

VIRGINIA

Basketball

2005-06

Media Notes

Virginia (3-1)

vs.

Georgia Tech (2-2)

December 4, 2005 • 5:30 p.m.

Alexander Memorial Coliseum (9,191)

Atlanta, Ga.



2005-06 Schedule

3-1 Overall / 0-0 ACC

Home: 2-0

Away: 1-1

Neutral: 0-0

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| 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 | | 5:30 p.m. |
| Dec. 7 | FORDHAM | | 7:00 p.m. |
| Dec. 17 | at Gonzaga | FSN - NW | 8:00 p.m. |
| Dec. 23 | Loyola (Md.) | | 7:00 p.m. |
| Dec. 28 | UMBC # | | 7:00 p.m. |
| Dec. 31 | HARTFORD | | 2:00 p.m. |
| Jan. 2 | at Western Kentucky | | 8:00 p.m. |
| Jan. 7 | CLEMSON | | Noon |
| 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

- Richmond, Va.

^ - Greensboro, N.C.

All Times Eastern

TELEVISION

Today's game will be tele-vised by FoxSportsNet. Ron Thulin will handle the play-by-play. Mike Gminski 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.

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THE GAME

Virginia enters today's Atlantic Coast Conference opener with a 3-1 record. The Cavaliers are coming off a 72-57 win over Northwestern (Nov. 30) in the ACC/Big Ten Challenge at University Hall.

Georgia Tech stands at 2-2 on the season. In their last outing, the Yellow Jackets fell to 14th-ranked Michigan State 88-86 (Nov. 30) in the ACC/Big Ten Challenge in East Lansing, Mich.

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

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

The Series vs. Georgia Tech

Each team has had a stretch of dominating the series, which Georgia Tech now leads 35-27. The Cavaliers held the lead until the Yellow Jackets passed Virginia by winning 25 of the last 33 meetings, including 14 of the last 17.

Georgia Tech (ranked ninth at the time) won the only meeting of the 2004-05 season 92-69 (Jan. 8) in Atlanta.

Georgia Tech won the initial meeting of the 2003-04 season 75-57 (Jan. 15) in Atlanta, but the Cavaliers earned a split in the series with an 82-80 win (Feb. 14) in Charlottesville. The victory snapped UVa's four-game losing streak to the Yellow Jackets. In 2002-03, Georgia Tech swept the season series, registering an 80-60 win (Feb. 1) in Atlanta and a 90-73 victory (Mar. 5) in Charlottesville.

In the 2001-02 season, Virginia snapped a four-game losing streak to Georgia Tech with a 69-65 victory (Jan. 22) over the Jackets in Atlanta. The Yellow Jackets earned a split in the season series with an 82-80 victory (Feb. 23) in Charlottesville. It is the first time in the history of the series (which dates back to 1947-48) that both teams won on the other team's home floor in the same season.

The Jackets hold a 23-8 advantage in games played in Atlanta in the series and have won 14 of the last 16 in the Peachtree city. UVa snapped a seven-game losing streak to Georgia Tech in Atlanta with its 69-65 victory (Jan. 22) in the 2001-02 season. Prior to the 2001-02 win, Virginia's 83-60 win (Feb. 22) in 1995 was its most recent victory over the Yellow Jackets in Atlanta. The 23-point margin of victory is Virginia's largest in the series since a 91-59 win in 1984 in Charlottesville.

The Cavaliers have won three of five overtime contests in the series, but their 74-68 overtime loss to Georgia Tech in the 1998-99 season snapped a three-game extra session winning streak. The Jackets won the first overtime game in the series 72-71 in triple overtime in the 1983-84 season.

The Cavaliers opened the series with Georgia Tech by winning 10 of the first 13 games, including eight straight from 1981-1983.

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 | 3.5 | 0.0 | 20.0 | Scored 14 points in collegiate debut vs. Liberty (11/18) |
| 24 | G/F | Mamadi Diane | 6-5 | 185 | Fr. | 10.5 | 5.5 | 0.8 | 31.8 | Career-high 18 points vs. Northwestern (11/30) |
| 21 | C | Tunji Soroye | 6-11 | 212 | So. | 1.8 | 6.5 | 0.0 | 27.5 | Career high 8 rebounds vs. Liberty and Richmond |
| 2 | G | J.R. Reynolds | 6-2 1/2 | 197 | Jr. | 14.3 | 4.0 | 4.5 | 33.5 | Named to 2005 ACC Tournament second team |
| 44 | G | Sean Singletary | 6-0 | 174 | So. | 19.0 | 5.0 | 3.0 | 31.5 | Named to 2005 ACC All-Freshman Team |

Virginia's Key Reserves

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|----|-----|----------------|----------|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|------|---|
| 12 | G | Billy Campbell | 6-0 | 184 | Sr. | 1.0 | 1.3 | 0.7 | 9.7 | Only senior on the team |
| 15 | G | T.J. Bannister | 5-10 1/2 | 176 | Jr. | 4.3 | 1.5 | 3.7 | 22.6 | Stats from 04-05; limited in preseason by an injury |
| 30 | F | Adrian Joseph | 6-7 | 195 | So. | 10.3 | 5.5 | 0.8 | 26.8 | Made first start of season vs. Northwestern (11/30) |
| 33 | F | Jason Cain | 6-10 | 212 | Jr. | 3.5 | 5.8 | 0.0 | 18.8 | Leads UVa with 12 offensive rebounds (3.0/game) |
| 55 | F/C | Donte Minter | 6-8 | 250 | Jr. | 1.3 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 4.6 | Stats from 04-05; limited in preseason by an injury |

Virginia in ACC Openers

Virginia is 19-33 all-time in Atlantic Coast Conference season openers. The Cavaliers are 16-19 all-time vs. unranked ACC teams in conference openers. UVa is 13-16 in home ACC openers and 6-17 on the road. The Cavaliers have lost their last 10 ACC openers. Virginia's last win in an ACC opener was an 81-75 victory (Jan. 4) at Florida State in the 1994-95 season.

Today's game is just the second time UVa has opened the ACC season against Georgia Tech. The only previous time Virginia met the Yellow Jackets to open the ACC season was in 1979-80 with UVa winning 55-37 at home on Dec. 1.

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

Tale of the Tape

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

| Virginia | Category | Georgia Tech |
|----------|------------------------------|--------------|
| 65.2 | Points | 74.5 |
| 56.2 | Points Allowed | 70.5 |
| +9.0 | Scoring Margin | +4.0 |
| 43.4 | Field Goal % | 45.0 |
| 37.3 | Field Goal % Defense | 43.4 |
| 31.0 | 3 Point Field Goal % | 31.8 |
| 23.2 | 3 Point Field Goal % Defense | 28.8 |
| 75.3 | Free Throw % | 64.6 |
| 40.2 | Rebounds | 36.8 |
| +11.5 | Rebound Margin | +1.3 |
| 9.5 | Assists | 14.5 |
| 17.3 | Turnovers | 17.3 |
| 5.5 | Steals | 11.3 |
| 4.3 | Blocked Shots | 5.0 |

Early ACC Opener

Today's game against Georgia Tech is the earliest ACC opener for the Cavaliers since the 1998-99 season (it is also the first ACC matchup of the 2005-06 season). In the 1998-99 campaign, Virginia tipped off ACC play on Dec. 1 against Florida State and fell 72-69 at University Hall. UVa has played two other ACC openers on Dec. 1 – Georgia Tech in 1979-80 and Maryland in 1956-57.

These Games are Barn Burners

Even though 14 of the last 22 meetings between these two teams have been decided by at least nine points, people shouldn't be surprised if this one goes down to the wire.

Of the 49 games since the 1983-84 season, only 18 have been decided by 10 or more points. Nineteen of the games have been decided by a margin of four points or less with UVa winning

11 of them. The Cavaliers have won four of five games (won in 1987 and 1990 twice, won in 2004, lost in 2002) decided by two points. Five games have gone into overtime, including a triple overtime affair (1984) and a double overtime game (1995).

From 1985 to 1990 the teams played 15 consecutive games that were decided by fewer than 10 points with Virginia winning eight of those games.

A breakdown of the close games in the series since the 1983-84 season is below:

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|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1 point - 3 | 4 points - 5 | 7 points - 4 |
| 2 points - 5 | 5 points - 3 | 8 points - 1 |
| 3 points - 6 | 6 points - 2 | 9 points - 2 |

Jackets Shoot Well vs. UVa

The Yellow Jackets have won 16 of the last 20 meetings vs. Virginia in the past 10 seasons and a big part of those wins has been Georgia Tech's ability to shoot the basketball. In the 16 wins, the Jackets shot 48.3 percent (440-911) from the field. In the four games Georgia Tech lost to Virginia in the last 10 seasons, the Yellow Jackets made only 42.2 percent (97-230) of their attempts from the field. In its last 16 wins over the Cavaliers, Georgia Tech averaged 79.7 points per game compared to 68.5 points per game in its last four losses to UVa (the Jackets scored 65 points twice, 64 once, and 80 once).

In Georgia Tech's last 25 wins over Virginia dating back to the championship game of the 1990 ACC Tournament, the Yellow Jackets are shooting 47.8 percent from the field, while averaging 76.5 points.

That is in contrast to Georgia Tech's performance when Virginia wins. In Virginia's 10 wins over Georgia Tech dating back to the beginning of the 1990s, the Yellow Jackets have shot 41.0 percent from the floor and scored an average of 70.8 points.

In Virginia's last 10 wins against Georgia Tech, the Yellow Jackets have only shot better than 42.6 percent once from the field and that was during the 2003-04 season (28 of 58 for 48.3 percent).

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, but rebounded with a 72-57 win over Northwestern (Nov. 30) in the ACC/Big Ten Challenge at University Hall.

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: 83-70 (sixth season)
Record at Virginia: 3-1 (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: 9/5

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).

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:

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

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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 post-season 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 83-70 record in six seasons as a head coach.

Leitao has coached in 21 games against AP ranked teams and is 5-16. Against top 10 AP teams, Leitao is 0-6. He was 0-4 against ranked teams in two seasons at Northeastern, 5-11 vs. ranked opponents in three years at DePaul, and 0-1 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:

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

Last Season vs. Georgia Tech

Virginia trailed ninth-ranked Georgia Tech by only six points at halftime, but the Yellow Jackets broke the game open with a 15-4 run to begin the second half and went on to a 92-69 win (Jan. 8) in Atlanta.

The lead changed hands seven times during the first half, but Georgia Tech took the lead for good, 34-32, on a Jarrett Jack jumper with 4:35 left in the opening half.

J.R. Reynolds led the Cavaliers with 21 points, while Gary Forbes added 11 points off the bench. Elton Brown nearly recorded his eighth double-double of the season as he totaled 10 points and nine rebounds.

Virginia had trouble shooting from the field as it made just 22-74 attempts from the floor for 29.7 percent. Georgia Tech contributed to UVa's shooting woes as the Jackets blocked 14 Cavalier shots. Georgia Tech shot 49.3 percent (33-67) from the field and held a 54-44 advantage in rebounds. The Cavaliers, however, held a 24-18 edge on the offensive glass. Virginia had just eight turnovers while forcing 14 Georgia Tech miscues.

Jack led the Yellow Jackets with 22 points and seven assists, while Luke Schenscher tallied 15 rebounds, seven points, five blocked shots, three assists and two steals.

Diane Bounces Back

After making 6-11 field goal attempts and scoring 17 points in his collegiate debut against Liberty (Nov. 18), Mamadi Diane struggled in his next two games. Diane made only 1-7 attempts from the floor vs. both Richmond (Nov. 22) and Arizona (Nov. 27) and scored a total of seven points. Diane bounced back with a career-high 18 points (6-9 field goals) against Northwestern (Nov. 30).

On the season, Diane is averaging 10.5 points and 5.5 rebounds per game while starting all four contests.

Turnovers

After averaging 20.3 turnovers during the first three contests, the Cavaliers committed only eight turnovers against Northwestern (Nov. 30). UVa had only two miscues in the second half against the Wildcats. In its previous game against Arizona, Virginia committed a season-high 24 turnovers.

Point Guard or Shooting Guard?

Through four games, UVa's point guard leads the team in scoring, while the Cavaliers' shooting guard leads the team in assists.

Point guard Sean Singletary leads UVa with 19.0 points per game and is averaging 3.0 assists per game, while shooting guard J.R. Reynolds leads the team with 18 assists (4.5 per game). Reynolds is second on the squad with 14.3 points per contest.

Singletary has led UVa in scoring the past two games with 24 points against Arizona and 23 points vs. Northwestern. Reynolds scored 23 points against Richmond.

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 each of their first four opponents and are averaging 11.5 more rebounds per game than the opposition. UVa is averaging 40.2 rebounds per contest.

Double Figures in all Four Games

After scoring in double figures in back-to-back games only once last season, Sean Singletary has scored in double figures in all four games this season and is averaging 19.0 points a game.

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 has scored in double digits in five consecutive games (he tallied 16 points in the ACC Tournament vs. Duke - Mar. 11).

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).

In its third game, UVa gave up 81 points to then ninth-ranked Arizona (Nov. 27) and the Wildcats also shot 50.8 percent (33-65) from the field. The Cavaliers rebounded nicely from their first setback of the season with a 72-57 win over Northwestern (Nov. 30). UVa held the Wildcats to 57 points and 44.7 percent (21-47) shooting from the field.

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 395-140 (.738) all-time at University Hall.

UVa Notches ACC/Big Ten Challenge Win Over Northwestern

Sean Singletary scored 19 of his game-high 23 points in the second half to lead Virginia to a 72-57 win (Nov. 30) over Northwestern at University Hall.

The Cavaliers trailed by one point at halftime, 27-26, but outscored Northwestern 46-30 in the second half, thanks in part to Singletary's 19-point performance in the second stanza.

Singletary made 7-14 attempts from the floor, including a career best four three-point field goals, and 5-6 free throws. He also had five rebounds, three assists and two steals. Mamadi Diane scored a career-high 18 points and pulled down six rebounds, while J.R. Reynolds had 13 points and five assists. Adrian Joseph rounded out UVa's players in double figures in

scoring with 10 points. Jason Cain led all players with seven rebounds.

UVa led by as many as eight points (12-4) in the first half, but the Wildcats came back to take a 22-21 lead with 3:11 to play and extended that advantage to 27-21 with 2:09 to go. A three-pointer by Billy Campbell and two free throws by Reynolds whittled the deficit to one at the half, 27-26.

After Northwestern opened the second half with a layup, UVa went on a 14-2 run to take a 40-31 lead with 13:43 to play. Singletary scored nine of Virginia's 14 points during the spurt.

Virginia shot 44.2 percent (23-52) from the floor and made eight three-point field goals. UVa also made 18-21 free throws for 85.7 percent. Northwestern made 21-47 (44.7 percent) attempts from the field, but missed its first 15 three-point attempts and finished 3-22 in the game. The Cavaliers held a 36-26 edge in rebounds.

Vedran Vukusic led Northwestern with 21 points and six rebounds, while Tim Doyle added 13 points and five assists.

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.

Sam Warren Leaves Virginia Basketball Team

Virginia men's head basketball coach Dave Leitao announced on Nov. 7 that center Sam Warren had left the team. Warren plans to remain at Virginia through the end of the fall semester.

"Sam is a terrific young man and I wish him well," Leitao said. "I am sorry he won't be with us."

Warren is a 6-10 freshman from Greenwood Village, Colo.

Cavaliers Win Exhibition Game 98-62

Sophomore Sean Singletary and junior guard J.R. Reynolds combined for 47 points as Virginia defeated Concordia University 98-62 on Nov. 11 in an exhibition game at University Hall.

Virginia shot 59 percent (36-61) from the field, including 50 percent (10-20) from three-point range. Freshman Mamadi Diane was one of two freshmen to start for the Cavaliers. Diane finished with 16 points. Sophomore forward Adrian Joseph came off the bench to score 13 points and junior forward Jason Cain added 11 rebounds. Singletary also tallied six assists.

UVa led 47-35 at halftime after shooting 51.4 percent (18-35) from the field in the first half, including 46.2 percent (6-13) from three-point range. The Cavaliers used a 29-16 run to build its largest lead in the first half at 39-23 with 3:20 left in the half.

Virginia stretched its lead to 21 points on a jumper by Cain with 12:10 remaining, 66-45. Concordia chipped away at the deficit and came within, 70-56, with 7:25 remaining, but the Cavaliers closed out the game with a 28-6 run to seal the victory.

Chris Blackwood and Andre Johnny each scored 13 points for Concordia while Patrick Perrotte added 10 points.

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 avg.) 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 avg.). 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 Burroughs 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.

Anative 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

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

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.