

VIRGINIA

Basketball

2005-06

Media Notes

Virginia (8-6, 2-2 ACC)

vs.

#24/#23 North Carolina (10-3, 2-1 ACC)

January 19, 2006 • 7:00 p.m.

University Hall (8,392)

Charlottesville, Va.



2005-06 Schedule

8-6 Overall / 2-2 ACC

Home: 5-2

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	FSN	L, 51-81
Nov. 30	NORTHWESTERN%	ESPNU	W, 72-57
Dec. 4	at Georgia Tech	ESPNU	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	ESPNU	L, 68-78
Jan. 7	CLEMSON	ESPNU	W, 64-58
Jan. 11	FLORIDA STATE		L, 82-87 OT
Jan. 15	at Virginia Tech	ESPNU	W, 54-49
Jan. 19	#24 NORTH CAROLINA	ESPNU	7:00 p.m.
Jan. 24	MIAMI	ESPNU	9:00 p.m.
Jan. 28	at Duke	ESPNU	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 1	at N.C. State	RSN	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 4	WAKE FOREST	ESPNU	1:30 p.m.
Feb. 7	at Maryland	RSN	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 11	VIRGINIA TECH	ESPNU	8:00 p.m.
Feb. 15	LONGWOOD		7:00 p.m.
Feb. 18	at Florida State	ESPNU	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	ESPNU	9:00 p.m.
Mar. 5	MARYLAND	ESPNU	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 ESPN. Mike Patrick will handle the play-by-play. Len Elmore 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 an 8-6 overall record and a 2-2 mark in the ACC. The Cavaliers are coming off a 54-49 win over Virginia Tech (Jan. 15) in Blacksburg, Va.

North Carolina stands at 10-3 overall and 2-1 in the ACC. The Tar Heels, who are ranked 24th in The Associated Press and 23rd in the ESPN/USAToday Top 25 polls, are coming off an 81-70 loss to Miami (Jan. 14) in Chapel Hill.

The Series vs. North Carolina

North Carolina leads the all-time series with the Cavaliers 118-47 in a rivalry that dates back to the 1910-11 season. UNC swept the 2004-05 series, winning 110-76 (Jan. 29) in Charlottesville – snapping UVa's five-game winning streak over the Tar Heels at University Hall – and 85-61 (Feb. 16) in Chapel Hill. It is the first time since the 1998-99 season North Carolina has swept the season series from UVa.

The Tar Heels took the first meeting of the 2003-04 season 96-77 in Chapel Hill and the Cavaliers earned a split in the series with a 74-72 win (Feb. 24) in Charlottesville.

Virginia won the first meeting of the 2002-03 season 79-72 (Jan. 11) at University Hall, but the Tar Heels earned a split with an 81-67 win (Feb. 12) in Chapel Hill, which snapped UVa's four-game winning streak in the series. Virginia swept the 2001-02 season series, winning 71-67 (Jan. 12) in Chapel Hill and 73-63 (Feb. 12) in Charlottesville. It marked the second time in three seasons UVa swept the season series from the Tar Heels. Virginia also swept the regular season series in 1999-00 for the first time since the 1980-81 season. (UNC, however, won the meeting in the 1981 NCAA Tournament's Final Four).

Despite losing four of the last five meetings, the Cavaliers have won seven of the last 12 contests in the series and UVa's four-game winning streak was its longest in the series since the early 1900s. The Cavaliers won five consecutive games against North Carolina from 1917-18 to 1919-20 (45-35 in 1917-18, 40-29 and 31-21 in 1918-19, 40-25 and 37-31 in 1919-20). UVa won the first eight games in the series from 1910-11 to 1915-16.

Prior to last season's home loss to UNC, Virginia had won the previous five games and 11 of the last 16 games in Charlottesville (1989, 1990, 1992, 1994, 1995, 1997, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004). Since University Hall opened for the 1965-66 season, North Carolina has won 23 of the 40 games between the two teams in the building. North Carolina leads the all-time series in games played in Charlottesville 41-29. Virginia's five-game home winning streak over North Carolina tied for the longest in school history. UVa won the first five games of the series played in Charlottesville from the 1910-11 through the 1919-20 seasons.

North Carolina has won 13 of the last 21 games and 23 of the last 34 games between the two teams.

Virginia's PROBABLE Starters

No.	Pos.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Ppg.	Rpg.	App.	Mpg.	Notes
30	F	Adrian Joseph	6-7	195	So.	10.6	4.4	0.4	28.6	Career-high 24 points (5 threes) vs. Loyola (12/23)
33	F	Jason Cain	6-10	212	Jr.	8.7	8.0	0.6	26.3	Four double-doubles this season
21	C	Tunji Soroye	6-11	212	So.	2.6	4.5	0.1	21.7	Career high 12 points vs. Fordham (12/7)
2	G	J.R. Reynolds	6-2 1/2	197	Jr.	14.8	3.2	3.4	32.5	Season-high 26 points vs. Western Kentucky (1/2)
44	G	Sean Singletary	6-0	174	So.	18.0	4.6	4.9	33.8	Six games of 20 or more points this season

Virginia's Key Reserves

11	F	Laurynas Mikalauskas	6-8	241	Fr.	4.9	4.5	0.1	21.6	Shooting 60.0% (30-50) from the field
12	G	Billy Campbell	6-0	184	Sr.	1.2	0.9	0.5	7.6	Made first career start vs. Fordham (12/7)
15	G	T.J. Bannister	5-10 1/2	176	Jr.	0.5	0.5	1.8	8.8	Played in 4 games; season-high 18 min. vs. FSU (1/11)
24	G/F	Mamadi Diane	6-5	185	Fr.	8.1	3.6	1.1	27.1	Career-high 18 points vs. Northwestern (11/30)

Tale of the Tape

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

Virginia	Category	North Carolina
68.4	Points	78.6
63.5	Points Allowed	66.1
+4.9	Scoring Margin	+12.5
43.0	Field Goal %	47.8
41.2	Field Goal % Defense	40.1
36.0	3 Point Field Goal %	34.1
30.0	3 Point Field Goal % Defense	36.6
74.1	Free Throw %	69.3
38.4	Rebounds	39.9
+7.6	Rebound Margin	+8.1
11.2	Assists	17.9
15.3	Turnovers	17.6
5.4	Steals	9.6
3.8	Blocked Shots	4.2

Shooting Lots of Three-Pointers vs. the Tar Heels

Since the 1989-90 season, the Cavaliers attempted an average of 21.6 three-point field goals (798 in 37 games) per game against North Carolina. Virginia made 264 of those 798 attempts (33.1 percent) for 7.1 made threes per game. Since the 1988-89 season, the Cavaliers have attempted 20 or more threes in a game against the Tar Heels 26 times.

Three of Virginia's top five and five of the Cavaliers' top 10 games in terms of three-point field goals attempted have come against North Carolina (four are against Clemson and one is vs. Florida State). Prior to attempting a school-record 38 three-pointers against Clemson (Jan. 15, 2000), Virginia's 32 attempts against UNC on Feb. 14, 1990 and Mar. 7, 1997 marked the Cavaliers' all-time high for three-pointers attempted in a game.

Virginia also set its school record for most three-point field goals made in the Feb. 14, 1990 game against UNC with 15. (Virginia equaled the mark of 15 threes made in a game against Hampton on November 25, 1998.)

UVa vs. Ranked Tar Heel Teams

The Cavaliers have not fared well against ranked (AP Poll) North Carolina teams over the years. Virginia is 17-76 all-time against ranked UNC teams (11-58 vs. top 10 UNC teams).

Virginia has never played a 24th (AP Poll) ranked Tar Heel squad.

The Cavaliers are 14-27 all-time at home vs. ranked North Carolina teams. At University Hall, UVa is 13-13 vs. ranked UNC teams.

Keys to the Game

Virginia needs to shoot the ball well tonight to help its chances to win. Since the 1989-90 season, the Cavaliers are 13-24 against North Carolina, but are 8-2 when they out-shoot the Tar Heels. The Wahoos are 5-22 when the Tar Heels out-shoot them.

Here's a look at the two teams' field goal percentages since the 1989-90 season. The winner is listed in bold.

Year	Site	UNC	UVa	
1989-90	UNC	.583	.397	
	UVa	.524	.441	
	ACC Trn.	.493	.515	
1990-91	UVa	.464	.400	
	UNC	.500	.356	
	ACC Trn.	.471	.400	
1991-92	UNC	.533	.362	
	UVa	.446	.472	
	1992-93	UNC	.476	.400
	UVa	.474	.313	
	ACC Trn.	.379	.414	
	1993-94	UVa	.462	.483
	UNC	.390	.309	
	ACC Trn.	.491	.403	
	1994-95	UNC	.482	.418
	UVa	.452	.439	
	1995-96	UVa	.386	.322
	UNC	.471	.400	
1996-97	UVa	.385	.481	
	UNC	.517	.355	
	ACC Trn.	.519	.371	
1997-98	UNC	.488	.433	
	UVa	.431	.300	
	1998-99	UNC	.412	.277
	UVa	.426	.435	
	1999-00	UVa	.586	.465
	UNC	.433	.449	
2000-01	UNC	.569	.426	
	UVa	.438	.470	
	2001-02	UNC	.436	.421
	UVa	.347	.435	
	2002-03	UVa	.403	.491
	UNC	.508	.381	
2003-04	UNC	.523	.472	
	UVa	.460	.391	
	2004-05	UVa	.600	.391
	UNC	.544	.385	

Since the 1989-90 Season:

Combined	.472	.407
UVa wins	.452	.458
UVa losses	.484	.380

Virginia Quick Facts

Location: Charlottesville, Va.
Founded: 1819 by Thomas Jefferson
Enrollment: 20,018 (13,140 undergraduates)
President: John T. Casteen III
Athletics Director: Craig Littlepage
Faculty Athletic Rep.: Carolyn M. Callahan
Conference: Atlantic Coast Conference
Arena: University Hall (8,392)
Colors: Orange and Blue
Nicknames: Cavaliers, Wahoos, 'Hoos
Mascot: Cavalier

Basketball Information

Head Coach: Dave Leitao (Northeastern '83)
Career Record: 88-75 (sixth season)
Record at Virginia: 8-6 (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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Head Coach Dave Leitao

Dave Leitao was named the 10th head men's basketball coach at Virginia on April 16, 2005. Leitao was the head coach at DePaul University the last three seasons. His DePaul teams compiled an overall record of 58-34 and competed in a postseason tournament each season. The Blue Demons participated in the NCAA Tournament in 2004 and in the National Invitation Tournament in 2003 and 2005. Leitao also spent two seasons as the head coach at his alma mater, Northeastern University, and now sports an 88-75 record in six seasons as a head coach.

Leitao is 0-1 all-time vs. North Carolina as a head coach. In his initial meeting vs. UNC, Leitao, then at DePaul, lost to UNC 83-72 in the first round of the 2003 NIT in Chapel Hill.

Leitao has coached in 22 games against AP ranked teams and is 5-17. Against top 10 AP teams, Leitao is 0-7. He was 0-4 against ranked teams in two seasons at Northeastern, 5-11 vs. ranked opponents in three years at DePaul, and 0-2 against ranked foes at UVa.

In six season-openers, Leitao is 4-2. In addition to this year's season-opening win, Leitao won all three season openers while at DePaul and lost both openers at Northeastern. Here's a look at the results of Leitao's six season-openers:

1994-95	Northeastern lost at Duke 93-70
1995-96	Northeastern lost at Marist 73-55
2002-03	DePaul won at Northern Illinois 63-48
2003-04	DePaul won at home over Loyola-Chicago 73-61
2004-05	DePaul won at home over Bowling Green 69-59
2005-06	Virginia won at home over Liberty 79-44

Dave Leitao Makes Virginia Debut

A new era of Virginia basketball began on Nov. 18 when Dave Leitao made his Virginia coaching debut. The Cavaliers rolled to a 79-44 victory over Liberty. Leitao became the seventh (of 10) head coach to win his opener at UVa. Here's a look at how the nine other coaches fared in their Cavalier debut:

Henry Lannigan (1905-06)	W	30-9	Charlottesville YMCA (H)
Roy Randall (1929-30)	L	65-32	Duke (H)
Gus Tebell (1930-31)	W	32-15	Staunton Collegians (H)
Evan "Bus" Male (1951-52)	W	56-50	Catholic (H)
Billy McCann (1957-58)	L	73-69	William & Mary (A)
Bill Gibson (1963-64)	L	75-64	Kentucky (A)
Terry Holland (1974-75)	W	77-69	Washington & Lee (H)
Jeff Jones (1990-91)	W	80-77	Siena (N)
Pete Gillen (1998-99)	W	86-70	Va. Commonwealth (N)
Dave Leitao (2005-06)	W	79-44	Liberty (H)

Leitao also earned a win in his second game at Virginia and joined four of the previous nine head basketball coaches at UVa to start out their stay at Virginia with consecutive wins. Jeff Jones (1990-91), Terry Holland (1974-75) and Gus Tebell (1930-31) each started out 2-0, while Henry Lannigan (1905-06) is the only Virginia coach to win more than his first two games. He led UVa to four consecutive victories in the first year of the Cavalier basketball program in 1905-06.

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).

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).

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.

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 fourth in the ACC with 18.0 points per game.

UVa Grabs 54-49 ACC Road Win over Virginia Tech

Sean Singletary scored 13 consecutive UVa points in an eight-minute stretch during the second half and Virginia scored the final 10 points of the game to register a 54-49 victory over Virginia Tech (Jan. 15) at Cassell Coliseum in Blacksburg. The Cavaliers held Virginia Tech scoreless for the final 3:39 of the game.

Virginia, which led by two, 25-23, at the half, increased its lead to 32-25 with 16:14 to play on Adrian Joseph's three-pointer. The Hokies scored the next four points and were within a fraction of an inch of cutting UVa's lead to one, when Coleman Collins' dunk attempt popped out of the basket with 11:11 to play. A bench technical on Virginia Tech at that point sent J.R. Reynolds to the free throw line. He made the two technical free throws and 12 seconds later made two more foul shots to increase the Cavalier advantage to seven, 36-29. A Singletary three gave UVa its biggest lead of the game, 39-31, with 10:26 remaining.

Virginia Tech went on an 11-0 run to turn an eight-point deficit into a three-point lead, 42-39, with 5:55 to play. A Singletary free throw with 5:29 to go halted the Hokie run. Virginia Tech increased its lead to five, 49-44, with 3:39 to go when Zabian Dowdell hit a three-pointer. Virginia held the Hokies scoreless the remainder of the game. Another three-pointer and two free throws by Singletary tied the game at 49-49 with 2:28 left (the free throws marked the 12th and 13th straight UVa points Singletary scored). Joseph broke the tie with a clutch three-pointer with 45 seconds left to put Virginia ahead for good. Mamadi Diane sealed the win with two free throws with seven seconds to play.

Singletary and Reynolds both tallied 16 points to lead the Cavaliers. Singletary also posted six assists and five rebounds. Joseph added 11 points and seven rebounds. The trio combined to make 9-16 three-point attempts (56.3 percent).

Virginia shot 44.7 percent (17-38) from the field and made 9-20 (45.0 percent) three-point attempts. The Cavaliers held Virginia Tech to 33.3 percent (17-51) shooting from the field and 3-21 (14.3 percent) accuracy from three-point range. UVa also made 11-14 free throw attempts for 78.6 percent, while the Hokies were only 12-20 (60.0 percent) from the charity stripe. The Cavaliers held a 32-25 edge in rebounds, but committed 21 turnovers to Virginia Tech's seven.

Dowdell led the Hokies with 16 points and five steals, while Collins had 14 points.

Cavaliers Open Season Strong

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

Thief

Sean Singletary is seventh in the ACC in steals with 2.08 steals per game. Singletary has 27 steals in 13 games this season. He has three or more steals in five games this season.

Swat

Sophomore Tunji Soroye has blocked a career-best 24 shots this season for an average of 1.71 per game. Soroye is currently tied for fourth in the ACC in blocked shots per game. He has blocked two or more shots in eight 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.

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 52 offensive rebounds for an average of 3.71 per game (first in the ACC) and 46.4 percent (52 of 112) 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 10 contests and is averaging 8.9 rebounds per game during that span. He has led Virginia in rebounding in eight of the last 11 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 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 112 rebounds (8.0 per game – fifth in the ACC), including 52 offensive rebounds (3.71 per game). Cain is fourth on the team in scoring with 8.7 points per game.

Three-Point Field Goal Leaders

J.R. Reynolds has made 123 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 each of the last seven games, Singletary has handed out six or more assists for an average of 6.43 per game (45 assists).

Singletary is currently third in the ACC with 4.92 assists per

game. He is averaging 5.50 assists per ACC contest which is second among all ACC players.

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 (7 gms)	Away (7 gms)*	Overall
Points per game	9.7	6.4	8.1
FG shooting	46.9% (23-49)	26.7 % (16-60)	35.8% (39-109)
3-pt FG shooting	42.9% (6-14)	16.7% (3-18)	28.1% (9-32)
Turnovers	6	13	19
Assists	12	3	15
Steals	7	4	11
Blocks	4	4	8
Rebounds	3.7	3.6	3.6
Minutes Played	26.7	27.4	27.1

*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 14.3 points per game at home (seven games), but is averaging only 6.9 points per game away from U-Hall (seven games). Joseph is shooting 45.5 percent (35-77) from the field and 43.2 percent (16-37) 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 10.6 points per game while shooting 43.4 percent (53-122) from the field and 36.5 percent (23-63) 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 20-41 (48.8 percent) three-point attempts in the last seven games. Reynolds is now 24-69 (34.8 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 14-36 (38.9 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 seven games (127 points), Reynolds is averaging 18.1 points per game while shooting 41.9 percent (36-86) from the field.

Turnovers

UVa is averaging 15.3 turnovers per game this season. The Cavaliers committed 18 or more turnovers in four of their first five games. In the last nine games, UVa has cut its turnovers down to 14.1 per game (127 turnovers). The most miscues UVa has made in its last nine 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.

Field Goal Percentage Leader

Freshman Laurynas Mikalauskas leads the Cavaliers in field goal percentage. He has made 30-50 attempts from the field for 60.0 percent accuracy. Over the last five games, Mikalauskas has made 11-15 attempts (73.3 percent) from the floor.

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 10 of 14 games.

Singletary leads UVa with 18.0 points per game and is averaging 4.9 assists per game (64 assists). Reynolds is second on the squad with 14.8 points per contest and has tallied 48 assists (3.4 per game).

Singletary has led UVa in scoring six times – 24 points against Arizona, 23 points vs. Northwestern, 35 points vs. Gonzaga, 22 points vs. Hartford, 27 points vs. Florida State, and 16 points vs. Virginia Tech (tied with Reynolds). 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 14 opponents and are averaging 7.6 more rebounds per game than the opposition. UVa is averaging 38.4 rebounds overall and 14.0 offensive boards per contest.

The Cavaliers have outrebounded seven of their opponents by 10 or more rebounds. In four ACC games, Virginia has outrebounded the opposition 151-116 for an average of +8.8 per game.

Free Throw Accuracy

UVa is shooting an impressive 74.1 percent (212-286) from the free throw line this season which ranks third in the ACC (UVa is shooting 73.8 percent – 59-80 – in ACC play). The Cavaliers have two players ranked among the leaders in the ACC in free throw shooting. Sean Singletary is seventh at 79.0 percent (64-81), while J.R. Reynolds is eighth in the conference at 78.6 percent (55-70).

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 79.2 percent (19-24) from the line
- Tunji Soroye is shooting 73.3 percent (11-15) from the line.

Double Figures in First 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 five games and in 11 of the 13 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 41.2 percent (326-792) from the field and averaging 63.5 points per game.

Last Season in University Hall

The 2005-06 campaign is the last season in University Hall for Virginia's men's and women's basketball teams. After calling University Hall home since the 1965-66 season, the Cavaliers will move across the street to their new facility, the John Paul Jones Arena, for the 2006-07 season.

In 41 seasons (including 2005-06), the Cavaliers are 398-142 (.737) all-time at University Hall.

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.

UVa Returns Three Starters

The Cavaliers return three starters from last year's team. The returning starters are guards T.J. Bannister, J.R. Reynolds and Sean Singletary.

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.