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2005-06 Schedule

15-14 Overall / 7-9 ACC

Home: 11-3

Away: 2-10

Neutral: 2-1

No. 8 seed Virginia (15-14, 7-9 ACC)

vs.

No. 7 seed Stanford (15-13, 11-7 Pac-10)

March 14, 2006 • 6:30 p.m. (PT)

Maples Pavilion (7,233)

Stanford, Calif.

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		L, 51-81
Nov. 30	NORTHWESTERN%	ESPNU	W, 72-57

Dec. 4	at Georgia Tech		L, 54-63
Dec. 7	FORDHAM		L, 60-62
Dec. 17	at #10 Gonzaga	FSN - NW	L, 69-80
Dec. 23	Loyola (Md.)		W, 98-59
Dec. 28	vs. UMBC #		W, 77-66
Dec. 31	HARTFORD		W, 71-62

Jan. 2	at Western Kentucky		L, 68-78
Jan. 7	CLEMSON		W, 64-58
Jan. 11	FLORIDA STATE		L, 82-87 OT
Jan. 15	at Virginia Tech		W, 54-49
Jan. 19	#24 NORTH CAROLINA		W, 72-68
Jan. 24	MIAMI	ESPNU	W, 71-51
Jan. 28	at #2 Duke		L, 63-82

Feb. 1	#18 at N.C. State	RSN	L, 64-66
Feb. 4	WAKE FOREST		W, 75-73
Feb. 7	at Maryland	RSN	L, 65-76
Feb. 11	VIRGINIA TECH		W, 81-77 OT
Feb. 15	LONGWOOD		W, 91-56
Feb. 18	at Florida State		L, 62-76
Feb. 21	#11 BOSTON COLLEGE	RSN	W, 72-58
Feb. 25	at Clemson		L, 64-90

Mar. 1	at #13 North Carolina		L, 54-99
Mar. 5	MARYLAND		L, 70-71
Mar. 9	Virginia Tech ^		W, 60-56
Mar. 10	vs. #10 North Carolina ^		L, 67-79
Mar. 14	at Stanford &		9:30 p.m.

% - ACC/Big Ten Challenge
 # - Siegel Center, Richmond, Va.
 ^ - Greensboro, N.C.
 & - NIT - Opening Round, Stanford, Calif.
 All Times Eastern

TELEVISION

Tonight's opening round NIT game against Stanford will be televised by ESPN.

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.

THE GAME

Virginia enters the 2006 National Invitation Tournament as a No. 8 seed after posting a 15-14 record this season and a 7-9 mark in the Atlantic Coast Conference. The Cavaliers are coming off a 79-67 loss to 10th-ranked North Carolina (Mar. 10) in the quarterfinals of the ACC Tournament in Greensboro, N.C.

Stanford is a No. 7 seed in the NIT and stands at 15-13 overall and 11-7 in the Pac-10. The Cardinal lost to Arizona 73-68 (Mar. 9) in the quarterfinals of the Pac-10 Tournament in Los Angeles.

UVa Returns to Postseason Play

The Cavaliers bid to the 2006 National Invitation Tournament (NIT) marks their sixth postseason appearance in the last seven seasons. UVa also played in the NIT in 2000, 2002, 2003 and 2004, and received an NCAA Tournament bid in 2001. Virginia did not receive a postseason bid in 2005.

The winner of tonight's game between Virginia and Stanford will play at Missouri State (formerly Southwest Missouri State) on Friday (Mar. 17).

Virginia Makes 12th NIT Appearance

Virginia is participating in the National Invitation Tournament for the 12th time. The Cavaliers have won the NIT championship twice, in 1980 and in 1992, and have compiled an overall record of 15-9 in their 11 appearances in the tournament.

The Cavaliers' victory over George Washington on March 17 in the first round of the 2004 NIT marked the second consecutive year Virginia opened the tournament with a win. UVa lost to Villanova 73-63 on March 20 in the second round of the 2004 NIT. Virginia defeated Brown 89-73 in the first round of the 2003 NIT on March 19 in Charlottesville. In the second round, the Cavaliers lost to St. John's 73-63 on March 24 in Jamaica, N.Y.

UVa's victory over Brown in the first round of the 2003 NIT was its first win in the tournament since winning the 1992 NIT title with an 81-76 overtime victory over Notre Dame.

In other recent appearances in the NIT, UVa lost 74-67 to South Carolina on March 13, 2002 in University Hall. In the 2000 NIT, the Cavaliers lost in triple overtime, 115-111, to Georgetown (Mar. 15) in University Hall.

In 1992, the Cavaliers rolled to the tournament championship. Virginia won at Villanova 83-80 in the first round and then defeated Tennessee 77-52 at home in the second round. The Cavaliers defeated New Mexico 76-71 at the Richmond Coliseum in Richmond, Va., in the quarterfinals. In the semifinals at Madison Square Garden, UVa defeated Florida 62-56. Virginia won the 1992 NIT Championship with an 81-76 overtime victory over Notre Dame in the championship game.



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Virginia's PROBABLE Starters

No.	Pos.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Ppg.	Rpg.	App.	Mpg.	Notes
30	F	Adrian Joseph	6-7	195	So.	9.5	4.5	0.6	28.9	Career-high 24 points (5 threes) vs. Loyola (12/23)
33	F	Jason Cain	6-10	212	Jr.	7.6	7.7	0.6	26.6	Six double-doubles this year; 5 blocks vs. UNC (1/19)
11	F	Laurynas Mikalauskas	6-8	241	Fr.	6.0	4.5	0.1	23.3	First double-double -11 pts, 12 rebs. vs. Va. Tech (3/9)
2	G	J.R. Reynolds	6-2 1/2	197	Jr.	17.2	3.1	3.1	33.2	Double figures in scoring last 23 games (18.6 ppg)
44	G	Sean Singletary	6-0	174	So.	17.8	4.5	4.2	33.8	11 games of 20 or more points this season
Virginia's Key Reserves										
15	G	T.J. Bannister	5-10 1/2	176	Jr.	2.3	1.1	2.3	13.3	Played in 15 games; season-high 7 pts vs. UNC (1/19)
24	G/F	Mamadi Diane	6-5	185	Fr.	6.1	3.7	1.1	22.2	Career-high 10 rebounds vs. Wake Forest (2/4)
21	C	Tunji Soroye	6-11	212	So.	1.9	3.7	0.1	19.0	Six points, seven rebs., two blocks vs. BC (2/21)
12	G	Billy Campbell	6-0	184	Sr.	1.4	1.0	0.6	7.6	Made first career start vs. Fordham (12/7)

Tale of the Tape

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

Virginia	Category	Stanford
68.6	Points	66.4
67.8	Points Allowed	65.5
+0.8	Scoring Margin	+0.9
41.7	Field Goal %	42.5
43.3	Field Goal % Defense	43.0
33.7	3 Point Field Goal %	34.9
32.3	3 Point Field Goal % Defense	33.4
75.3	Free Throw %	76.9
37.3	Rebounds	34.3
+4.5	Rebound Margin	+2.1
11.4	Assists	14.3
14.4	Turnovers	13.8
5.5	Steals	5.3
3.7	Blocked Shots	4.6

The Series vs. Stanford

Virginia trails Stanford in the all-time series 3-1. The Cardinal have won the last two games in the series, although the last meeting took place more than 10 years ago.

The two teams met four consecutive seasons from 1991-92 to 1994-95 with all four games taking place in December. Interestingly, neither team has scored an odd number of points in any of the meetings. The Cavaliers have also scored 60 points twice (first and fourth meetings) and 72 points twice (second and third meetings).

The initial meeting took place on Dec. 21, 1991 at Stanford with the Cardinal winning 74-60. The following season, UVa defeated Stanford 72-48 on Dec. 5, 1992 in University Hall. The series moved back out west in 1993-94 with Stanford winning at home 84-72 on Dec. 22, 1993. In the last meeting, the Cardinal won 64-60 in Charlottesville on Dec. 22, 1994.

The Series vs. the Pac-10

Virginia is 7-6 all-time against current members of the Pac-10. Prior to UVa playing Arizona the last two seasons (a win last year and a loss this year), the Cavaliers' most recent meeting with a Pac-10 school was during the 1999-2000 season. UVa defeated Arizona State 70-64 (Nov. 27) in the Puerto Rico Shootout in Bayamon, Puerto Rico. UVa is 2-0 vs. Washington State, 1-0 vs. Arizona State, Southern California and Washington, 1-3 vs. Stanford, 1-2 vs. Arizona and 0-1 vs. UCLA. The Cavaliers have never faced California, Oregon, or Oregon State.

The 2006 ACC Tournament

Virginia entered the 2006 ACC Tournament as the seventh seed and posted a 60-56 first round win over 10th-seeded Virginia Tech (Mar. 9) at the Greensboro Coliseum. UVa's win over Virginia Tech marked the third consecutive season the Cavaliers won their ACC Tournament opener. In the quarterfinals, UVa lost to second-seeded North Carolina 79-67 (Mar. 10).

Head Coach Dave Leitao

Dave Leitao was named the 10th head men's basketball coach at Virginia on April 16, 2005. Leitao was the head coach at DePaul University the last three seasons (2002-03, 2003-04, 2004-05). His DePaul teams competed in a postseason tournament each season. The Blue Demons participated in the NCAA Tournament in 2004 and in the National Invitation Tournament in 2003 and 2005. Leitao also spent two seasons as the head coach at his alma mater, Northeastern University (1994-95 and 1995-96).

School	Record	Years
Northeastern	22-35	'95, '96
DePaul	58-34	'03, '04, '05
Virginia	15-14	'06
6 Seasons	95-83	

In six seasons as a head coach he sports a 95-83 record.

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

Leitao has coached in 28 games against AP ranked teams and is 7-21. Against top 10 AP teams, Leitao is 0-9. He was 0-4 against ranked teams in two seasons at Northeastern, 5-11 vs. ranked opponents in three years at DePaul, and 2-6 against ranked foes at UVa. Virginia's 72-58 win over 11th-ranked Boston College (Feb. 21) marked the highest ranked opponent a Leitao coached team has defeated. The previous highest ranked opponent Leitao beat was 13th-ranked Cincinnati - 68-65 (Mar. 4, 2004) while he was the head coach at DePaul.

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



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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: 95-83 (sixth season)
Record at Virginia: 15-14 (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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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.

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)
 First Top 15 Win – #11 Boston College - Feb. 21 (72-58)

Leitao in Postseason Play

Dave Leitao has a 2-3 record in three postseason tournaments as a head coach. Leitao's previous three postseason appearances came while he was the head coach at DePaul. Leitao is 1-2 in two years in the NIT and 1-1 in the NCAA Tournament. In his first postseason appearance, Leitao's DePaul team lost to North Carolina 83-72 (Mar. 18) in the 2003 NIT. In the 2005 NIT, DePaul posted a 75-70 win at Missouri (Mar. 15), but fell to Texas A&M 75-72 (Mar. 19) at home. Leitao's Blue Demons advanced to the 2004 NCAA Tournament and posted a 76-69 double overtime win over Dayton (Mar. 18) and then lost to Connecticut 72-55 (Mar. 20).

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).

Two Cavaliers Earn All-ACC Honors

Sophomore guard Sean Singletary was a 2006 first-team All-ACC selection and junior guard J.R. Reynolds was a third-team pick. Singletary is the first Virginia men's basketball player to earn first-team All-ACC honors since Bryant Stith earned the last of his three consecutive first-team All-Conference honors in 1992.

Final Game In University Hall

The Cavaliers lost their final game at University Hall to Maryland 71-70 (Mar. 5).

Virginia's overtime victory over Virginia Tech (Feb. 11) marked UVa's 400th win all-time at U-Hall. The Cavaliers picked up their 401st win at U-Hall against Longwood (Feb. 15) and registered win number 402 vs. then 11th-ranked Boston College (Feb. 21). In 41 seasons (including 2005-06), the Cavaliers are 402-143 (.738 winning percentage) all-time at U-Hall. In ACC play, UVa is 179-112 (.615 winning percentage) 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.

Third Trip Across the Country

Virginia's game at Stanford in the opening round of the NIT marks the team's third trip out west this season. UVa played Tucson, Ariz., against then ninth-ranked Arizona (Nov. 27) and lost 81-51. The Cavaliers played in Spokane, Wash., against then 10th-ranked Gonzaga (Dec. 17) and lost 80-69.



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U-Hall is Kind to Cavaliers

UVa is 11-3 at home this season, including 6-2 in the ACC, but only 2-10 in away games (1-7 in the ACC). Virginia had its six-game home winning streak snapped with a 71-70 loss to Maryland (Mar. 5). UVa was 6-2 in ACC games at U-Hall this season, its most conference wins at home since 2000-01 when the Cavaliers were 7-1.

Virginia Falls to North Carolina in ACC Quarterfinals

Virginia's bid to upset 10th-ranked and second-seeded North Carolina in the quarterfinals of the Atlantic Coast Conference Tournament fell short as the Cavaliers lost 79-67 (Mar. 10) at the Greensboro Coliseum. UVa was within five points of the Tar Heels with just over two minutes to play, but couldn't get any closer.

Sean Singletary led all scorers with 29 points and also pulled down a career-high 10 rebounds to register his first career double-double. Singletary made all 12 of his free throw attempts and also tallied a game-high five steals. J.R. Reynolds added 20 points, four rebounds, four assists and a pair of steals.

The Cavaliers raced out to a 14-4 lead just over six minutes into the game. North Carolina scored the next 11 points to take a 15-14 lead and extended the advantage to 24-16 with 8:14 left in the opening half. UVa used an 8-0 run to tie the contest at 24-24. The Tar Heels led 39-34 at the intermission.

UNC opened the second half with six consecutive points to take a 45-34 advantage. Virginia scored the next six points to trim the deficit to five, 45-40, with 15:42 to play – the first of five times the Cavaliers pulled within five points during the second half. North Carolina built its lead back up to 10 points three times in the final nine minutes, and twice UVa was able to pull within five points. The second time occurred with 2:15 to play when Singletary made three straight free throws to make the score 69-64. UNC scored the next three points before Singletary answered with two more free throws. The Tar Heels scored the next seven points to put the game out of reach.

North Carolina shot 51.0 percent (25-49) from the field in the game, while UVa was able to shoot only 27.9 percent (17-61) from the field. The Cavaliers shot a blistering 89.7 percent (26-29) from the free throw line. UNC held a 43-36 advantage in rebounds. Virginia committed only nine turnovers in the game and came up with 10 steals on 15 Tar Heel miscues.

Reyshawn Terry led North Carolina with 24 points and seven rebounds. Tyler Hansbrough added 17 points and eight boards.

Seven ACC Wins

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

The Cavaliers finished ACC play with a 7-9 record, its most ACC wins since 2001-02 when the team was also 7-9 in conference action.

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. The Cavaliers had their winning streak over the defending national champion snapped with a 99-54 loss to North Carolina (Mar. 1).

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 four-game streak with an 87-84 home win over Duke (the 2001 NCAA champion) on Feb. 28, 2002.

Virginia is 8-15 all-time against the reigning national champions in 11 different seasons. UVa has won six of the last 11 matchups.

UVa is 1-8 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 1-2 in 2006). In addition to UNC, Virginia is 2-0 vs. Maryland, 3-3 vs. Duke, 2-3 vs. NC State, and 0-1 vs. Cincinnati.

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 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.

Closing in on 500

Both Sean Singletary and J.R. Reynolds are on the verge of scoring their 500th point this season. Singletary enters the Stanford game with 499 points, while Reynolds has tallied 498.

Roger Mason, Jr. is the last UVa player to score 500 points in a season and he did it in the 2001-02 season with 538 points.

The last time a pair of UVa teammates scored 500 points in the same season was in 1998-99. Donald Hand tallied 514 points (17.1 ppg) and Chris Williams scored 505 (16.8 ppg).

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.

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 second-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 shot over 50 percent in a game (the Cavaliers shot exactly 50 percent against Hartford – 25-50 on Dec. 31). Virginia also connected on 52.1 percent (25-48) of its attempts from the field against Boston College (Feb. 21).



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1,000 Points

J.R. Reynolds is the 40th Cavalier to score 1,000 career points. Reynolds reached the milestone with 17:50 to play against North Carolina (Mar. 1) when he connected on a jumper for points 1,000 and 1,001 of his career. He finished the game with 19 points and 1,010 in his career. Reynolds has currently scored 1,083 points and stands 37th on UVa's all-time scoring list. Adam Hall (1999-02) is 36th with 1,104 points.

The previous UVa player to score his 1,000th career point was Devin Smith, who reached the milestone last season.

Three-Point Field Goal Leaders

J.R. Reynolds has made 159 three-point field goals in his career and is in fifth place on UVa's all-time three-point field goals list. Reynolds needs two more three-point field goals to tie Devin Smith (2003-05) for fourth place with 161 career threes. John Crotty (1988-91) is third with 179 three-pointers.

Mikalaukas Registers Double-Double

Laurynas Mikalaukas recorded his first career double-double with 11 points and 12 rebounds in UVa's 60-56 win over Virginia Tech (Mar. 9) in the first round of the ACC Tournament. The 12 rebounds, including seven offensive, are a career high for Mikalaukas. His previous career best rebounding effort was nine against Western Kentucky (Jan. 2). The 11 points were just three shy of his career best of 14 points vs. Liberty (Nov. 18) in the season opener. It is only the sixth time Mikalaukas has reached double digits in scoring this season, and it also snapped a nine-game stretch in which he failed to reach double figures in scoring.

Mikalaukas drew a starting nod against Virginia Tech, and it was his second start of the season against an ACC foe. He also started against North Carolina (Mar. 10) and made his initial start of the season against Georgia Tech (Dec. 4) in UVa's first ACC contest.

Mikalaukas made 3-5 attempts from the field and was 5-8 from the free throw line against Virginia Tech.

He is shooting 56.1 percent (74-132) from the field this season and is averaging 6.0 points and 4.5 rebounds per game.

Singletary Notches Double-Double

Sean Singletary became the fourth Cavalier this season to register a double-double. Singletary tallied 29 points and 10 rebounds against North Carolina (Mar. 10) to register his first career double-double.

Four with Double-Doubles

When Sean Singletary recorded his double-double against North Carolina (Mar. 10), he became the fourth Cavalier this season to register a double-double. Jason Cain has six double-doubles, and J.R. Reynolds and Laurynas Mikalaukas both have one.

It marks the first time since the 2001-02 season four UVa players registered a double-double in the same season. Travis Watson (17), Chris Williams (2), Elton Brown (1) and J.C. Mathis (1) had double-doubles for Virginia in the 2001-02 campaign.

Thief

Sean Singletary is fifth in the ACC in steals with 1.86 per game. Singletary has 52 steals in 28 games this season. He has three or more steals in seven games this season.

With his 52 steals, Singletary has set a new personal single season high, bettering his freshman season total of 48 steals.

Swat

Sophomore Tunji Soroye has blocked a career-best 37 shots this season for an average of 1.28 per game. Soroye is currently 10th in the ACC in blocked shots per game. He has blocked two or more shots in 11 games, including a season-high four blocks vs. Clemson (Jan. 7) and Longwood (Feb. 15).

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).

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.

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 87 offensive rebounds for an average of 3.00 per game (tied for sixth in the ACC) and 39.2 percent (87 of 222) of his rebounds are of the offensive variety.



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Really Raising Cain

Jason Cain recorded back-to-back double-doubles three times this season. He has six double-doubles this season (eighth in the ACC) and has led Virginia in rebounding in 16 of the last 26 games. Cain has recorded double figures in rebounds nine times this season.

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 fifth double-double came against Wake Forest (Feb. 4) when he tallied 13 points and 10 rebounds. For the third time this season, Cain notched back-to-back double-doubles with an 11-point, 13-rebound performance against Maryland (Feb. 7).

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 27 blocked shots this season. His former career high for blocked shots was three vs. UMBC (Dec. 28) earlier this season.

Cain leads UVa with 222 rebounds (7.7 per game – seventh in the ACC), including 87 offensive rebounds (3.00 per game). He averaged 7.9 rebounds per ACC contest (seventh in the ACC). Cain is fourth on the team in scoring with 7.6 points per game.

Increase in Assists

Sean Singletary averaged only 3.17 assists (19 assists) in his first six games this season. In nine of the last 22 games, Singletary has handed out six or more assists for an average of 4.5 per game (98 assists).

Singletary is currently sixth in the ACC with 4.18 assists per game. He averaged 4.13 assists per ACC contest which was fifth among all ACC players.

Field Goal Percentage Leader

Freshman Laurynas Mikalauskas leads the Cavaliers in field goal percentage. He has made 74-132 attempts from the field for 56.1 percent accuracy. Over the last 20 games, Mikalauskas has made 55-97 attempts (56.7 percent) from the floor.

Mikalauskas turned in several outstanding performances as of late. Against North Carolina (Jan. 19), he posted a 10-point, five-rebound performance. It marked the first time he scored in double figures in an ACC game. Against Miami (Jan. 24), 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). Versus NC State (Feb. 1), Mikalauskas notched 10 points and four rebounds. He also recorded his first career double-double against Virginia Tech (Mar. 9) with 11 points and 12 rebounds.

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 (14 gm)	Away (15 gm)*	Overall
Points per game	7.6	4.7	6.1
FG shooting	43.2% (38-88)	27.1% (26-96)	34.8% (64-184)
3-pt FG shooting	33.3% (11-33)	16.1% (5-31)	25.0% (16-64)
Turnovers	14	21	35
Assists	19	13	32
Steals	12	9	21
Blocks	6	4	10
Rebounds	3.9	3.5	3.7
Minutes Played	22.5	21.9	22.2

*UVa's games against UMBC (Dec. 28), Virginia Tech (Mar. 9) and North Carolina (Mar. 10) are included as away games.

Ditto for Joseph

Adrian Joseph is averaging 12.3 points per game at home (14 games), but is averaging only 6.9 points per game away from U-Hall (15 games). Joseph is shooting 43.2 percent (60-139) from the field and 39.7 percent (31-78) from three-point range at home. Away from U-Hall, Joseph is shooting only 36.0 percent (40-111) from the field and 25.0 percent (14-56) from three-point territory.

Overall, Joseph is averaging 9.5 points per game while shooting 40.0 percent (100-250) from the field and 33.6 percent (45-134) from beyond the arc.

Bannister Returns to Action Again

T.J. Bannister has played in the last eight games after missing a total of 14 games this season. The eight consecutive games Bannister has played in is his longest streak of the season.

Bannister did not play in the first four games of the season and made his first appearance of the 2005-06 campaign 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 in UVa's next game against Fordham (Dec. 7) and had two assists and one rebound before missing the next six games.

After missing the six games, Bannister returned to action for the Cavaliers against Florida State (Jan. 11) for the first of five consecutive games he played in. He did not score against the Seminoles, but had five assists with just one turnover. Bannister had his most productive game of the season vs. North Carolina (Jan. 19) with seven points, three rebounds, two assists and a steal in 10 minutes.

Bannister made his third return to UVa's lineup against Longwood (Feb. 15) and has played the past eight games. He tied his season high with five assists against Maryland (Mar. 5).

On the season, Bannister is averaging 2.3 points and 1.1 rebounds per game. He has handed out 34 assists in 15 games for 2.3 assists per game.

First Double-Double for Reynolds

J.R. Reynolds recorded his first career double-double with 19 points and 12 assists against Virginia Tech (Feb. 11). Reynolds' 12 assists doubled his previous career high of six.

In addition, it marked the first double-double by a UVa player in points and assists since Donald Hand had 12 points and 11 assists against Coastal Carolina on Nov. 20, 2000. It is also the most assists by a Cavalier since T.J. Bannister handed out 12 assists against Wake Forest on Mar. 2, 2004.



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Double Figures in Rebounds

Mamadi Diane pulled down a career-high 10 rebounds against Wake Forest (Feb. 4). His previous career high was seven rebounds against Georgia Tech (Dec. 4). Diane became just the second Cavalier to reach double figures in rebounds in a game this season. Jason Cain has nine double figure rebounding performances to his credit, while Laurynas Mikalauskas and Sean Singletary each have one double figure rebounding performance.

45, 51, 60

Sean Singletary, J.R. Reynolds and Adrian Joseph have combined to make 156 of UVa's 180 three-point field goals (86.7 percent) this season. Interestingly, the three-pointers made are pretty evenly distributed as Reynolds has made 60 threes, Singletary follows with 51, and Joseph has 45 threes to his credit. Singletary and Joseph have attempted 144 and 134 threes, respectively, while Reynolds has attempted 167.

Joseph only made 14 three-pointers all of last season. Singletary has set a new single season high with his 51 threes (he had 34 last season). Reynolds has also set a career-high with his 60 three-pointers made (51 last season).

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 56-139 (40.3 percent) three-point attempts in the last 22 games. Reynolds is now 60-167 (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.

Over his last six games, Reynolds is averaging 22.7 points per game, including a 28-point outing against Boston College (Feb. 21) and a 30-point performance vs. Maryland (Mar. 5).

In the last 22 games, Reynolds is averaging 19.0 points per game (418 points). He has scored in double figures in a career-best 23 consecutive games. Reynolds is averaging a career-best 17.2 points per game overall (eighth in the ACC). In ACC play this season, he averaged 17.5 points per conference game (tied for seventh in the ACC).

Diane Snaps a Slump

Mamadi Diane made 3-4 three-point field goal attempts against Boston College (Feb. 21) to snap a three-point drought.

Diane had missed his last 11 three-point attempts and was just 1-19 from long range in his last 10 games before making the three treys vs. BC. The three three-pointers made are a career high for Diane.

Turnovers

UVa is averaging 14.4 turnovers per game this season. The Cavaliers committed 18 or more turnovers in four of their first five games. In the last 24 games, UVa has cut its turnovers down to 13.8 per game (332 turnovers). UVa has committed 17 or more turnovers in a game during that span only six times (the

Cavaliers had a season-high 29 turnovers against Clemson – Feb. 26). In that same 24-game span, the Cavaliers have 13 games in which they had 12 or fewer turnovers, including a season-low tying eight turnovers vs. Miami (Jan. 24) and NC State (Feb. 1).

The Cavaliers have averaged 12.6 turnovers per game at home and 16.2 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 24 turnovers.

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.

100 Free Throws

Sean Singletary and J.R. Reynolds have both made more than 100 free throws this season (Singletary has made 124 and Reynolds has converted 126). It marks the first time since the 2000-01 season two Cavaliers have made at least 100 free throws. In the 2000-01 season, Roger Mason, Jr. and Donald Hand made 122 and 113 free throws, respectively.

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 25 of 29 games. The duo is averaging 35.0 points per game.

Singletary leads UVa with 17.8 points per game and is averaging 4.2 assists per game (117 assists). Reynolds is second on the squad with 17.2 points per contest and has tallied 91 assists (3.1 per game).

Singletary has led UVa in scoring 13 times – 24 points against Arizona, 23 points vs. Northwestern, 35 points vs. Gonzaga, 22 points vs. Hartford, 27 points vs. Florida State (first meeting), 16 points vs. Virginia Tech (tied with Reynolds), 18 points vs. North Carolina, 29 points vs. Miami, 18 points vs. Maryland (tied with Reynolds), 23 points vs. Virginia Tech (second meeting), 20 points vs. Longwood, 25 points vs. Clemson (second meeting), and 29 points vs. North Carolina (ACC Tournament meeting).

Reynolds has led the Cavaliers in scoring 14 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), 19 points vs. Duke, 16 points vs. NC State, 21 points vs. Wake Forest, 18 points vs. Maryland (tied with Singletary), 18 vs. Florida State (second meeting), 28 points vs. Boston College, 19 points vs. North Carolina (second meeting), 30 points vs. Maryland (second meeting), and 23 points vs. Virginia Tech (ACC Tournament meeting).



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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 20 of their first 29 opponents (despite being outrebounded in four of their last six games) and are averaging 4.5 more rebounds per game than the opposition. UVa is averaging 37.3 rebounds overall and 13.5 offensive boards per contest.

The Cavaliers have outrebounded eight of their opponents by 10 or more rebounds. In 16 ACC games, Virginia outrebounded the opposition 583-528 for an average of +3.4 per game.

Virginia outrebounded Wake Forest (Feb. 4) by 22 rebounds (47-25 – their largest margin of the season) and the Demon Deacons entered the game as the leading rebounding team in the ACC.

On the season, UVa is 11-9 when it outrebounds the opposition, and 3-5 when it is outrebounded. The Cavaliers are 1-0 when they tie their opponent in rebounds in a game.

Free Throw Accuracy

UVa is shooting an impressive 75.3 percent (445-591) from the free throw line this season which ranks third in the ACC (UVa shot 76.1 percent – 235-309 – in ACC play).

Virginia's 75.3 percentage from the charity stripe this season currently ranks as the second-highest season free throw percentage in school history. The record is 76.2 percent (531-697), set in the 1978-79 season.

The Cavaliers have two players ranked among the leaders in the ACC in free throw shooting. Sean Singletary is fourth at 84.4 percent (124-147), while J.R. Reynolds is ninth in the conference at 78.8 percent (126-160). Singletary shot 88.1 percent (59-67) from the line in ACC play (third in the ACC).

Two 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 84.6 percent (33-39) from the line
– Adrian Joseph is shooting 73.8 percent (31-42) from the line

Singletary's Double Figure Scoring Streak Stopped at 17

Sean Singletary has set a new career high by scoring in double figures in 17 consecutive games. His streak was snapped when he scored only eight points against Maryland (Mar. 5).

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 17.8 points a game, scored only seven points against UMBC (Dec. 28). He has reached double digits in 24 of the 28 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' 160 attempts from the free throw line this season are a team and career high as are his 126 made free throws. He is shooting 78.8 percent from the line this season. Reynolds is shooting 78.9 percent from the free throw line in his career (236-299).

The Opener

UVa's 35-point margin of victory over Liberty (79-44, 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).

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).

The Cavaliers have held 11 opponents below 40.0 percent field goal shooting this season. After allowing Florida State (Jan. 11) 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 streak by shooting 55.3 percent (26-47) from the field against UVa on Jan. 28 and NC State followed with a 50.0 percent (27-54) effort on Feb. 1. Wake Forest became the third consecutive team to shoot 50 percent or better from the floor as it connected on 25-49 attempts for 51.0 percent. The streak of three consecutive opponents shooting 50 percent or better ended when UVa held Maryland to 39.1 percent (25-64) on Feb. 7.

Four of UVa's last seven opponents have connected on better than 50 percent of their attempts from the field, including North Carolina (Mar. 1) which shot 59.3 percent (35-59) – the second highest field goal percentage by a UVa opponent this season.

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 fifth in the ACC with 17.8 points per game.



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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.

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.

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 11 games this season. He had four points, two rebounds and one assist in five minutes in the win over Longwood (Feb. 15).

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 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.

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."



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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, 2007.

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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2005-06 VIRGINIA MEN'S BASKETBALL ADDITIONAL PLAYER BIOS

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

F • 6-4, 199 • Fr.

St.Christopher's School • Richmond, Va.

[Pronunciation Key: Shem-bob]

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

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

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