

VIRGINIA

Basketball

2005-06

Media Notes

Virginia (3-4, 0-1 ACC)
vs.
Loyola College (Md.) (5-1)
December 23, 2005 • 7:00 p.m.
University Hall (8,392)
Charlottesville, Va.



2005-06 Schedule

3-4 Overall / 0-1 ACC
Home: 2-1
Away: 1-3
Neutral: 0-0

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 game with a 3-4 overall record and a 0-1 mark in the Atlantic Coast Conference. The Cavaliers are coming off an 80-69 loss to 10th-ranked Gonzaga (Dec. 17) in Spokane, Wash.

Loyola College (Md.) stands at 5-1 on the season. The Greyhounds had their season-opening five-game winning streak snapped with an 85-73 loss to Manhattan (Dec. 11) in Baltimore, Md.

The Series vs. Loyola (Md.)

Virginia leads the series with Loyola 6-0, including a 98-67 victory over the Greyhounds in University Hall on Dec. 8, 1999, in the last meeting between the two schools. Prior to the 1999 meeting, UVa won 89-70 at Loyola on Dec. 30, 1998. Four of the six games in the series have been played in Charlottesville. Virginia defeated Loyola 67-61 at home in the 1996-97 season and 72-60 in U-Hall in the 1984-85 campaign. The series dates back to the 1913-14 and 1914-15 seasons with the Cavaliers winning 34-33 in Baltimore and 48-26 in Charlottesville, respectively.

Virginia vs. the MAAC

This is Virginia's first and only game against a Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) team this season. It is also the first meeting against a MAAC opponent since a 1999 meeting with Loyola.

The Cavaliers are 12-0 all-time against current teams in the MAAC with Loyola being the only school Virginia has played more than twice. UVa is 6-0 all-time against Loyola and 2-0 vs. Fairfield. The Cavaliers hold a 1-0 edge over Canisius, Iona, Manhattan and Siena. Virginia has never faced Marist, Niagara, Rider or St. Peter's.

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 second in the ACC and 37th in the nation in scoring at 20.2 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.

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.)		7:00 p.m.
Dec. 28	vs. 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
- 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.	4.9	4.3	0.0	21.7	Scored 14 points in collegiate debut vs. Liberty (11/18)
24	G/F	Mamadi Diane	6-5	185	Fr.	9.6	4.7	0.7	30.7	Career-high 18 points vs. Northwestern (11/30)
21	C	Tunji Soroye	6-11	212	So.	3.3	6.0	0.1	26.9	Career high 12 points vs. Fordham (12/7)
2	G	J.R. Reynolds	6-2 1/2	197	Jr.	11.4	3.3	3.6	30.6	Named to 2005 ACC Tournament second team
44	G	Sean Singletary	6-0	174	So.	20.2	5.2	3.2	33.3	ACC Player of the Week–Dec. 19 - 35 pts. vs. Gonzaga

Virginia's Key Reserves

12	G	Billy Campbell	6-0	184	Sr.	2.0	1.2	1.0	11.7	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)
30	F	Adrian Joseph	6-7	195	So.	8.3	4.4	0.6	26.3	Made first start of season vs. Northwestern (11/30)
33	F	Jason Cain	6-10	212	Jr.	6.7	8.0	0.3	22.0	Back-to-back double-doubles vs. Ga. Tech and Fordham

Tale of the Tape

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

Virginia	Category	Loyola
63.4	Points	76.3
61.4	Points Allowed	72.0
+2.0	Scoring Margin	+4.3
40.6	Field Goal %	48.0
40.6	Field Goal % Defense	44.9
26.3	3 Point Field Goal %	34.6
28.8	3 Point Field Goal % Defense	33.6
70.9	Free Throw %	68.1
40.9	Rebounds	37.2
+9.4	Rebound Margin	+3.7
9.1	Assists	14.2
15.4	Turnovers	16.2
5.0	Steals	7.8
3.7	Blocked Shots	1.5

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.

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 83-73 record in six seasons as a head coach.

This is Leitao's first meeting against Loyola 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.

Non-Conference Wins at University Hall

Virginia is 219-31 for an impressive .876 winning percentage all-time in University Hall against non-conference opponents. The Cavaliers' 87-65 victory on Jan. 2, 2003 over Wofford marked their 200th win over a non-conference opponent at University Hall since the building opened for the 1965-66 season.

The Cavaliers have won 101 of their last 113 home games (.894 winning percentage) against non-conference opponents dating back to the 1989-90 season.

Virginia had its 11-game non-conference home winning streak stopped with a 62-60 loss to Fordham (Dec. 7) in its last appearance at University Hall.

UVA had a 34-game home non-conference regular season winning streak snapped with an 84-69 loss to Providence College on Jan. 3, 2004. Virginia's previous regular season home loss to a non-conference opponent was Dec. 12, 1998 when the Cavaliers fell to 12th-ranked St. John's 95-68.

UVA had its 15-game home winning streak against non-conference opponents snapped with a 74-67 loss to South Carolina in the first round of the 2002 National Invitation Tournament (Mar. 13). Virginia's previous home non-conference loss was also in the NIT as the Cavaliers fell to Georgetown 115-111 in triple overtime in the first round of the 2000 NIT (Mar. 15).

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: 83-73 (sixth season)
Record at Virginia: 3-4 (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
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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).

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.

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.

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).

UVa Falls Short at Gonzaga

Despite a career-high 35 points from Sean Singletary, the Cavaliers fell to 10th-ranked Gonzaga 80-69 (Dec. 17) in Spokane, Wash. Singletary's 35 points are the most scored by a Gonzaga opponent at the McCarthy Athletic Center.

Singletary made 11-20 attempts from the field, including 4-9 three-pointers, and 9-14 free throws. He also tied his career high with six steals and added six rebounds and four assists. J.R. Reynolds was the only other Cavalier to reach double digits in scoring with 10 points.

Virginia led 36-35 at halftime, thanks in part to Singletary's 19-point first half effort. The Cavaliers led by as many as six points, 34-28, in the first stanza when Billy Campbell made a three-pointer at the 2:14 mark. The Zags used a 7-2 run to close the first half and trim UVa's lead to one.

Gonzaga opened the second half with a three-pointer to take a 38-36 lead. A pair of Singletary free throws with 12:22 remaining built Virginia's lead to six, 52-46. Singletary gave UVa another six-point lead, 57-51, with 11:17 left when he made one of two free throws. The Bulldogs used an 8-2 run to tie the game at 59-59 with 9:01 left. UVa led 63-59 with 8:00 left when Reynolds connected on a jumper. Gonzaga then embarked on a 16-3 run over the next five minutes to grab a nine-point lead, 75-66, and put the game out of reach.

UVa shot 45.6 percent (26-57) from the field, while Gonzaga made 50 percent (27-54) of its attempts from the floor. The Cavaliers were outrebounded for the first time this season, 38-36. Virginia had only 10 turnovers, while forcing 15 Bulldog miscues.

Adam Morrison led Gonzaga with 27 points and seven rebounds. Derek Raivio and J.P. Batista added 18 and 17 points, respectively.

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 did not play against Gonzaga (Dec. 17).

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 28 offensive rebounds for an average of 4.00 per game. He leads the ACC in offensive rebounds and is tied for sixth in overall rebounding at 8.0 per game.

Really Raising Cain

Jason Cain recorded back-to-back double-doubles against Georgia Tech (Dec. 4) and Fordham (Dec. 7) which also mark the first double-doubles of his career. In both instances, he set new career highs in points and rebounds.

Cain had his first career double-double in UVa's 63-54 loss to Georgia Tech. The junior forward tallied then career highs of 15 points and 11 rebounds. Against Fordham, Cain posted career bests with 16 points and 15 rebounds. 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 56 rebounds (8.0 per game), including 28 offensive rebounds (4.0 per game). Cain is fifth on the team in scoring with 6.7 points per game.

Home is Sweet for Diane

Freshman Mamadi Diane has excelled 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 (3 gm)	Away (4 gm)	Overall
Points per game	14.7	5.8	9.6
FG shooting	50.0% (16-32)	21.6 % (8-37)	34.8% (24-69)
3-pt FG shooting	50.0% (4-8)	10.0% (1-10)	27.8% (5-18)
Turnovers	0	8	8
Assists	5	0	5
Steals	2	1	3
Blocks	4	3	7
Rebounds	5.0	4.5	4.7
Minutes Played	33.0	29.0	30.7

Who Leads the Cavaliers in Minutes Played?

An educated guess would be that either J.R. Reynolds or Sean Singletary (prior to missing the Fordham game) leads UVa in minutes played, however, that would be incorrect. In a close race, freshman Mamadi Diane leads the team with 215 minutes played (30.7 per game). Reynolds is second with 214 minutes (30.6 per game) and Singletary is third with 200 minutes (33.3 per game).

Turnovers

UVa is averaging 15.4 turnovers per game through the first seven contests. The Cavaliers have committed 18 or more turnovers in four of seven games. In the last two games, UVa has cut its turnovers down to 10.5 per game.

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.

Point Guard or Shooting Guard?

Through seven 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 20.2 points per game and is averaging 3.2 assists per game, while shooting guard J.R. Reynolds leads the team with 25 assists (3.6 per game). Reynolds is second on the squad with 11.4 points per contest.

Singletary has led UVa in scoring three times – 24 points against Arizona, 23 points vs. Northwestern and 35 points vs. Gonzaga. Reynolds scored 23 points against Richmond to lead the Cavaliers.

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 six of their first seven opponents and are averaging 9.4 more rebounds per game than the opposition (second in the ACC), and 12th among all Division I teams. UVa is averaging 40.9 rebounds per contest (third in the ACC).

Double Figures in all Six Games

After scoring in double figures in back-to-back games only once last season, Sean Singletary has scored in double figures in the six games he has played this season and is averaging 20.2 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 seven 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).

On the season, Virginia's opponents are shooting 40.6 percent (154-379) shooting from the field and averaging 61.4 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 395-141 (.737) all-time at University Hall.

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.

2005-06 VIRGINIA MEN'S BASKETBALL ADDITIONAL PLAYER BIOS

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.