

VIRGINIA

Basketball

2005-06

Media Notes

Virginia (9-6, 3-2 ACC)

vs.

Miami (11-7, 3-2 ACC)

January 24, 2006 • 9:00 p.m.

University Hall (8,392)

Charlottesville, Va.



2005-06 Schedule

9-6 Overall / 3-2 ACC

Home: 6-2

Away: 2-4

Neutral: 1-0

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	ESPN	L, 51-81
Nov. 30	NORTHWESTERN%	ESPNU	W, 72-57
Dec. 4	at Georgia Tech	ESPN	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	ESPN	L, 68-78
Jan. 7	CLEMSON	ESPN	W, 64-58
Jan. 11	FLORIDA STATE		L, 82-87 OT
Jan. 15	at Virginia Tech	ESPN	W, 54-49
Jan. 19	#24 NORTHCAROLINA	ESPN	W, 72-68
Jan. 24	MIAMI	ESPNU	9:00 p.m.
Jan. 28	at Duke	ESPN	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 1	at N.C. State	RSN	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 4	WAKE FOREST	ESPN	1:30 p.m.
Feb. 7	at Maryland	RSN	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 11	VIRGINIA TECH	ESPN	8:00 p.m.
Feb. 15	LONGWOOD		7:00 p.m.
Feb. 18	at Florida State	ESPN	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	ESPN	9:00 p.m.
Mar. 5	MARYLAND	ESPN	3:30 p.m.
Mar. 9-12	ACC Tournament ^		TBA

% - ACC/Big Ten Challenge

- Siegel Center, Richmond, Va.

^ - Greensboro, N.C.

All Times Eastern

TELEVISION

Tonight's game will be televised by ESPNU. Dave Sims will handle the play-by-play. Bob Wenzel 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 9-6 overall record and a 3-2 mark in the ACC. The Cavaliers, who have won their last two games, are coming off a 72-68 win over then 24th-ranked North Carolina (Jan. 19) in University Hall.

Miami stands at 11-7 overall and 3-2 in the ACC. The Hurricanes had their four-game winning streak snapped with a 65-61 loss to 21st-ranked Boston College (Jan. 21) in Coral Gables, Fla.

The Series vs. Miami

The Cavaliers are 1-3 all-time against Miami. Virginia split a pair of meetings with the Hurricanes last season. UVa lost the only regular season meeting last year 91-80 (Jan. 12) in University Hall. Virginia registered a 66-65 win over the Hurricanes (Mar. 10) in the first round of the ACC Tournament in Washington, D.C., for its first win in the series.

Prior to last season, the only previous meetings took place in 1966. The Hurricanes won the initial meeting 80-75 on Feb. 10, 1966 in Florida. The following season (1966-67), Miami won the second meeting 80-78 in Charlottesville on Dec. 10, 1966.

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.

One Win Shy

With three ACC wins this season, Virginia is just one win shy of tying its total from the 2004-05 season when the Cavaliers went 4-12.

First Time Over .500 Since 2002-03

The Cavaliers are currently 3-2 in the ACC. It marks the first time since the 2002-03 season UVa is over .500 in league play. In 2002-03, Virginia started out 1-3 in the ACC, but won four of its next five games to improve to 5-4. Unfortunately, the Cavaliers lost their next six conference contests and finished the season 6-10 in the ACC.

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	4.5	0.4	28.3	Career-high 24 points (5 threes) vs. Loyola (12/23)
33	F	Jason Cain	6-10	212	Jr.	8.6	7.8	0.6	26.5	Four double-doubles this year; 5 blocks vs. UNC (1/19)
21	C	Tunji Soroye	6-11	212	So.	2.5	4.3	0.1	21.7	Career high 12 points vs. Fordham (12/7)
2	G	J.R. Reynolds	6-2 1/2	197	Jr.	14.9	3.4	3.3	32.7	Season-high 26 points vs. Western Kentucky (1/2)
44	G	Sean Singletary	6-0	174	So.	18.0	4.6	4.9	34.1	Six games of 20 or more points this season

Virginia's Key Reserves

11	F	Laurynas Mikalauskas	6-8	241	Fr.	5.2	4.5	0.1	21.9	Shooting 59.3% (35-59) from the field
24	G/F	Mamadi Diane	6-5	185	Fr.	7.8	3.5	1.0	26.1	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	1.8	9.0	Played in 5 games; season-high 7 pts vs. UNC (1/19)

Tale of the Tape

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

Virginia	Category	Miami
68.7	Points	68.7
63.8	Points Allowed	61.3
+4.9	Scoring Margin	+7.4
42.6	Field Goal %	43.6
40.8	Field Goal % Defense	38.9
35.3	3 Point Field Goal %	35.8
30.1	3 Point Field Goal % Defense	33.0
74.6	Free Throw %	67.6
38.3	Rebounds	37.1
+6.5	Rebound Margin	+4.5
11.1	Assists	11.7
14.9	Turnovers	13.3
5.4	Steals	7.0
4.3	Blocked Shots	4.2

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	9-6	'06
6 Seasons	89-75	

In six seasons as a head coach he sports an 89-75 record.

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

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

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.

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)

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).

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 North Carolina (Jan. 19) was its 397th win all-time at University Hall. In 41 seasons (including 2005-06), the Cavaliers are 397-142 (.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.

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: 89-75 (sixth season)
Record at Virginia: 9-6 (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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Last Season vs. Miami

Virginia lost the only regular season meeting with Miami 91-80 (Jan. 12) at University Hall, but avenged the loss with a 66-65 win in the ACC Tournament (Mar. 10) in Washington, D.C.

In the regular season meeting at University Hall, UVa took a six-point halftime lead (46-40), but Miami used a 19-9 run at the start of the second half to take the lead for good.

Miami opened the second half with a 12-5 run to take a 52-51 edge with 16:16 to play. Elton Brown's jumper with 14:59 to go gave the Cavaliers what proved to be their last lead of the game, 55-54. Miami's Guillermo Diaz's two free throws at the 13:13 mark broke a tie and gave the Hurricanes the lead for good, 57-55. UVa trailed by only two points, 66-64 at the 8:48 mark, but Miami went on a quick 6-0 run to take an eight point lead, 72-64, with 7:06 to go. The Cavaliers never got closer than five points the rest of the way.

Devin Smith led Virginia with 21 points. Brown notched his eighth double-double of the season with 20 points and 10 rebounds. He scored 18 of his points in the first half. Gary Forbes added 13 points, while Adrian Joseph tallied 11 points and seven rebounds.

UVa shot only 43.3 percent (29-67) from the field. Miami connected on 47.6 percent (30-63) of its shots from the floor, including 58.6 percent (17-29) in the second half. The Hurricanes were also 25-35 (71.4 percent) from the free throw line, while UVa was 14-18 for 77.8 percent. Miami held a 39-38 edge in rebounds and committed only 10 turnovers while the Cavaliers had 19 miscues.

Diaz led Miami with 26 points, while Anthony Harris scored 21 points. Robert Hite tallied 15 points and eight rebounds.

In sixth-seeded Virginia's 66-65 win in the ACC Tournament,

J.R. Reynolds scored a career-high 32 points. He made 10-14 shots from the floor, including 5-7 from three-point range, scoring almost half of the team's points.

The game came down to the final minutes, when UVa went on a 9-4 run that helped snap a five-game losing streak and sent 11th-seeded UVa into the quarterfinals against third-seeded Duke.

With only 2:28 left on the clock, Smith (who had made only one field goal prior) hit a three-pointer to give the Cavaliers their first lead of the second half, 62-61. Sean Singletary, who had also struggled all game, made a difficult jumper to extend the lead to three with 1:22 to play.

Diaz made two free throws with 22 seconds left to cut the Virginia lead to one, 66-65. The Hurricanes were set up for a chance to take the final shot after Anthony King stole an errant inbound pass, but the wide open three-pointer by Harris bounced off the rim with five seconds to go and time expired as players wrestled for the rebound.

Reynolds wound up being Virginia's only consistent offensive threat, making 10 of the team's 22 field goals on his way to becoming the first Virginia player to score 30 points in an ACC tournament game since 1995.

The win over Miami was the first Cavalier win in the series. Virginia entered the game having lost all three previous meetings. UVa won despite being out rebounded 47-33. The Cavaliers shot 44.0 percent (22-50) from the field while holding Miami to 31.3 percent accuracy (20-64) from the floor.

Diaz led Miami with 20 points.

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).

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 at 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 third in the ACC with 18.0 points per game.

Virginia Knocks Off 24th-Ranked North Carolina 72-68

Sean Singletary and J.R. Reynolds combined for 34 points and Laurynas Mikalauskas came off the bench to add 10 points and five rebounds to lead Virginia to a 72-68 victory over 2005 national champion North Carolina (Jan. 19) at sold out University Hall.

Singletary paced the Cavaliers with 18 points to go along with four rebounds and four assists, while Reynolds tallied 16 points, six rebounds, two blocked shots and two assists. Mikalauskas, who reached double figures in scoring in an ACC game for the first time in his career, had a pair of tip-ins among his 10 points. Jason Cain blocked a career-high five shots and also added seven points and five rebounds.

Virginia took a pair of 10-point leads during the first half, including 24-14 with 8:43 remaining. The Tar Heels outscored UVa 15-3, including a 10-0 run, from that point to grab a 29-27 lead at halftime.

North Carolina extended its lead to seven on two occasions early in the second half, including 36-29 with 17:46 left. The Cavaliers then embarked on a 10-2 run to take a 39-38 edge on a driving layup by Billy Campbell with 14:18 remaining in the contest. After UNC tied the game at 44-44, a three-pointer by Reynolds at the 10:41 mark gave the Cavaliers the lead for good, 47-44. Reynolds' three ignited a 7-0 run that gave UVa a 51-44 lead with 9:48 to go. Virginia built its lead to as many as nine points five times with the last coming with 5:14 to play (63-54). The Tar Heels cut the deficit to three, 64-61, with 2:51 to go, but UVa made 8-10 attempts from the free throw line from that point to seal the victory.

UVa made 23-29 free throw attempts for 79.3 percent, while North Carolina was only 10-14 (71.4 percent). Virginia only shot 37.9 percent (22-58) from the field, but held UNC to 36.2 percent (25-69) accuracy from the floor. The Cavaliers blocked a season-high 12 shots and committed only 10 turnovers. The Tar Heels held a 45-37 edge in rebounds.

Tyler Hansbrough led UNC with 18 points and 10 rebounds, while David Noel added 14 points and 10 boards.

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 eighth in the ACC in steals with 2.0 steals per game. Singletary has 28 steals in 14 games this season. He has three or more steals in five games this season.

Swat

Sophomore Tunji Soroye has blocked a career-best 26 shots this season for an average of 1.73 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.

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.

Bannister Returns to Action

After missing six consecutive games, guard T.J. Bannister returned to action for the Cavaliers against Florida State (Jan. 11). He entered the game with 11:42 left in the first half and logged a season-high 18 minutes. He did not score in the game, but had five assists with just one turnover. Bannister played eight minutes against Virginia Tech (Jan. 15) and had one turnover. He had his most productive game of the season vs. North Carolina with seven points, three rebounds, two assists and a steal in 10 minutes.

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.

18 Anywhere

Sean Singletary is averaging 18.0 points per game this season. Interestingly, he is averaging 18.0 points per game in both home and away games (including one neutral site contest).

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 54 offensive rebounds for an average of 3.6 per game (second in the ACC) and 46.2 percent (54 of 117) 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 in his last 11 contests and is averaging 8.5 rebounds per game during that span. He has led Virginia in rebounding in eight of the last 12 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 117 rebounds (7.8 per game – fifth in the ACC), including 54 offensive rebounds (3.6 per game). Cain is fourth on the team in scoring with 8.6 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 eight games, Singletary has handed out six or more assists for an average of 6.13 per game (49 assists).

Singletary is currently third in the ACC with 4.86 assists per game. He is averaging 5.20 assists per ACC contest which is tied for second among all ACC players.

Field Goal Percentage Leader

Freshman Laurynas Mikalauskas leads the Cavaliers in field goal percentage. He has made 35-59 attempts from the field for 59.3 percent accuracy. Over the last six games, Mikalauskas has made 16-24 attempts (66.7 percent) from the floor.

Mikalauskas is coming off his best game of the season – 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.

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 (8 gms)	Away (7 gms)*	Overall
Points per game	9.0	6.4	7.8
FG shooting	47.2% (25-53)	26.7 % (16-60)	36.3% (41-113)
3-pt FG shooting	37.5% (6-16)	16.7% (3-18)	26.5% (9-34)
Turnovers	7	13	20
Assists	12	3	15
Steals	7	4	11
Blocks	4	4	8
Rebounds	3.4	3.6	3.5
Minutes Played	24.9	27.4	26.1

*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 13.5 points per game at home (eight games), but is averaging only 6.9 points per game away from U-Hall (seven games). Joseph is shooting 43.0 percent (37-86) from the field and 40.9 percent (18-44) 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 42.0 percent (55-131) from the field and 35.7 percent (25-70) 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 21-45 (46.7 percent) three-point attempts in the last eight games. Reynolds is now 25-73 (34.2 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 15-40 (37.5 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 eight games (143 points), Reynolds is averaging 17.9 points per game.

Turnovers

UVa is averaging 14.9 turnovers per game this season. The Cavaliers committed 18 or more turnovers in four of their first five games. In the last 10 games, UVa has cut its turnovers down to 13.7 per game (137 turnovers). The most miscues UVa has made in its last 10 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).

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 11 of 15 games.

Singletary leads UVa with 18.0 points per game and is averaging 4.9 assists per game (68 assists). Reynolds is second on the squad with 14.9 points per contest and has tallied 50 assists (3.3 per game).

Singletary has led UVa in scoring seven 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), and 18 points vs. North Carolina. 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 11 of their first 15 opponents and are averaging 6.5 more rebounds per game than the opposition. UVa is averaging 38.3 rebounds overall and 13.7 offensive boards per contest.

The Cavaliers have outrebounded seven of their opponents by 10 or more rebounds. In five ACC games, Virginia has outrebounded the opposition 188-161 for an average of +5.4 per game.

Free Throw Accuracy

UVa is shooting an impressive 74.6 percent (235-315) from the free throw line this season which ranks second in the ACC (UVa is shooting 75.2 percent – 82-109 – in ACC play). The Cavaliers have two players ranked among the leaders in the ACC in free throw shooting. Sean Singletary is seventh at 80.0 percent (68-85), while J.R. Reynolds is 10th in the conference at 78.0 percent (64-82).

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 77.8 percent (21-27) from the line
- Tunji Soroye is shooting 73.3 percent (11-15) from the line.

Double Figures in First and Last Six Games

After scoring in double figures in back-to-back games only once last season, Sean Singletary scored in double figures in the first six games he played in this season before having his streak stopped when he scored only four points against Loyola (Md.). Singletary, who is averaging 18.0 points a game, scored only seven points against UMBC (Dec. 28). Singletary has scored in double figures the last six games and in 12 of the 14 games he has played this season.

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

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

Reynolds 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 40.8 percent (351-861) from the field and averaging 63.8 points per game.

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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Episcopal Academy • Wynnewood, Pa.

[Pronunciation Key: Dee-see]

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

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

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

35 Drew Shiembob

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St.Christopher's School • Richmond, Va.

[Pronunciation Key: Shem-bob]

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

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

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