

VIRGINIA

Basketball

2005-06

Media Notes

Virginia (2-1)

vs.

Northwestern (3-2)

November 30, 2005 • 8:00 p.m.

ACC/Big Ten Challenge

University Hall (8,392)

Charlottesville, Va.



2005-06 Schedule

2-1 Overall / 0-0 ACC

Home: 1-0

Away: 1-1

Neutral: 0-0

TELEVISION

Tonight's game will be televised by ESPNU. Mike Adamle will handle the play-by-play. Tim McCormick 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.

OFFICIALS

THE GAME

Virginia enters tonight's game with a 2-1 record after falling to ninth-ranked Arizona 81-51 (Nov. 27) in Tucson, Ariz. UVa finished the 2004-05 season with an overall record of 14-15 and had a 4-12 mark in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Northwestern stands at 3-2 on the season. The Wildcats are coming off a 59-49 loss to DePaul (Nov. 26) in Rosemont, Ill. Northwestern finished the 2004-05 season with a 15-16 overall record and a 6-10 mark in the Big Ten.

The ACC/Big Ten Challenge

Tonight's game against Northwestern is part of the seventh annual ACC/Big Ten Challenge, a three-day series matching two of the nation's top basketball conferences. Over the past seven years, the ACC and Big Ten have dominated the Final Four with the two leagues providing 16 of the 28 Final Four teams during that span.

The Cavaliers are 3-2 in ACC/Big Ten Challenge matchups. Last season, Virginia picked up its second consecutive win in the series with a 48-44 victory over Northwestern (Dec. 1) in Evanston, Ill. In 2003-04, UVa defeated Minnesota 86-78 (Dec. 3) at University Hall. In the 2002-03 season, Virginia fell at Michigan State 82-75 (Dec. 4). In 2001, Virginia's matchup against Michigan State (Nov. 28) in Richmond, Va., was halted with UVa leading 31-28 with 15:04 remaining in the second half due to slippery floor conditions (unseasonably warm temperature (70 degrees) combined with the ice surface under the playing court to produce condensation on the court). Virginia won its 2000 ACC/Big Ten Challenge game 98-79 over Purdue (Nov. 29) at University Hall. In the initial ACC/Big Ten meeting in 1999, Virginia fell to Minnesota 74-62 (Nov. 30) in Minneapolis.

The ACC has won the first six ACC/Big Ten Challenges. Last season, the ACC won the Challenge 7-2, after winning the 2003 series by an identical 7-2 count. The ACC won by 5-4 margins in 1999, 2000 and 2002, and 5-3 in 2001. The ACC is 34-19 in the Challenge vs. the Big Ten.

Previous ACC Challenge

Virginia was the only ACC school to win all three games in the ACC/Big East Challenge, held during the 1989-90 through 1991-92 seasons. In the ACC/Big East Challenge, UVa defeated Villanova (73-65 in 1989-90), Pittsburgh (84-80 in 1990-91) and Georgetown (76-66 in overtime in 1991-92).

The Series vs. Northwestern

Tonight's game is the second meeting between Northwestern and Virginia in the sport of men's basketball. The Cavaliers won the initial meeting in last season's ACC/Big Ten Challenge 48-44 (Dec. 1) in Evanston, Ill.

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	8:00 p.m.
Dec. 4	at Georgia Tech		5:30 p.m.
Dec. 7	FORDHAM		7:00 p.m.
Dec. 17	at Gonzaga	FSN - NW	8:00 p.m.
Dec. 23	Loyola (Md.)		7:00 p.m.
Dec. 28	UMBC #		7:00 p.m.
Dec. 31	HARTFORD		2:00 p.m.
Jan. 2	at Western Kentucky		8:00 p.m.
Jan. 7	CLEMSON		Noon
Jan. 11	FLORIDA STATE		7:00 p.m.
Jan. 15	at Virginia Tech		4:00 p.m.
Jan. 19	NORTH CAROLINA		7:00 p.m.
Jan. 24	MIAMI	ESPNU	9:00 p.m.
Jan. 28	at Duke		7:00 p.m.
Feb. 1	at N.C. State	RSN	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 4	WAKE FOREST		1:30 p.m.
Feb. 7	at Maryland	RSN	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 11	VIRGINIA TECH		8:00 p.m.
Feb. 15	LONGWOOD		7:00 p.m.
Feb. 18	at Florida State		4:00 p.m.
Feb. 21	BOSTON COLLEGE	RSN	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 25	at Clemson		2:00 p.m.
Mar. 1	at North Carolina		9:00 p.m.
Mar. 5	MARYLAND		3:30 p.m.
Mar. 9-12	ACC Tournament ^		TBA

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Virginia's PROBABLE Starters

No.	Pos.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Ppg.	Rpg.	App.	Mpg	Notes
11	F	Laurynas Mikalauskas	6-8	241	Fr.	7.0	4.0	0.0	24.0	Scored 14 points in collegiate debut vs. Liberty (11/18)
24	G/F	Mamadi Diane	6-5	185	Fr.	8.0	5.3	1.0	31.3	Led UVa with 17 points against Liberty (11/18)
21	C	Tunji Soroye	6-11	212	So.	1.7	7.3	0.0	28.3	Career high 8 rebounds vs. Liberty and Richmond
2	G	J.R. Reynolds	6-2 1/2	197	Jr.	14.7	4.3	4.3	32.3	Named to 2005 ACC Tournament second team
44	G	Sean Singletary	6-0	174	So.	17.7	5.0	3.0	32.3	Named to 2005 ACC All-Freshman Team

Virginia's Key Reserves

12	G	Billy Campbell	6-0	184	Sr.	0.0	1.5	0.5	8.5	Only senior on the team
15	G	T.J. Bannister	5-10 1/2	176	Jr.	4.3	1.5	3.7	22.6	Stats from 04-05; limited in preseason by an injury
30	F	Adrian Joseph	6-7	195	So.	10.3	5.3	1.0	25.7	Scored 12 points vs. Liberty and Arizona
33	F	Jason Cain	6-10	212	Jr.	3.7	5.3	0.0	17.7	Leads UVa with 8 offensive rebounds (2.7/game)
55	F/C	Donte Minter	6-8	250	Jr.	1.3	0.5	0.0	4.6	Stats from 04-05; limited in preseason by an injury

Virginia vs. the Big Ten

Virginia is 15-15 all-time against the 11 current Big Ten schools. UVa is 1-0 vs. Purdue and Northwestern, 5-2 vs. Penn State, 4-1 vs. Minnesota, 1-1 vs. Wisconsin, 1-2 vs. Indiana and Michigan, 1-3 vs. Ohio State, 0-1 vs. Iowa and 0-3 vs. Michigan State. The Cavaliers have never faced Illinois. Prior to last season's win over Northwestern, UVa's last game against a Big Ten school was an 86-78 win over Minnesota (Dec. 3) at University Hall in the 2003 season's ACC/Big Ten Challenge.

The last time the Cavaliers faced a Big Ten team in a game not associated with the ACC/Big Ten Challenge was in the 2002-03 season. UVa fell to then 19th-ranked Indiana 70-63 in the championship game of the Maui Invitational (Nov. 27).

Tale of the Tape

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

Virginia	Category	Northwestern
63.0	Points	57.6
56.0	Points Allowed	56.0
+7.0	Scoring Margin	+1.6
43.1	Field Goal %	44.3
35.3	Field Goal % Defense	41.8
29.8	3 Point Field Goal %	31.7
26.7	3 Point Field Goal % Defense	31.9
71.7	Free Throw %	68.2
41.7	Rebounds	28.6
+12.0	Rebound Margin	-1.6
9.7	Assists	14.8
20.3	Turnovers	14.0
5.7	Steals	7.0
5.0	Blocked Shots	2.4

Cavaliers Open Season Strong

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

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.

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.

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 82-70 record in six seasons as a head coach.

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

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

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

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: 82-70 (sixth season)
Record at Virginia: 2-1 (first season)
Assistant Coaches: Gene Cross (Illinois '94) – first season, Rob Lanier (St. Bonaventure '90) – first season, Steve Seymour (Bridgewater State '81) – first season
Director of Basketball Operations: Drew Diener (Saint Louis '03) – first season
2004-05 Record: 14-15
2004-05 ACC Record: 4-12 (10th-tie)
Starters Returning/Lost: 3/2
Lettermen Returning/Lost: 9/5

The Opener

UVa's 35-point margin of victory over Liberty (Nov. 18) marked the largest in a season-opener since the 2000-01 season when the Cavaliers won by 46 points over Long Island (Nov. 17) – 96-50. The 44 points allowed by UVa are the fewest in a season opener since 1991-92 when Virginia posted a 78-43 win over William & Mary (Nov. 24).

Last Season vs. Northwestern

The Cavaliers passed their first road test of the season as they clawed their way to a 48-44 victory over Northwestern (Dec. 1) in the ACC/Big Ten Challenge at Welsh-Ryan Arena in Evanston, Ill.

Elton Brown led the way as he notched his third consecutive double-double with 15 points and 12 rebounds. Brown scored 12 points and pulled down nine rebounds in helping the Cavaliers take a 23-19 halftime lead. Devin Smith was the only other UVa player to reach double figures in scoring as he had 10 points and made two of Virginia's three three-point field goals.

Virginia took an early lead only to see Northwestern pull ahead 13-8 midway through the first half. The Cavaliers scored the final eight points of the first stanza to take a 23-19 halftime edge. Neither team shot a free throw in the first half.

The Wildcats opened the second half with a 13-6 run to grab a 32-29 lead with 14:26 to play in the game. UVa came back to take its biggest lead of the game, 44-37, on Sean Singletary's jumper with 5:22 to play. The scrappy Wildcats scored the next seven points to knot the contest at 44-44 with 2:30 to go, but did not score again. A pair of free throws by J.R. Reynolds with 2:11 left put the Cavaliers ahead to stay, 46-44.

Vedran Vukusic led Northwestern with 16 points, six rebounds, five assists and two blocked shots, while Davor Duvancic added 10 points.

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Non-Conference Wins at University Hall

Virginia is 218-30 for an impressive .879 winning percentage all-time in University Hall against non-conference opponents. The Cavaliers' 87-65 victory on Jan. 2, 2003 over Wofford marked their 200th win over a non-conference opponent at University Hall since the building opened for the 1965-66 season.

The Cavaliers have won 100 of their last 111 home games (.901 winning percentage) against non-conference opponents dating back to the 1989-90 season. UVa had its 15-game home winning streak against non-conference opponents snapped with a 74-67 loss to South Carolina in the first round of the 2002 National Invitation Tournament (Mar. 13). Virginia's previous home non-conference loss was also in the NIT as the Cavaliers fell to Georgetown 115-111 in triple overtime in the first round of the 2000 NIT (Mar. 15).

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

Impressive Start

Virginia limited its first two opponents to an average of 43.5 points per game (Liberty 44 points, Richmond 43 points) and 25.7 percent (27-105) shooting from the field. The last time UVa held its first two opponents under 50 points was way back in the 1948-49 season. In 1948-49, the Cavaliers held Lynchburg Independents to 40 points (in a 72-40 win) and Langley Field to 38 points (in a 78-38 win).

In its third game, UVa gave up 81 points to then ninth-ranked Arizona (Nov. 27) and the Wildcats also shot 50.8 percent (33-65) from the field.

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 394-140 (.738) all-time at University Hall.

Cavaliers Suffer First Loss of Season

Virginia held the lead late in the first half, but ninth-ranked Arizona closed out the first stanza with a 9-0 run to take the lead for good and went on to an 81-51 victory (Nov. 27) over the Cavaliers in Tucson, Ariz.

After trailing by as many as seven points (20-13) midway through the first half, UVa went on a 15-2 spurt to grab a 28-22 advantage with 3:13 remaining in the first half. The Wildcats answered with a 9-0 run to take a 31-28 halftime lead. Arizona broke the game open with a 20-1 run during the first 6:42 of the second half.

Sean Singletary led UVa with a season and game-high 24 points and also added five rebounds and three steals, but committed nine turnovers. Adrian Joseph was the only other Cavalier to reach double figures in scoring as he had 12 points.

The Cavaliers shot only 37.0 percent (20-54) from the field in the game, while Arizona connected on 33-65 attempts from the floor for 50.8 percent. Virginia held a 37-33 edge in rebounds, but had 24 turnovers compared to only nine for the Wildcats.

Chris Rodgers led Arizona with 20 points. Mustafa Shakur and Hassan Adams both tallied 14 points, and Shakur added seven assists and six rebounds.

Virginia Defeats Richmond 59-43

For the second consecutive game, UVa held its opponent to under 50 points and 30 percent shooting from the field as the Cavaliers posted a 59-43 win over Richmond (Nov. 22) at the Robins Center.

J.R. Reynolds led the Cavaliers to the victory with a game-high 23 points. Reynolds scored 16 of his 23 points in the second half to help UVa break open the contest. He made 7-12 attempts from the floor (1-3 threes) and all eight free throw attempts to go along with seven rebounds and four assists.

Sean Singletary was the only other Cavalier to score in double figures as he had 14 points and added three rebounds and three assists. Laurynas Mikalauskas and Adrian Joseph both had seven points, and Tunji Soroye led all players with eight rebounds and three blocked shots.

UVa, which only trailed once in the game (3-2), led by as many as nine points (14-5) midway through the first half. The Spiders battled back – thanks in part to six of their seven first half threes – to trim the Cavaliers' lead to one at the intermission, 26-25.

The Cavaliers opened the second half with a 7-0 run to take a 33-25 lead with 14:50 to play. Richmond pulled within five, 36-31, with 10:32 left, but Reynolds scored the next eight UVa points to help build a 44-34 advantage with 7:35 to go.

UVa shot 45.0 percent (18-40) from the field and made 18-23 free throws (78.3 percent), while holding the Spiders to 28.8 percent (15-52) accuracy from the floor. Richmond also attempted only nine three throws and made six. UVa held a 39-24 edge in rebounds as well.

Jermaine Bucknor scored 15 points and was the only Richmond player to reach double digits.

UVa Rolls to 79-44 Season-Opening Win Over Liberty

Five players scored in double figures as the Cavaliers rolled to a 79-44 win over Liberty (Nov. 18) in the season-opener at University Hall. Freshman Mamadi Diane made an auspicious debut by leading Virginia with 17 points.

In addition to his 17 points, Diane tallied six rebounds, three blocked shots, three assists and one steal. Sophomore Sean Singletary had 15 points, seven rebounds, six assists and four turnovers, while junior J.R. Reynolds added 14 points, six assists, two rebounds and two steals. Freshman Laurynas Mikalauskas also had an excellent outing in his first collegiate game and posted 14 points and five rebounds. Sophomore Adrian Joseph rounded out UVa's double figure scorers with 12 points.

UVa opened up an 18-2 lead 4:37 into the contest and Liberty was never able to cut the deficit to less than 10 points. Diane and Reynolds scored 11 and 10 points, respectively, in leading Virginia to a 44-22 halftime lead.

The Cavaliers shot 47.5 percent (28-59) from the field in the game while Liberty managed to shoot only 22.6 percent (12-53) from the field. Virginia also held a 49-32 advantage in rebounds.

Larry Blair was the only Flame to score in double digits as he tallied 13 points.

Two Players Join Virginia Squad

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

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

Shiembob is a 6-4 freshman forward from Richmond, Va. He was a four-year starter at St. Christopher's School. He averaged 18.5 points and 6.9 rebounds a game as a senior and earned Virginia League of Independent Schools first-team All-State honors.

He finished his career at St. Christopher's as the school's career leader in rebounds (582) and ranked fourth in scoring (1,097 points). Shiembob was the team's captain as a junior and a senior.

UVa Returns Three Starters

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

Sam Warren Leaves Virginia Basketball Team

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

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

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

Cavaliers Win Exhibition Game 98-62

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

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

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

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

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

UVa Guards Make Game-Winning Plays

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

Singletary and Reynolds Earn ACC All-Freshmen Honors

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

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

J.R. Reynolds was named to the All-ACC Freshmen Team in 2004. He averaged 9.4 points, 1.7 rebounds, 2.0 assists and 24.7 minutes played a game during the 2003-04 season.

Singletary, Bannister in Last Year's ACC Rankings

Guard Sean Singletary led Virginia in assists (3.9 apg.) and steals (1.66 spg.) in 2004-05, and ranked first among Atlantic Coast Conference freshmen in those two categories. He also ranked second among ACC freshmen in minutes played (29.9 mpg.) and third in scoring (10.5 ppg.). Overall, he ranked sixth in the ACC in assist/turnover ratio (1.61, 113 assists and 70 turnovers), and ninth in assists and steals.

Guard T.J. Bannister ranked fifth in the ACC in assist/turnover ratio (1.71, 108 assists and 63 turnovers) and 10th in assists (3.72 apg.). He had an assist to turnover ratio of 2.18 in ACC games (74 assists and 34 turnovers) that ranked second in the conference.

J.R. Reynolds in the ACC Tournament

Guard J.R. Reynolds has played very well in the first two Atlantic Coast Conference Tournaments of his Virginia career.

In two games in the 2005 ACC Tournament, Reynolds scored 43 points and earned second-team All-Tournament honors. He scored a career-high 32 points and tied his career-high with 39 minutes played in the 66-65 victory over Miami in the opening round of the tournament. His 32 points tied for the third highest point total ever by a Virginia player in an ACC Tournament game. He is Virginia's first All-Tournament selection since Junior Burroughs was a first-team pick in 1995.

Reynolds scored 38 points in Virginia's two games in the 2004 ACC Tournament. He had a season-high 20 points against Duke in the tournament quarterfinals and 18 against Clemson in the first round.

Virginia Assistants have Head Coaching Experience

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

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

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

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

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

Brown Named Strength and Conditioning Coach

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

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

From 1992-97, Brown was the head strength coach for men's basketball at the University of Kentucky. During his time at Kentucky, the men's basketball team won the 1996 NCAA Championship.

"The hiring of Shaun Brown continues to move our program in the right direction and helps us provide the best possible student-athlete experience," said UVa men's head basketball coach Dave Leitao. "Shaun comes to Virginia with credentials that speak for themselves. He has been a part of a national championship program, and has successfully trained athletes at the professional and collegiate levels."

Evan Marcus is Virginia's head strength coach and director of the McCue Center weight room. Ed Nordenschild (head strength coach for Olympic sports), and assistant coaches Bill Miller, Shad Pospahala and Lorenzo Rivers assist Marcus. Nordenschild will continue his work with the UVa women's basketball team.

"The strength training unit is critical to our success and has done a tremendous job in support of the athletics department's 10-year goals," said Virginia Executive Associate Athletics Director Jon Oliver. "Shaun Brown is an important addition in this area. His credentials are reflective of the type of professionals we have in the strength training unit."

Brown served as the head strength coach at Providence College from November of 1989 until April of 1992. Prior to that he was an assistant strength coach at Rutgers University from August of 1989 until he accepted the position at Providence.

A native of Hornell, N.Y., Brown earned a bachelor's degree from Canisius College in 1987 and a master's degree from Ohio State University in 1988. He served as a graduate assistant strength coach at Ohio State and as strength and conditioning coach at Dublin High School in Dublin, Ohio, from August of 1988 to August of 1989.

Littlepage Chairs NCAA Basketball Committee

University of Virginia Athletics Director Craig Littlepage is the chair of the NCAA Men's Division I Basketball Committee. The main responsibility of the committee is the administration of the NCAA men's basketball tournament. Littlepage has been a member of the committee since Sept. 1, 2002. His term on the committee ends on Sept. 1, 2006.

John Paul Jones Arena On Its Way

On May 30, 2003 ground was broken on the University of Virginia's new special events center, the John Paul Jones Arena. Scheduled for completion in the summer of 2006, the arena will replace University Hall. The new 15,000-seat arena will feature training and weight rooms, men's and women's basketball locker rooms, coaches' offices, and one-and-a-half practice courts per program so the men's and women's basketball teams can practice simultaneously, and when the arena is being used for other purposes.

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[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.

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[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.