

## 2005-06 Schedule

10-7 Overall/ 4-3 ACC<br>Home: 7-2<br>Away: 2-5<br>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 | C- | L, 51-81 |
| Nov. 30 | NORTHWESTERN\% | ESPNU | W, 72-57 |
| Dec. 4 | at Georgia Tech | Ex | 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 | 9amest | L, 68-78 |
| Jan. 7 | CLEMSON | meay | W, 64-58 |
| Jan. 11 | FLORIDA STATE |  | L, 82-87 OT |
| Jan. 15 | at Virginia Tech | mamalil | W, 54-49 |
| Jan. 19 | \#24 NORTH CAROLINA | Hemp | W, 72-68 |
| Jan. 24 | MIAMI | ESPNU | W, 71-51 |
| Jan. 28 | at \#2 Duke | Hap | L, 63-82 |
| Feb. 1 | \#18 at N.C. State | RSN | 7:00 p.m. |
| Feb. 4 | WAKE FOREST | meny | 1:30 p.m. |
| Feb. 7 | at Maryland | RSN | 7:00 p.m. |
| Feb. 11 | VIRGINIA TECH | mray | 8:00 p.m. |
| Feb. 15 | LONGWOOD |  | 7:00 p.m. |
| Feb. 18 | at Florida State | "rnay | 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 | meay | 9:00 p.m. |
| Mar. 5 | MARYLAND | C- | 3:30 p.m. |
| Mar. 9-12 | ACC Tournament ${ }^{\wedge}$ |  | TBA |
| \% - ACC/Big Ten Challenge <br> \# - Siegel Center, Richmond, Va. <br> ^ - Greensboro, N.C. <br> All Times Eastern |  |  |  |

## TELEVISION

Tonight's game will be televised by the Regional Sports Network. Mike Hogewood 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/WWWV in Charlottesville. Mac McDonald calls the play by play. Jim Hobgood provides the analysis.

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## IHE GAME

Virginia enters tonight's Atlantic Coast Conference game with a 107 overall record and a 4-3 mark in the ACC. The Cavaliers had their three-game winning streak snapped with an 82-63 loss to second-ranked Duke (Jan. 28) at Cameron Indoor Stadium.

NC State stands at 16-4 overall and 5-2 in the ACC and is ranked 18th The Associated Press Top 25 Poll and 17th ESPN/USAToday Top 25 Poll. The Wolfpack is coming off a 94-85 double overtime win at Clemson (Jan. 29) in Clemson, S.C

## The Series vs. NC State

NC State leads the overall series with Virginia 77-51 (dating back to 1912-13). The two teams split a pair of meetings last season with the home team losing both times. The Wolfpack gained the split with an 8272 win (Mar. 2) at University Hall. In the first meeting, the Cavaliers stopped a two-game slide to NC State with a 64-62 win (Feb. 5) in Raleigh. It also halted a seven-game losing streak at NC State.

In 2003-04, the Wolfpack took an 86-69 decision (Dec. 28) in Raleigh and also posted a 79-63 win (Feb. 7) over UVa in Charlottesville.

The Wolfpack won the first meeting of the 2002-03 season 75-63 (Jan. 5) in Raleigh. The Cavaliers snapped a five-game losing streak to NC State with a 61-58 victory (Feb. 9) in Charlottesville. In the 2001-02 season, NC State earned three wins over UVa - 81-74 (Jan. 5) in Charlottesville, 85-68 (Feb. 6) in Raleigh, and 92-72 (Mar. 8) in the quarterfinals of the ACC Tournament in Charlotte.

Despite winning only twice in the last 10 meetings, the Cavaliers have won 17 of 30 contests against NCSU in the last 14 seasons. Since 1980, the Cavaliers are 34-23 in all games against the Wolfpack.

The two teams have split the regular season series six times in the last eight seasons (NCSU, however, has won all three ACC Tournament matchups during the same span - 2000, 2001 and 2002). When NC State swept the 2001-02 regular season series, it marked the Wolfpack's first sweep over UVa since winning both matchups (by a combined seven points) in 1988. Virginia has swept the season series six times since then, but the last time UVa swept the season series was in the 1996-97 season.

Despite last season's victory, the Cavaliers have not found their trips to NC State very hospitable over the years, as they have won only 17 of 56 games all-time against the Wolfpack in Raleigh. UVa lost its first five games at the RBC Center (formerly the Entertainment and Sports Arena) - 65-62 - Jan. 12, 2000, 90-80 - Feb. 7, 2001, 85-68 Feb. 6, 2002, 75-63 - Jan. 5, 2003, and 86-69 - Dec. 28, 2003) - before the 64-62 win (Feb. 5) last season. The victory also snapped a seven game road losing streak to NC State. Prior to last season, UVa's last win in Raleigh was a 55-46 triumph on Feb. 19, 1997. Virginia was only 1530 all-time in Reynolds Coliseum (including games in the ACC
Tournament) against the Wolfpack. In games in Raleigh since 1979-80, UVa is 12-13.

| No. | Pos | Name | Ht. | Wt. | CI. | Ppg. | Rpg. | Apg. | Mpg. | Notes |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 30 | F | Adrian Joseph | 6-7 | 195 | So. | 10.4 | 4.5 | 0.5 | 29.1 | Career-high 24 points ( 5 threes) vs. Loyola (12/23) |
| 33 | F | Jason Cain | 6-10 | 212 | Jr. | 8.3 | 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. | 2.2 | 4.2 | 0.1 | 21.1 | Career high 12 points vs. Fordham (12/7) |
| 2 | G | J.R. Reynolds | 6-2 1/2 | 197 | Jr. | 14.9 | 3.3 | 3.1 | 32.0 | Double figures in scoring last 11 games (16.7 ppg) |
| 44 | G | Sean Singletary | 6-0 | 174 | So. | 18.4 | 4.1 | 4.9 | 34.4 | Seven games of 20 or more points this season |
| Virginia's Key Reserves |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 11 | F | Laurynas Mikalauskas | 6-8 | 241 | Fr . | 5.6 | 4.6 | 0.1 | 22.3 | Shooting 59.7\% (43-72) from field; 58.1\% (18-31) in ACC |
| 24 | G/F | Mamadi Diane | 6-5 | 185 | Fr. | 7.1 | 3.4 | 1.0 | 24.6 | Career-high 18 points vs. Northwestern (11/30) |
| 12 | G | Billy Campbell | 6-0 | 184 | Sr. | 1.2 | 0.9 | 0.4 | 7.1 | Made first career start vs. Fordham (12/7) |
| 15 | G | T.J. Bannister | 5-10 1/2 | 176 | Jr. | 2.4 | 1.3 | 1.9 | 11.7 | Played in 7 games; season-high 7 pts vs. UNC (1/19) |

## Tale of the Tape

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

| Virginia | Category | NC State |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 68.5 | .Points. | 77.8 |
| 64.1 | ..Points Allowed | 65.2 |
| +4.4. | Scoring Margi | +12.6 |
| 42.8 | ..Field Goal \% | 48.3 |
| 40.9 | eld Goal \% Def | . 39.3 |
| 35.3. | Point Field Goa | 38.4 |
| 30.8 | t Field Goal \% | . 30.8 |
| 75.1 | ..Free Throw \% | . 74.5 |
| 37.6 | ...Rebounds.. | . 34.5 |
| +6.0 | Rebound Marg | ..-0.5 |
| 11.2 | Assists | .16.5 |
| 14.8 | Turnovers | . 13.6 |
| 5.5 | ..Steals. | . 7.6 |
| 4.2 | Blocked Shots | 5.7 |

## Cavaliers and Wolfpack Battle to the Wire

The history of the series between these two schools since the late 1970s is one marked by many closely contested games. Since 1978, 40 of the 62 games have been decided by less than 10 points. UVa is 28-12 (.700) in those games.

Virginia's last 10 wins (going back 10 seasons) over the Wolfpack have been by a combined 45 points ( $4.5 / \mathrm{g}$ ).

Since 1978, four games have been decided by one point, six by two points, seven by three points, three by four points and three by five points.

It's curious to note in the long history of the series going back to the first meeting 93 years ago that only three games have gone to overtime. Virginia has been victorious in all three overtime contests. UVa won the first overtime game 81-73 in 1977-78 and won 84-82 in double overtime in 1995-96. In the most recent overtime affair, the Cavaliers won 82-79 in 1998-99. During one stretch (1985-1988) nine consecutive games were decided by nine points or less.

In a bit of an aberration, 11 of the last 13 NC State wins in the series have been by double digits-67-54 in 1994, 74-55 in 1998, 82-72 in 1999, 76-65 in 2000, 90-80 in 2001, 85-68 and $92-72$ in 2002, $75-63$ in 2003, 86-69 and 79-63 in 2004, and 8272 last season. The exceptions were a $65-62$ Wolfpack win on Jan. 12, 2000, and an 81-74 win on Jan. 5, 2002.

## Field Goal Percentage is Key to Wins Over 'Pack

Virginia has had the upper hand in the series versus NC State over the last 16 years and one of the keys to the Cavaliers' success is field goal percentage defense. Since the 1989-90 season, Virginia has won 19 of 34 contests. In the 19 wins, UVa has held NC State below 45 percent field goal shooting 15 times and under 40 percent nine times. In the Wolfpack's 15 victories, they have shot 51.7 percent from the floor, including 61.0 percent ( $25-41$ ) in the 2000 ACC Tournament (Mar. 10) and 60.4 percent (29-48) in
the 2002 ACC Tournament (Mar. 8). The lowest NCSU has shot in a victory over the Cavaliers since 1989-90 was 46.9 percent (2349) in a 75-63 win (Jan. 5) in Raleigh during the 2002-03 season.

The Wolfpack shot 44.8 percent from the field and averaged 71.6 points per game against Virginia over the last 16 seasons. In wins over UVa, NC State has shot 51.7 percent from the floor and averaged 80.1 points, compared to 39.9 percent shooting and 65.5 points per game in losses to Virginia.

In the last 12 meetings (nine NCSU wins), NC State shot 51.2 percent (313-611) from the field, including a trio of $60+$ percent contests. Only twice in the last 12 games have the Cavaliers held NC State under 45 percent shooting -41.8 percent (23-55), and 40.0 percent (18-45).

A look at NC State's field goal shooting and points scored against Virginia since the 1989-90 season follows.

| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Year } \\ & 1989-90 \end{aligned}$ | Site | FGM | FGA | Pct. | Pts. | Winner |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | NCSU | 33 | 62 | 53.2 | 84 | NCSU |
|  | UVa | 26 | 69 | 37.7 | 71 | UVa |
| 1990-91 | UVa | 27 | 59 | 45.8 | 72 | UVa |
|  | NCSU | 28 | 58 | 48.3 | 83 | NCSU |
| 1991-92 | NCSU | 24 | 66 | 36.4 | 69 | UVa |
|  | UVa | 26 | 62 | 41.9 | 68 | UVa |
| 1992-93 | NCSU | 19 | 64 | 29.7 | 56 | UVa |
|  | UVa | 28 | 62 | 45.2 | 66 | UVa |
| 1993-94 | UVa | 21 | 68 | 30.9 | 58 | UVa |
|  | NCSU | 25 | 53 | 47.2 | 67 | NCSU |
| 1994-95 | NCSU | 24 | 65 | 36.9 | 65 | UVa |
|  | UVa | 24 | 62 | 38.7 | 55 | UVa |
| 1995-96 | UVa | 25 | 77 | 32.5 | 69 | UVa |
|  | NCSU | 26 | 61 | 42.6 | 82 | UVa |
| 1996-97 | UVa | 20 | 44 | 45.5 | 50 | UVa |
|  | NCSU | 15 | 39 | 38.5 | 46 | UVa |
| 1997-98 | UVa | 17 | 49 | 34.7 | 56 | UVa |
|  | NCSU | 25 | 50 | 50.0 | 74 | NCSU |
| 1998-99 | NCSU | 29 | 50 | 58.0 | 82 | NCSU |
|  | UVa | 25 | 59 | 42.4 | 79 | UVa |
| 1999-00 | NCSU | 25 | 52 | 48.1 | 65 | NCSU |
|  | UVa | 30 | 68 | 44.1 | 82 | UVa |
|  | ACC | 25 | 41 | 61.0 | 76 | NCSU |
| 2000-01 | UVa | 30 | 49 | 61.2 | 81 | UVa |
|  | NCSU | 30 | 53 | 56.6 | 90 | NCSU |
| 2001-02 | UVa | 28 | 57 | 49.1 | 81 | NCSU |
|  | NCSU | 27 | 53 | 50.9 | 85 | NCSU |
|  | ACC | 29 | 48 | 60.4 | 92 | NCSU |
| 2002-03 | NCSU | 23 | 49 | 46.9 | 75 | NCSU |
|  | UVa | 23 | 55 | 41.8 | 58 | UVa |
| 2003-04 | NCSU | 30 | 59 | 50.8 | 86 | NCSU |
|  | UVa | 26 | 51 | 51.0 | 79 | NCSU |
| 2004-05 | NCSU | 18 | 45 | 40.0 | 62 | UVa |
|  | UVa | 24 | 51 | 47.1 | 82 | NCSU |
| UVa Wins since 1989-90 |  |  | (19) | 39.9 | 65.5 |  |
| UVa Losses since 1989-90 |  |  | (15) | 51.7 | 80.1 |  |
| Overall | 1989-9 |  | (34) | 44.8 | 71.6 |  |

## Virginia Quick Facts

Location: Charlottesville, Va.
Founded: 1819 by Thomas Jefferson
Enrollment: 20,399 (13,401 undergraduates)
President: John T. Casteen III
Athletics Director: Craig Littlepage
Faculty Athletic Rep.: Carolyn M. Callahan
Conference: Atlantic Coast Conference
Arena: University Hall $(8,392)$
Colors: Orange and Blue
Nicknames: Cavaliers, Wahoos, 'Hoos
Mascot: Cavalier

## Basketball Information

Head Coach: Dave Leitao (Northeastern '83)
Career Record: 90-76 (sixth season)
Record at Virginia: 10-7 (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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## 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,

| School | Record | Years |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Northeastern | $22-35$ | '95, '96 |
| DePaul | $58-34$ | ${ }^{\prime} 03,{ }^{\prime} 04, ~ ' 05$ |
| Virginia | $10-7$ | '06 |
| 6 Seasons | $90-76$ |  | Northeastern University (1994-95 and 1995-96).

In six seasons as a head coach he sports a 90-76 record.
This is Leitao's first meeting against NC State as a head coach.

Leitao has coached in 24 games against AP ranked teams and is $6-18$. Against top 10 AP teams, Leitao is $0-8$. He was $0-4$ against ranked teams in two seasons at Northeastern, 5-11 vs. ranked opponents in three years at DePaul, and 1-3 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 con-
secutive victories in the first year of the Cavalier basketball

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)
program in
1905-06.

## New UVa Coaches in Home ACC Debut

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

## Defeating the Defending National Champion

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

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

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

UVa is 1-6 all-time vs. North Carolina in the year following Tar Heel national titles (0-2 in 1958, 0-2 in 1983, 0-2 in 1994, and $1-0$ in 2006). In addition to UNC, Virginia is 2-0 vs. Maryland, 33 vs. Duke, $2-3$ vs. NC State, and $0-1$ vs. Cincinnati.

## Four ACC Wins

After just six ACC games this season, Virginia tied its conference win total from 2004-05. UVa was 4-2 after six games, marking the first time since the 2001-02 season it was two games over . 500 in conference play (also 4-2).

The Cavaliers are currently 4-3 in the ACC after having their three-game winning streak snapped with an 82-63 loss at sec-ond-ranked Duke (Jan. 28).

## Cavalier Captains

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

## Closing in on 400

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

After calling University Hall home since the 1965-66 season, the Cavaliers will move across the street to their new facility, the John Paul Jones Arena, for the 2006-07 season.

## Last Season vs. NC State

Virginia split its two games with the Wolfpack last season with both teams winning on the road. UVa notched a closing seconds 64-62 win (Feb. 5) in Raleigh, while NC State posted an 82-72 win (Mar. 2) in Charlottesville.

In the first meeting, Sean Singletary followed up his own missed shot and scored the game-winning basket with 2.2 seconds remaining to lift Virginia to a 64-62 win at the RBC Center. The win snapped UVa's seven-game slide in Raleigh (and five straight losses at the RBC Center).

Devin Smith and T.J. Bannister led UVa with 14 points apiece. Smith added eight rebounds, while Bannister handed out six assists. Singletary and Gary Forbes both scored 11 points, while Jason Cain tallied seven points and nine rebounds.

The Cavaliers let a 14-point lead slip away and fell behind by as many as three points on four occasions late in the game. Virginia led 39-25 with 18:25 to play, but the Wolfpack used a 236 run to take a 48-45 lead with 9:30 remaining in the game.

Forbes nailed a three to knot the game at 50-50 with 8:34 left. Two State free throws at the 4:21 mark were answered by a pair of foul shots by Smith to bring the Cavaliers within one, 5756 , with $3: 31$ to go. The Wolfpack used two more free throws to take a 59-56 lead, but again Virginia's clutch free throw shooting brought it within one, 59-58, as Cain drained a pair of tosses from the charity stripe at the $2: 41$ mark.

Cain's dunk with 2:18 left put UVa on top, 60-59. A Julius Hodge layup with 1:42 to go put NCSU in front 61-60, but Singletary answered with a jumper with 1:16 to go. The Wolfpack's Cedric Simmons tied the game at 62-62 when he made one of two free throws with 16 seconds left. Singletary then scored the game-winning basket on a put-back of his own missed shot with 2.2 ticks left.

UVa shot 46.5 percent (20-43) from the field in the game, including 60.9 percent (14-23) in the first half. The Cavaliers held NC State to 40.0 percent $(18-45)$ shooting from the field in the game. Virginia made 20-24 (83.3 percent) of its free throws and held a 33-22 edge in rebounds.

Tony Bethel led NC State with 20 points, while Simmons had 16 points. UVa held Hodge to six points, snapping his double figure scoring steak at 36 games.

In the second meeting, NC State used a 10-0 run early in the second half to break a 40-40 tie and went on to an 82-72 win to spoil UVa's Senior Night.

The Wolfpack shot 55.0 percent (11-20) from the field and converted 22-34 ( 64.7 percent) free throws in holding off Virginia in the second half.

NC State scored the first eight points of the game and led by 10 points on two occasions early in the first half. The Cavaliers came back to tie the game at 20-20 and then 31-31 with 1:56 to go on a Singletary jumper. NC State scored the final five points of the first half to grab a 36-31 lead at the intermission.

Virginia tied the game 38-38 and 40-40 early in the second
half, but the Wolfpack used a 10-0 run to break the tie and take a 50-40 advantage with 14:50 to play. Cain's three-point play with $11: 36$ to go cut the deficit to five (54-49). At the 9:12 mark, Smith's three-pointer brought the Cavaliers within four, 58-54. NC State scored the next four points to build its lead to eight, 62-54. A three-point play by Forbes with 7:14 remaining pulled UVa within five, 62-57, but the Wolfpack scored six of the next seven points to take a 10-point lead (68-58) with 4:54 left. UVa got no closer than eight points the rest of the way.

Singletary led UVa with 17 points, while Smith and Cain both tallied 13. Cain also led all players with eight rebounds. Forbes added 12 points, seven rebounds and two steals.

NC State shot 47.1 percent (24-51) from the field, while the Cavaliers made 25-59 attempts from the floor for 42.4 percent. UVa committed only 10 turnovers while NCSU had 11 miscues.

Hodge tallied 17 points and eight assists to lead the Wolfpack. Jordan Collins and Bethel both scored 16 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). 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 alltime 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 10thranked 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 18.4 points per game.

## No Steals

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

## U-Hall is Kind to Cavaliers

UVa is 7-2 at home this season, including 3-1 in the ACC, but only 2-5 in away games (1-2 in the ACC).

## Cavaliers Fall to Second-Ranked Duke

The second-ranked Blue Devils raced out to a 20-2 lead and shot 55.3 percent from the field in the game to register an 82-63 win (Jan. 28) over Virginia at Cameron Indoor Stadium. The Cavaliers have lost their last 11 games at Cameron.

Duke took a quick 3-0 lead and after a Sean Singletary layup, the Blue Devils scored the next 17 points to grab a 20-2 lead with 11:00 remaining in the first half. The Cavaliers ended their scoring drought that lasted more than seven minutes on a Singletary jumper with 10:47 left in the opening stanza. UVa came back to cut the deficit to nine, 33-24, with 17 seconds left on J.R. Reynolds' second three-pointer of the first half. Duke led 35-24 at the half when Shelden Williams made a jumper in the closing seconds of the half.

Duke extended its lead to as many as 29 points (61-32) with 12:44 remaining in the second half. The Cavaliers could get no closer than 17 points (64-47) after that when Singletary made a pair of free throws with $8: 15$ to play.

Reynolds led UVa with 19 points and made all three of his three-point attempts. Singletary added 13 points and six assists, while Jason Cain notched 10 points and seven rebounds.

The Blue Devils made 26-47 attempts from the field for 55.3 percent, including 10-18 attempts from three-point range (55.6 percent). UVa managed to shoot only 35.7 percent (20-56) from the floor, but made 19-22 free throws ( 86.4 percent). UVa held a $31-28$ edge in rebounds, but committed 19 turnovers, 14 of which were Duke steals. Duke had 17 turnovers in the contest, including 15 miscues in the first stanza.
J.J. Redick scored 40 points (including eight three-pointers) in the game. Williams added 17 points, 10 rebounds, eight blocks and four assists.

## 20 Point Win

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

### 54.0 Percent Shooting

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

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

## Cavaliers Open Season Strong

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

## Thief

Sean Singletary is tied for fifth in the ACC in steals with 2.0 steals per game. Singletary has 32 steals in 16 games this season. He has three or more steals in five games this season.

## Swat

Sophomore Tunji Soroye has blocked a career-best 27 shots this season for an average of 1.59 per game. Soroye is currently sixth 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 8069 loss at Gonzaga (Dec. 17). The 35 points set a McCarthey 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 lowa 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 lowa State last season (UVa had 79 as a team).

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

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

## Virginia Signs Three Players

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

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

## Bannister Returns to Action

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

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

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

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

## Ruling the Offensive Glass

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

Furthermore, Cain's nine offensive rebounds vs. the Rams
was just one shy of the single game school mark which is shared by three players (Stith, Matt Blundin, and Travis Watson). Only one other player - Junior Burrough - has had nine offensive boards in a game (against Old Dominion on Dec. 11, 1993).

On the season, Cain has 61 offensive rebounds for an average of 3.59 per game (first in the ACC) and 46.2 percent ( 61 of 132) of his rebounds are of the offensive variety.

## Really Raising Cain

Jason Cain recorded back-to-back double-doubles twice this season. He has four double-doubles this season and has led Virginia in rebounding in 10 of the last 14 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 14 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 132 rebounds (7.8 per game - fifth in the ACC), including 61 offensive rebounds ( 3.59 per game). Cain is fourth on the team in scoring with 8.3 points per game.

## Three-Point Field Goal Leaders

J.R. Reynolds has made 127 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 eight of the last 10 games, Singletary has handed out six or more assists for an average of 5.9 per game (59 assists).

Singletary is currently third in the ACC with 4.9 assists per game. He is averaging 5.14 assists per ACC contest which is third among all ACC players.

## Field Goal Percentage Leader

Freshman Laurynas Mikalauskas leads the Cavaliers in field goal percentage. He has made 43-72 attempts from the field for 59.7 percent accuracy. Over the last eight games, Mikalauskas has made 24-37 attempts ( 64.9 percent) from the floor.

Mikalauskas turned in outstanding performances against North Carolina (Jan. 19) and Miami (Jan. 24). He posted a 10point, five-rebound performance against North Carolina. It marked the first time he scored in double figures in an ACC game. Against Miami, Mikalauskas tallied 12 points and eight rebounds. The 12 points are his ACC high, while the eight boards equal his conference best (he had eight rebounds in his ACC debut against Georgia Tech - Dec. 4).

## Home is Sweet for Diane

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

| Category | Home (9 gms) | Away (8 gms)* | Overall |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Points per game | 8.3 | 5.6 | 7.1 |
| FG shooting | $44.8 \%(26-58)$ | $25.8 \%(16-62)$ | $35.0 \%(42-120)$ |
| 3-pt FG shooting | $36.8 \%(7-19)$ | $16.7 \%(3-18)$ | $27.0 \%(10-37)$ |
| Turnovers | 7 | 14 | 21 |
| Assists | 14 | 3 | 17 |
| Steals | 7 | 5 | 12 |
| Blocks | 4 | 4 | 8 |
| Rebounds | 3.2 | 3.6 | 3.4 |
| Minutes Played | 23.8 | 25.5 | 24.6 |

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

## Ditto for Joseph

Adrian Joseph is averaging 13.2 points per game at home (nine games), but is averaging only 7.1 points per game away from U-Hall (eight games). Joseph is shooting 43.2 percent (41-95) from the field and 40.0 percent (20-50) from three-point range at home. Away from U-Hall, Joseph is shooting only 40.4 percent (21-52) from the field and 28.6 percent ( $8-28$ ) from three-point territory.

Overall, Joseph is averaging 10.4 points per game while shooting 42.2 percent $(62-147)$ from the field and 35.9 percent (28-78) 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 24-50 (48.0 percent) three-point attempts in the last 10 games. Reynolds is now 2878 (35.9 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.

In the last 10 games, Reynolds is averaging 17.4 points per game (174 points). He has scored in double figures in a careerbest 11 consecutive games.

## Turnovers

UVa is averaging 14.8 turnovers per game this season. The Cavaliers committed 18 or more turnovers in four of their first five games. In the last 12 games, UVa has cut its turnovers down to 13.7 per game ( 164 turnovers). The most miscues UVa has made in its last 12 games is 21 vs. Virginia Tech (Jan. 15). UVa also had 19 turnovers vs. Duke (Jan. 28). In that same 12-game span, the Cavaliers have five games in which they had 11 or fewer turnovers, including a season-low tying eight turnovers vs. Miami (Jan. 24).

The Cavaliers have averaged 12.8 turnovers per game at home and 17.0 miscues away from University Hall.

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 13 of 17 games.

Singletary leads UVa with 18.4 points per game and is averaging 4.9 assists per game (78 assists). Reynolds is second on the squad with 14.9 points per contest and has tallied 52 assists (3.1 per game).

Singletary has led UVa in scoring eight times - 24 points against Arizona, 23 points vs. Northwestern, 35 points vs. Gonzaga, 22 points vs. Hartford, 27 points vs. Florida State, 16 points vs. Virginia Tech (tied with Reynolds), 18 points vs. North Carolina, and 29 vs. Miami. Reynolds has led the Cavaliers in scoring six times - 23 points against Richmond, 25 points vs. Loyola (Md.), 20 points vs. UMBC, 26 points vs. Western Kentucky, 16 points vs. Virginia Tech (tied with Singletary), and 19 points vs. Duke.

## 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 13 of their first 17 opponents and are averaging 6.0 more rebounds per game than the opposition. UVa is averaging 37.6 rebounds overall and 13.6 offensive boards per contest.

The Cavaliers have outrebounded seven of their opponents by 10 or more rebounds. In seven ACC games, Virginia has outrebounded the opposition $253-222$ for an average of +4.4 per game.

## Free Throw Accuracy

UVa is shooting an impressive 75.1 percent (265-353) from the free throw line this season which ranks third in the ACC (UVa is shooting 76.2 percent - 112-147 - in ACC play). Sean Singletary is ninth in the ACC in free throw shooting at 80.6 percent (75-93). J.R. Reynolds is shooting 79.1 percent (72-91) from the line and is just outside the top 10 in the conference. 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 77.4 percent (24-31) from the line
- Tunji Soroye is shooting 73.3 percent (11-15) from the line


## Double Figures in Last Eight Games

Sean Singletary has set a new career high by scoring in double figures in the last eight games. His current steak began with a 22-point performance against Hartford (Dec. 31) and in his last outing, Singletary tallied 13 points against Duke (Jan. 28).

During his current scoring streak, Singletary is averaging an impressive 20.3 points per game (162 points).

After scoring in double figures in back-to-back games only once last season, Singletary scored in double digits in the first six games he played in this season before having his streak stopped
when he scored only four points against Loyola (Md.). Singletary, who is averaging 18.4 points a game, scored only seven points against UMBC (Dec. 28).

In addition to scoring in double figures the last eight games, he has reached double digits in 14 of the 16 games he has played this season.

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

## Reynolds Free Throw Streak Snapped

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

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

Reynolds' 91 attempts from the free throw line this season are a career high as are his 72 made free throws. He is shooting 79.1 percent from the line this season. Reynolds is also shooting 79.1 percent from the free throw line in his career (182-230).

## 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 40.9 percent (396-968) from the field and averaging 64.1 points per game.

The Cavaliers have held eight opponents below 40.0 percent field goal shooting this season, including three of the last four. After allowing Florida State to shoot 60.0 percent (30-50), UVa held Virginia Tech, North Carolina and Miami to a combined 33.9 percent (61-180) shooting from the floor. Duke stopped that steak by shooting 55.3 percent (26-47) from the field against UVa on Jan. 28.

## 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 (70125 ) from the field and 71.7 percent (33-46) from the free throw line.

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

## Shiembob Shines

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

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

Shiembob has played in seven games this season.

## Two Players Join Virginia Squad

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

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

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

## UVa Guards Make Game-Winning Plays

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

## Singletary and Reynolds Earn ACC All-Freshmen Honors

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

Sean Singletary was named to the All-ACC Freshmen Team in 2005 after earning ACC Rookie of the Week honors five times. He averaged 10.5 points, 3.9 assists, 3.0 rebounds and 29.9 minutes played a game, and was the only UVa player to start all 29 games during the 2004-05 season.
J.R. Reynolds was named to the All-ACC Freshmen Team in 2004. He averaged 9.4 points, 1.7 rebounds, 2.0 assists and 24.7 minutes played a game during the 2003-04 season.

## Virginia Assistants have Head Coaching Experience

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

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

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

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

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

## Brown Named Strength and Conditioning Coach

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

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

From 1992-97, Brown was the head strength coach for men's basketball at the University of Kentucky. During his time at Kentucky, the men's basketball team won the 1996 NCAA Championship.
"The hiring of Shaun Brown continues to move our program in the right direction and helps us provide the best possible stu-dent-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 Doughtery 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 AllState 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.

