home courts through the years. The Cavaliers have lost their last 10 games at Cameron Indoor Stadium. UVa's last win at Cameron was a 91-88 double overtime victory on January 14, 1995.

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		L, 82-87 OT
Jan. 15	at Virginia Tech		W, 54-49
Jan. 19	#24 NORTHCAROLINA		W, 72-68
Jan. 24	MIAMI	ESPNU	W, 71-51
Jan. 28	at #2 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.	Apg.	Mpg.	Notes
30	F	Adrian Joseph	6-7	195	So.	10.4	4.6	0.5	28.8	Career-high 24 points (5 threes) vs. Loyola (12/23)
33	F	Jason Cain	6-10	212	Jr.	8.2	7.8	0.6	26.4	Four double-doubles this year; 5 blocks vs. UNC (1/19)
21	C	Tunji Soroye	6-11	212	So.	2.3	4.1	0.1	21.3	Career high 12 points vs. Fordham (12/7)
2	G	J.R. Reynolds	6-2 1/2	197	Jr.	14.7	3.4	3.2	31.9	Season-high 26 points vs. Western Kentucky (1/2)
44	G	Sean Singletary	6-0	174	So.	18.7	4.3	4.8	34.3	Seven games of 20 or more points this season

### Virginia's Key Reserves

11	F	Laurynas Mikalaitis	6-8	241	Fr.	5.6	4.8	0.1	22.3	Shooting 61.5% (40-65) from field; 62.5% (15-24) in ACC
24	G/F	Mamadi Diane	6-5	185	Fr.	7.5	3.4	1.1	25.4	Career-high 18 points vs. Northwestern (11/30)
12	G	Billy Campbell	6-0	184	Sr.	1.3	0.9	0.4	7.3	Made first career start vs. Fordham (12/7)
15	G	T.J. Bannister	5-10 1/2	176	Jr.	1.8	1.0	2.2	11.3	Played in 6 games; season-high 7 pts vs. UNC (1/19)

### Tale of the Tape

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

Virginia	Category	Duke
68.8	Points	82.1
63.0	Points Allowed	63.8
+5.8	Scoring Margin	+18.3
43.3	Field Goal %	51.2
40.2	Field Goal % Defense	43.6
35.0	3 Point Field Goal %	39.7
29.4	3 Point Field Goal % Defense	27.2
74.3	Free Throw %	76.6
38.0	Rebounds	32.6
+6.2	Rebound Margin	-0.6
11.3	Assists	15.4
14.5	Turnovers	13.1
5.3	Steals	10.1
4.3	Blocked Shots	5.3

### Playing Ranked Blue Devil Teams

Twenty of UVa's last 21 meetings against Duke have occurred with the Blue Devils being ranked in the top 10 of *The Associated Press* Poll. UVa is 2-19 in the last 21 meetings against a top-10 Blue Devil squad. Duke is currently ranked second in *The Associated Press* Poll (and also second in the *ESPN/USAToday* Poll). The meeting in the 2003 ACC Tournament on Mar. 14 was the first time since Jan. 18, 1997 that the Blue Devils were not ranked in the top 10 when the two teams met. Duke was ranked 12th when it defeated UVa 83-76 in the 2003 ACC Tournament. The previous time the Blue Devils were not a top 10 team when they played UVa was on Jan. 18, 1997 – 13th (a 78-59 Duke win).

After dropping 10 consecutive meetings against top-10 ranked Duke teams, the Cavaliers have won two of the last 11 games, including an 87-84 victory at University Hall (Feb. 28, 2002) – the last Virginia win over Duke. The other Cavalier victory was a 91-89 decision on February 14, 2001 at U-Hall.

In the past eight seasons, Virginia has played Duke when the Blue Devils were ranked as the nation's top team eight times.

–In 1997-98 Duke was ranked #1 at the time of all three meetings. (Virginia became the first team in NCAA history to play the nation's #1 team five times in one season when, in addition to three games vs. Duke, UVa also played North Carolina twice when it was atop the polls).

–In 1998-99, the Blue Devils were ranked #1 when they defeated UVa 100-54 in Charlottesville (Feb. 11) and 104-67 in the ACC Tournament (Mar. 4).

–In 2001-2002, Virginia lost to #1 Duke 94-81 (Jan. 27) in Durham. –In 2002-03, the Blue Devils were #1 when they recorded a 104-93 win (Jan. 15) in Durham.

–In 2003-04, UVa fell to the top-rated Blue Devils 93-75 (Feb. 11) in Durham.

Overall, Virginia hasn't fared well against a nationally-ranked Duke squad. The Cavaliers are 14-59 against a ranked Duke team and 11-51 vs. top 10 Blue Devil teams. Virginia has never defeated a #1 or #2 ranked Duke team (0-20 all-time), but has four wins over #3 Blue Devil teams and one victory over Duke teams ranked fourth through 10th (one victory over #4, #5, etc.).

UVa is 0-7 all-time against second-ranked Duke teams. The Cavaliers are 0-3 vs. second-ranked Duke teams in Durham as well as in Charlottesville. UVa has one loss to a #2 Duke team at a neutral site.

### 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 (2002-03, 2003-04, 2004-05). His DePaul teams 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 (1994-95 and 1995-96).

School	Record	Years
Northeastern	22-35	'95, '96
DePaul	58-34	'03, '04, '05
Virginia	10-6	'06
6 Seasons	90-75	

In six seasons as a head coach he sports a 90-75 record.

This is Leitao's third meeting against Duke as a head coach. His first ever game as a head coach was against Duke in Cameron Indoor Stadium – a 93-70 loss on Nov. 26, 1994. Leitao's Northeastern squad also fell to the Blue Devils the following season at home (87-56 – Dec. 30).

Leitao has coached in 23 games against AP ranked teams and is 6-17. 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 1-2 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

## Virginia Quick Facts

**Location:** Charlottesville, Va.  
**Founded:** 1819 by Thomas Jefferson  
**Enrollment:** 20,399 (13,401 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:** 90-75 (sixth season)  
**Record at Virginia:** 10-6 (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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### 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 bas-

### Dave Leitao Firsts at Virginia

First Game – Liberty - Nov. 18 (79-44)  
First Win – Liberty - Nov. 18 (79-44)  
First ACC Win – Clemson - Jan. 7 (64-58)  
First ACC Road Win – Virginia Tech - Jan. 15 (54-49)  
First Ranked Win – #24 North Carolina - Jan. 19 (72-68)

ketball program in 1905-06.

### 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).

### Defeating the Defending National Champion

UVa's 72-68 win over 2005 NCAA champion North Carolina (Jan. 19) marked the fourth consecutive win for Virginia over a reigning national champion.

In the 2002-03 season, the Cavaliers posted a pair of wins over Maryland (the 2002 NCAA champion) – 86-78 at Maryland (Feb. 6) and 80-78 in OT at home (Mar. 9). UVa began its current streak with an 87-84 home win over Duke (the 2001 NCAA champion) on Feb. 28, 2002.

Virginia is 8-13 all-time against the reigning national champions in 11 different seasons. In addition to four straight wins, UVa has won six of the last nine matchups.

UVa is 1-6 all-time vs. North Carolina in the year following Tar Heel national titles (0-2 in 1958, 0-2 in 1983, 0-2 in 1994, and 1-0 in 2006). In addition to UNC, Virginia is 2-0 vs. Maryland, 3-3 vs. Duke, 2-3 vs. NC State, and 0-1 vs. Cincinnati.

### Four ACC Wins

After just six ACC games this season, Virginia has already tied its conference win total from last season. At 4-2, UVa is also two games over .500 in conference play for the first time since the 2001-02 season when it was also 4-2 after six games. The Cavaliers lost their first two ACC contests that season before winning their next four.

### 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.

### Closing in on 400

Virginia's win over Miami (Jan. 24) was its 398th win all-time at University Hall. In 41 seasons (including 2005-06), the Cavaliers are 398-142 (.737) all-time at U-Hall.

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.

### Last Season vs. Duke

The Cavaliers lost a pair of games to Duke last season. UVa dropped an 80-66 decision (Jan. 16) at Cameron Indoor Stadium and then fell again 76-64 in the quarterfinals of the ACC Tournament (Mar. 11) in Washington, D.C. Duke was ranked fifth in the nation in both meetings.

In the first meeting, Virginia led the Blue Devils by as many as seven points in the early stages of the game, but Duke eventually pulled ahead and posted an 80-66 victory.

Gary Forbes registered his first career double-double with 17 points and 10 rebounds, including eight offensive boards. Sean Singletary paced the Cavaliers in scoring with 19 points, while Elton Brown added 13 points and six rebounds.

The Cavaliers took a 17-10 lead at the 10:57 mark of the first half when Forbes capped off a 6-0 run with a layup. Duke responded with an 8-0 run to take its first lead of the game, 18-17, with 8:39 left in the opening half. With the score tied at 23-23, the Blue Devils rattled off nine straight points to take the lead

for good. Duke led 34-28 at the intermission.

The Blue Devils shot 50.9 percent (28-55) from the field in the game. Virginia was able to connect on only 22-63 attempts from the field for 34.9 percent. Duke blocked 14 of UVa's 63 field goal attempts. UVa made 20-21 free throw attempts for an impressive 95.2 percent. The Blue Devils held a 37-35 edge in rebounds.

J.J. Redick led Duke with 28 points. Shelden Williams nearly registered a triple-double with 16 points, 11 rebounds and nine blocked shots.

In the matchup in the ACC Tournament, the Cavaliers' season came to an end with a 76-64 loss in the quarterfinals of the tourney.

Singletery scored 16 points and Devin Smith had 13 to pace Virginia. Singletery added seven rebounds, three assists and two steals. J.R. Reynolds tallied 11 points and was named to the ACC Tournament Second Team.

Virginia and Duke struggled in the first half, with neither team shooting above .350 from the floor. The Blue Devils came alive with a 10-0 run at the end of the first half to put them on top 40-28 at halftime.

Virginia dashed out of the locker room with a 13-3 run to pull within two, 43-41 with 16:05 to play. UVa had two chances to tie or take the lead, but missed on both opportunities.

Duke built its lead to 10, 55-45, with 11 minutes to go, but the Cavaliers threatened again when Smith hit a three-pointer to close the lead to 55-50 at the 9:38 mark, but Redick countered with a three-pointer and Virginia never got closer than eight points the rest of the way.

Redick, who was averaging 22.6 points a game, missed 11 of his first 12 shots and finished the night 4-for-17 while scoring 15 points. With Redick struggling, Duke only shot 36.9 percent (24-65) from the floor, but the Blue Devils grabbed 23 offensive boards, 54 total, to set up more scoring opportunities. The Cavaliers made 22-58 attempts from the floor (37.9 percent).

Ewing and Lee Melchionni stepped up in Redick's place, both scoring 16 points. Williams added 10 points and 12 rebounds.

### **Back to ACC Play**

The Cavaliers opened ACC play on Dec. 4 (a 63-54 loss at Georgia Tech) and played their second conference game on Jan. 7 against Clemson (a 64-58 win). UVa lost its third ACC game 87-82 in overtime to Florida State (Jan. 11) and evened its conference record at 2-2 with a 54-49 win at Virginia Tech (Jan. 15). The 33 days between ACC games (Georgia Tech and Clemson) 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.

### **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).

### **Singletery Named ACC Player of the Week**

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

Singletery, 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.

Singletery is currently third in the ACC with 18.7 points per game.

### **No Steals**

UVa committed only eight turnovers in its 71-51 win over Miami (Jan. 24) and the Hurricanes did not have a steal in the game. It marks the 10th time a Virginia opponent did not have a steal in a game and the first time since Feb. 26, 2003 when Ohio did not record a steal.

### **Singletery Leads UVa Past Miami, 71-51**

Sean Singletery scored 22 of his game-high 29 points in the second half to lift Virginia to a 71-51 victory over Miami (Jan. 24) at University Hall.

Singletery made 11-17 attempts from the floor (3-8 from three-point range) and was 4-4 from the free throw line for his 29 points. He made 8-10 field goal attempts and all four free throws in the second half while nearly outscoring Miami by himself (22 to 25). Twenty of Singletery's second-half points came after J.R. Reynolds left the game with an injury with 15:43 to play. Singletery also had four assists, two steals and a blocked shot.

Reynolds and Laurynas Mikalauskas both tallied 12 points, while Adrian Joseph totaled 11. Mikalauskas made 5-6 field goal attempts and tied Jason Cain for game-high honors in rebounds with eight.

The Cavaliers fell behind by eight points in the first half, 14-6, with 14:28 left. UVa trailed 17-10 with 11:51 to play, but used a 13-5 run to take the lead for good, 23-22, with 7:41 left. Virginia built its lead to eight points, 32-24, with 1:26 remaining in the first stanza and took a 32-26 lead into the intermission.

Miami pulled within three points on three occasions early in the second half, including 36-33 with 16:01 to play. Over the next four minutes, UVa built its lead to 10, 46-36. The Hurricanes closed to within 51-45 with 6:58 to go, but back-to-back threes by Joseph and Mamadi Diane doubled the Cavalier advantage to 57-45. Singletery scored UVa's next 12 points to seal the victory.

UVa shot a season-high 54.0 percent (27-50) from the field, including a sizzling 65.2 percent (15-23) in the second half. Miami shot only 31.7 percent (19-60) from the floor. Virginia held a 34-33 edge in rebounds and committed a season-low tying eight turnovers. Miami had only nine turnovers, but did not register a steal in the contest.

Anthony Harris led the Hurricanes with 13 points, while Guillermo Diaz and Robert Hite both had 10 points.

### **20 Point Win**

UVa's 20-point win over Miami (Jan. 24) is its largest margin of victory in an ACC contest since the end of the 2000-01 season. The Cavaliers closed their home ACC season in 2001 with a 19-point victory (84-65) over Clemson (Feb. 28). In the previous game, UVa registered a 20-point win (86-66) over then second-ranked North Carolina (Feb. 25) at home.

### **54.0 Percent Shooting**

Virginia shot a season-high 54.0 percent (27-50) from the field against Miami (Jan. 24). It marked the first time this season UVa has shot over 50 percent in a game (the Cavaliers shot exactly 50 percent against Hartford – 25-50 on Dec. 31).

The last time Virginia eclipsed the 50 percent field goal mark was last season against Virginia Tech (Jan. 27) when it shot 50.9 percent (27-53).

### **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 at ninth-ranked Arizona Nov. 27.

### **Thief**

Sean Singletary is seventh in the ACC in steals with 2.0 steals per game. Singletary has 30 steals in 15 games this season. He has three or more steals in five games this season.

### **Swat**

Sophomore Tunji Soroye has blocked a career-best 27 shots this season for an average of 1.69 per game. Soroye is currently fourth in the ACC in blocked shots per game. He has blocked two or more shots in nine 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).

### **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.

### **Bannister Returns to Action**

After missing six consecutive games, guard T.J. Bannister returned to action for the Cavaliers against Florida State (Jan. 11) and has played in every game since.

He entered the FSU game with 11:42 left in the first half and logged 18 minutes. He did not score in the game, but had five assists with just one turnover. Bannister had his most productive game of the season vs. North Carolina with seven points, three rebounds, two assists and a steal in 10 minutes. He also dished out four assists while logging a season-high 23 minutes against Miami (Jan. 24).

Bannister missed the first four games of the season and made his 2005-06 season debut against Georgia Tech (Dec. 4). He played two minutes during the first half and made his only field goal attempt. Bannister also played seven minutes against Fordham and had two assists and one rebound before missing the next six games.

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 57 offensive rebounds for an average of 3.56 per game (second in the ACC) and 45.6 percent (57 of 125) of his rebounds are of the offensive variety.

### **Really Raising Cain**

Jason Cain recorded back-to-back double-doubles twice this season. He has four double-doubles this season and has led Virginia in rebounding in nine of the last 13 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 also blocked a career-best five shots vs. North Carolina (Jan. 19) and now has a career-high 12 blocked shots this season. His former career high for blocked shots was three vs. UMBC (Dec. 28) earlier this 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 125 rebounds (7.8 per game – fifth in the ACC), including 57 offensive rebounds (3.56 per game). Cain is fourth on the team in scoring with 8.2 points per game.

### **Three-Point Field Goal Leaders**

J.R. Reynolds has made 124 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.

### Increase in Assists

Sean Singletary averaged only 3.17 assists (19 assists) in his first six games this season. In seven of the last nine games, Singletary has handed out six or more assists for an average of 5.89 per game (53 assists).

Singletary is currently third in the ACC with 4.80 assists per game. He is averaging 5.0 assists per ACC contest which is third among all ACC players.

### Field Goal Percentage Leader

Freshman Laurynas Mikalauskas leads the Cavaliers in field goal percentage. He has made 40-65 attempts from the field for 61.5 percent accuracy. Over the last seven games, Mikalauskas has made 21-30 attempts (70.0 percent) from the floor.

Mikalauskas is coming off outstanding performances in his last two games. He posted a 10-point, five-rebound performance against North Carolina (Jan. 19). It marked the first time he has scored in double figures in an ACC game.

Against Miami (Jan. 24), Mikalauskas tallied 12 points and eight rebounds. The 12 points are his ACC high, while the eight boards equal his conference best (he had eight rebounds in his ACC debut against Georgia Tech – Dec. 4).

### 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 (9 gms)	Away (7 gms)*	Overall
Points per game	8.3	6.4	7.5
FG shooting	44.8% (26-58)	26.7 % (16-60)	35.6% (42-118)
3-pt FG shooting	36.8% (7-19)	16.7% (3-18)	27.0% (10-37)
Turnovers	7	13	20
Assists	14	3	17
Steals	7	4	11
Blocks	4	4	8
Rebounds	3.2	3.6	3.4
Minutes Played	23.8	27.4	25.4

\*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 13.2 points per game at home (nine games), but is averaging only 6.9 points per game away from U-Hall (seven games). Joseph is shooting 43.2 percent (41-95) from the field and 40.0 percent (20-50) from three-point range at home. Away from U-Hall, Joseph is shooting only 40.0 percent (18-45) from the field and 26.9 percent (7-26) from three-point territory.

Overall, Joseph is averaging 10.4 points per game while shooting 42.1 percent (59-140) from the field and 35.5 percent (27-76) from beyond the arc.

### 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 21-47 (44.7 percent) three-point attempts in the last nine games. Reynolds is now 25-75 (33.3 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 15-42 (35.7 percent) from three-point land at home, but just 10-33 (30.3 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 nine games, Reynolds is averaging 17.2 points per game (155 points). He has scored in double figures in a career-best 10 consecutive games.

### Turnovers

UVA is averaging 14.5 turnovers per game this season. The Cavaliers committed 18 or more turnovers in four of their first five games. In the last 11 games, UVA has cut its turnovers down to 13.2 per game (145 turnovers). The most miscues UVA has made in its last 11 games is 21 vs. Virginia Tech (Jan. 15). Prior to the 21 turnovers, the most miscues UVA had during the span was 17 vs. Hartford (Dec. 31) and Clemson (Jan. 7). In that same 11-game span, the Cavaliers have five games in which they had 11 or fewer turnovers, including a season-low tying eight turnovers vs. Miami (Jan. 24).

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.

### 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 12 of 16 games.

Singletary leads UVA with 18.7 points per game and is averaging 4.8 assists per game (72 assists). Reynolds is second on the squad with 14.7 points per contest and has tallied 51 assists (3.2 per game).

Singletary has led UVA in scoring eight times – 24 points against Arizona, 23 points vs. Northwestern, 35 points vs. Gonzaga, 22 points vs. Hartford, 27 points vs. Florida State, 16 points vs. Virginia Tech (tied with Reynolds), 18 points vs. North Carolina, and 29 vs. Miami. Reynolds has led the Cavaliers in scoring five times – 23 points against Richmond, 25 points vs. Loyola (Md.), 20 points vs. UMBC, 26 points vs. Western Kentucky, and 16 points vs. Virginia Tech (tied with Singletary).

### 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 12 of their first 16 opponents and are averaging 6.2 more rebounds per game than the opposition. UVA is averaging 38.0 rebounds overall and 13.5 offensive boards per contest.

The Cavaliers have outrebounded seven of their opponents by 10 or more rebounds. In six ACC games, Virginia has outrebounded the opposition 222-194 for an average of +4.7 per game.

### **Free Throw Accuracy**

UVa is shooting an impressive 74.3 percent (246-331) from the free throw line this season which ranks fourth in the ACC (UVa is shooting 74.4 percent – 93-125 – in ACC play). The Cavaliers have two players ranked among the leaders in the ACC in free throw shooting. Sean Singletary is eighth at 80.9 percent (72-89), while J.R. Reynolds is 10th in the conference at 79.1 percent (68-86).

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 89.7 percent (26-29) from the line
- Adrian Joseph is shooting 75.9 percent (22-29) from the line
- Tunji Soroye is shooting 73.3 percent (11-15) from the line

### **Double Figures in Last Seven Games**

Sean Singletary has tied his career high by scoring in double figures in the last seven games. He scored in double digits the first six games this season and the last game last year for his first seven-game double figure scoring streak.

During his current scoring streak, Singletary is averaging an impressive 21.3 points per game (149 points).

After scoring in double figures in back-to-back games only once last season, Sean Singletary scored in double digits 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 18.7 points a game, scored only seven points against UMBC (Dec. 28).

In addition to scoring in double figures the last seven games, he has reached double digits in 13 of the 15 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).

### **Reynolds Free Throw Streak Snapped**

J.R. Reynolds had his streak of 20 consecutive free throws made 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 40.2 percent (370-921) from the field and averaging 63.0 points per game.

The Cavaliers have held eight opponents below 40.0 percent field goal shooting this season, including their last three. After allowing Florida State to shoot 60.0 percent (30-50), UVa has held Virginia Tech, North Carolina and Miami to a combined 33.9 percent (61-180) shooting from the floor.

### **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.

"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.

### **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 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.

### **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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**G • 6-0, 178 • Jr.**

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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**F • 6-4, 199 • Fr.**

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.