

VIRGINIA

Basketball

2005-06

Media Notes

Virginia (11-9, 5-5 ACC)

vs.

Virginia Tech (13-10, 3-7 ACC)
 February 11, 2006 • 8:00 p.m.
 University Hall (8,392)
 Charlottesville, Va.



2005-06 Schedule

11-9 Overall / 5-5 ACC
 Home: 8-2
 Away: 2-7
 Neutral: 1-0

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|-----------|---------------------|----------|-------------|
| 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 | | 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 NORTHCAROLINA | | 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 | | 8:00 p.m. |
| Feb. 15 | LONGWOOD | | 7:00 p.m. |
| Feb. 18 | at Florida State | | 4:00 p.m. |
| Feb. 21 | BOSTONCOLLEGE | 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 |

% - ACC/Big Ten Challenge
 # - Siegel Center, Richmond, Va.
 ^ - Greensboro, N.C.
 All Times Eastern

TELEVISION

Tonight's game will be tele-vised by Raycom/Jefferson Pilot. Steve Martin will handle the play-by-play. Dan Bonner 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 11-9 overall record and a 5-5 mark in the ACC. The Cavaliers are coming off a 76-65 loss to Maryland (Feb. 7) in College Park, Md.

Virginia Tech stands at 13-10 overall and 3-7 in the ACC. The Hokies are coming off a 75-74 overtime win over Clemson (Feb. 8) in Clemson, S.C.

The Series vs. Virginia Tech

Virginia leads the series with Virginia Tech 75-46. The Cavaliers won the first meeting this season 54-49 (Jan. 15) in Blacksburg.

The two teams split a pair of meetings last season with both schools winning on their home court. The Hokies won the first game last season 79-73 (Jan. 27) in Blacksburg in the first conference meeting between the two teams since 1936-37 (both teams were members of the Southern Conference). UVa earned a split in the season series with a 65-60 victory (Feb. 12) in Charlottesville. It also marked the first time since 1983-84 the two teams met twice in the same season. UVa won the first game of the 1983-84 season 74-64 (Jan. 4) in Roanoke, while the Hokies claimed a 56-54 win (Feb. 15) in Richmond.

In 2003-04, UVa recorded an 80-65 win (Nov. 28) in Charlottesville. Virginia Tech snapped the Cavaliers' six-game winning streak in the series with a 73-55 victory (Jan. 21) in Blacksburg in the 2002-03 season.

On Dec. 1, 2001, UVa defeated the Hokies 69-61 in Charlottesville for its sixth consecutive victory in the series. In the 2000-01 season, the Cavaliers defeated Virginia Tech 64-48 (Nov. 24) in Blacksburg. Tech's 48 points are the fewest scored in the series by either team since the second meeting of the 1947-48 season when UVa was held to 43 points (Tech won 57-43 in Blacksburg). It was also the fewest points the Hokies scored in a game in the series since scoring 29 points versus UVa in the 1945-46 season (UVa won 57-29 in Charlottesville). Virginia has won 15 of the last 19 meetings and 26 of the last 33.

This is only the eighth time since the 1975-76 season the game will not be played on a neutral floor. Over the past 31 years (37 games), the series has been held at the Richmond Coliseum (14 times), Roanoke Civic Center (13 times), Cassell Coliseum (four times), The Norfolk Scope (once), the Hampton Coliseum (once), and University Hall (four times - including tonight).

The Cavaliers are 29-9 in games played in Charlottesville and 8-1 in matchups at University Hall. UVa has won seven consecutive meetings at U-Hall vs. Virginia Tech (dating back to 1969-70), including a 65-60 win on Feb. 12, 2005. The Cavaliers' last loss to Virginia Tech in Charlottesville (and only loss in U-Hall) was an 84-82 setback on January 6, 1968.

This is the 72nd consecutive season the Cavaliers and Hokies have met (every season since 1934-35). They have played 101 games in that span. Virginia's next oldest opponent in terms of consecutive seasons played is Maryland (60 straight seasons).

Virginia's PROBABLE Starters

| No. | Pos. | Name | Ht. | Wt. | Cl. | Ppg. | Rpg. | App. | Mpg. | Notes |
|-----|------|-----------------|---------|-----|-----|------|------|------|------|---|
| 30 | F | Adrian Joseph | 6-7 | 195 | So. | 10.3 | 5.0 | 0.6 | 29.7 | Career-high 24 points (5 threes) vs. Loyola (12/23) |
| 33 | F | Jason Cain | 6-10 | 212 | Jr. | 8.6 | 8.3 | 0.7 | 27.7 | Six double-doubles this year; 5 blocks vs. UNC (1/19) |
| 21 | C | Tunji Soroye | 6-11 | 212 | So. | 2.1 | 3.9 | 0.1 | 20.3 | Career high 12 points vs. Fordham (12/7) |
| 2 | G | J.R. Reynolds | 6-2 1/2 | 197 | Jr. | 15.5 | 3.4 | 3.1 | 32.2 | Double figures in scoring last 14 games (17.1 ppg) |
| 44 | G | Sean Singletary | 6-0 | 174 | So. | 18.1 | 4.3 | 4.9 | 34.8 | Seven games of 20 or more points this season |

Virginia's Key Reserves

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|----|-----|----------------------|----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|---|
| 11 | F | Laurynas Mikalauskas | 6-8 | 241 | Fr. | 5.9 | 4.5 | 0.1 | 22.4 | Shooting 59.3% (51-86) from field; 57.8% (26-45) in ACC |
| 24 | G/F | Mamadi Diane | 6-5 | 185 | Fr. | 6.6 | 3.9 | 1.2 | 24.0 | Career-high 10 rebounds vs. Wake Forest (2/4) |
| 12 | G | Billy Campbell | 6-0 | 184 | Sr. | 1.0 | 0.7 | 0.3 | 6.4 | Made first career start vs. Fordham (12/7) |
| 15 | G | T.J. Bannister | 5-10 1/2 | 176 | Jr. | 2.4 | 1.3 | 1.9 | 11.7 | Played in 7 games; season-high 7 pts vs. UNC (1/19) |

The Cavaliers' 75 wins against Virginia Tech make the Hokies Virginia's second-most defeated opponent in school history. UVa has defeated VMI a record 100 times.

This is the 122nd meeting in the series, the fifth-most played series in school history. North Carolina is Virginia's most frequent opponent with the two teams having met 166 times.

Tale of the Tape

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

| Virginia | Category | Virginia Tech |
|----------|------------------------------|---------------|
| 68.4 | Points | 69.3 |
| 65.2 | Points Allowed | 63.8 |
| +3.2 | Scoring Margin | +5.5 |
| 42.2 | Field Goal % | 45.5 |
| 41.7 | Field Goal % Defense | 42.3 |
| 33.4 | 3 Point Field Goal % | 33.1 |
| 31.5 | 3 Point Field Goal % Defense | 33.5 |
| 75.0 | Free Throw % | 65.2 |
| 38.4 | Rebounds | 31.7 |
| +6.9 | Rebound Margin | -3.4 |
| 11.4 | Assists | 13.0 |
| 14.3 | Turnovers | 11.2 |
| 5.2 | Steals | 9.5 |
| 4.0 | Blocked Shots | 4.1 |

Commonwealth Challenge

Tonight's game marks another installment of the inaugural Commonwealth Challenge, presented by Adelphia, with the winner earning one point in the series. The Commonwealth Challenge is a friendly comprehensive rivalry series between the two school's athletics programs on an annual basis that continues the growing relationship between the two in-state members of the ACC. With Adelphia's support, it is designed to increase the exposure and interest level in the various sports, while promoting good sportsmanship among student-athletes, coaches and fans of the schools. A point system determines the annual winner of the competition.

UVa won the first men's basketball meeting of the season to earn a point in the series. The Cavaliers currently lead the series 9-4. In addition to men's basketball, UVa earned a point in volleyball, women's soccer, men's cross country, women's cross country, men's swimming and diving, women's swimming and diving, women's basketball and wrestling. The Hokies earned a point in men's soccer and women's basketball, and two points in football.

The next competitions in the series are the Men's and Women's ACC Indoor Track & Field Championships Feb. 23-25.



Earlier This Season vs. Virginia Tech

In the first meeting between Virginia and Virginia Tech this season, 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 (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. A 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.

Closing in on 400

Virginia's win over Wake Forest (Feb. 4) was its 399th win all-time at University Hall. In 41 seasons (including 2005-06), the Cavaliers are 399-142 (.738) all-time at U-Hall.

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

Virginia Quick Facts

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

Basketball Information

Head Coach: Dave Leitao (Northeastern '83)
Career Record: 91-78 (sixth season)
Record at Virginia: 11-9 (first season)
Assistant Coaches: Gene Cross (Illinois '94) – first season, Rob Lanier (St. Bonaventure '90) – first season, Steve Seymour (Bridgewater State '81) – first season
Director of Basketball Operations: Drew Diener (Saint Louis '03) – first season
2004-05 Record: 14-15
2004-05 ACC Record: 4-12 (10th-tie)
Starters Returning/Lost: 3/2
Lettermen Returning/Lost: 8/6
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Head Coach Dave Leitao

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

| School | Record | Years |
|--------------|--------|---------------|
| Northeastern | 22-35 | '95, '96 |
| DePaul | 58-34 | '03, '04, '05 |
| Virginia | 11-9 | '06 |
| 6 Seasons | 91-78 | |

In six seasons as a head coach he sports a 91-78 record. Leitao is 1-0 against Virginia Tech as a head coach.

Leitao has coached in 25 games against AP ranked teams and is 6-19. Against top 10 AP teams, Leitao is 0-8. He was 0-4 against ranked teams in two seasons at Northeastern, 5-11 vs. ranked opponents in three years at DePaul, and 1-4 against ranked foes at UVa.

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

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

Dave Leitao Makes Virginia Debut

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

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

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

consecutive victories in the first year of the Cavalier basketball program in 1905-06.

Dave Leitao Firsts at Virginia

First Game – Liberty - Nov. 18 (79-44)
 First Win – Liberty - Nov. 18 (79-44)
 First ACC Win – Clemson - Jan. 7 (64-58)
 First ACC Road Win – Virginia Tech - Jan. 15 (54-49)
 First Ranked Win – #24 North Carolina - Jan. 19 (72-68)

New UVa Coaches in Home ACC Debut

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

Virginia vs. In-State Teams

This is the Cavaliers' fourth of five regular season games against an in-state opponent. UVa began the 2005-06 season with a 79-44 win over Liberty (Nov. 18) and posted a 59-43 win at Richmond (Nov. 22) in the second game of the season. The Cavaliers' third in-state win was a 54-49 win at Virginia Tech (Jan. 15) in Blacksburg. In the last 29 seasons (since 1977-78), UVa is 115-16 (.878) against in-state opponents. Virginia has won its last 12 in-state home games and is 4-2 in its last six away games against in-state competition.

Virginia was 2-1 vs. in-state opponents last season. UVa defeated Richmond 85-58 (Nov. 28) at University Hall. The Cavaliers also split a pair of games against Virginia Tech. The Hokies won 79-73 (Jan. 27) in Blacksburg, but Virginia earned a 65-60 win (Feb. 12) in Charlottesville.

UVa won all four games against in-state opponents in the 2003-04 season. The Cavaliers defeated Virginia Tech 80-65 (Nov. 28), VMI 78-56 (Dec. 5), James Madison 90-80 (Dec. 16), and William & Mary 84-71 (Jan. 5) in 2003-04.

Virginia had its 15-game in-state winning streak snapped with a 73-55 loss at Virginia Tech (Jan. 21) in the 2002-03 season. Virginia also posted a 77-58 victory over Liberty (Dec. 30) in 2002-03. Prior to losing to the Hokies during the 2002-03 season, UVa's most recent in-state loss was a 69-64 setback to Liberty (Jan. 7) in U-Hall in the 1997-98 season.

In 2001-02, Virginia registered home victories against Virginia Tech (69-61 – Dec. 1) and VMI (93-59 – Jan. 24).

In the 2000-01 season, the Cavaliers won both of their contests against in-state opponents. UVA defeated Virginia Tech 64-48 (Nov. 24) in Blacksburg and VMI 89-70 (Dec. 4) in Lexington.

In 1999-00, Virginia was 4-0 against in-state opponents with the four victories coming against VMI 98-57 (Nov. 21) at University Hall, Hampton 102-56 (Dec. 10) at the Hampton Convocation Center, Richmond 69-65 (Dec. 21) at the Robins Center, and Virginia Tech 71-66 in overtime (Jan. 24) at the Richmond Coliseum.

In 1998-99, the Cavaliers' were 5-0 against in-state opponents defeating Hampton, Liberty, Virginia Commonwealth, VMI and Virginia Tech. In the 1997-98 season, the Cavaliers were 5-2 against in-state foes. The two losses were the most against state teams since the 1987-88 season when UVA was 1-3 vs. state teams.

Dave Leitao has been the head coach in four games against a team from the Commonwealth and is 4-0. In addition to the three wins this season (Liberty, Richmond and Virginia Tech), Leitao coached DePaul to a 73-60 victory over Old Dominion on Jan. 2, 2005.

Don't Be Surprised By the Unusual Tonight

Virginia and Virginia Tech have met in some peculiar games and wild finishes through the years.

In the first meeting this season, UVA scored the final 10 points of the game for a come-from-behind 54-49 victory (Jan. 15) in Blacksburg. Virginia held the Hokies scoreless for the final 3:39 of the game.

The Cavaliers led 32-25 with 16:14 to play before Virginia Tech scored four consecutive 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. UVA took its biggest lead of the game, 39-31, with 10:26 remaining, but Virginia Tech went on an 11-0 run to turn the eight-point deficit into a three-point lead, 42-39, with 5:55 to play.

Zabian Dowdell's three-pointer with 3:39 to play increased Tech's lead to 49-44. A three-pointer and two free throws by Sean Singletary tied the game at 49-49 with 2:28 left (the free throws marked the 12th and 13th straight UVA points Singletary scored). Adrian Joseph broke the tie with a clutch three-pointer with 45 seconds left to put Virginia ahead for good.

The Cavaliers committed 21 turnovers in the game compared to only seven by Virginia Tech. UVA held Virginia Tech to 33.3 percent (17-51) shooting from the field and 3-21 (14.3 percent) accuracy from three-point range.

In the first meeting last season (a 79-73 Hokie win – Jan. 27 in Blacksburg), Virginia Tech built two double digit leads that the Cavaliers nearly erased. The Hokies led by 10 points during the first half, but UVA was able to trim the lead to three, 37-34, at the half. Virginia Tech slowly built its lead to 16 points in the second half, including 62-46 with 10:45 remaining in the contest. Virginia outscored the Hokies 27-17 over the final 10:29 of the game. The Cavaliers cut the deficit to three points on three occasions and two points once – 75-73 with nine seconds remaining. UVA held a 38-25 edge in rebounds, but had 22 turnovers to Virginia Tech's 11.

The second meeting of the 2004-05 season (a 65-60 UVA win – Feb. 12 in Charlottesville) was a tale of two halves for the Cavaliers. Virginia shot only 33.3 percent (11-33) from the field and 1-5 (20.0 percent) from the free throw line in the first half.

Virginia heated up in the second half, connecting on 14-28 (50.0 percent) shots from the floor and 9-11 (81.8 percent) of its free throw attempts. (Virginia Tech made 9-10 attempts from the line in the second half).

Virginia used a 15-7 run over the final seven minutes of the opening stanza to help erase an eight-point deficit to tie the game at 26-26 at the half. The Cavaliers trailed 41-35 with 12:45 left in the game, but used an 11-3 run to take a 46-44 lead with 7:10 left and never trailed again (the Hokies did tie the game at 46-46).

UVA had only nine turnovers in the game and Virginia Tech committed just 10.

There were several statistical anomalies in the game:

- Four players (Devin Smith, Elton Brown, Sean Singletary and Jason Cain) led UVA in rebounding with seven apiece.
- UVA made 10 free throws with Smith, Brown, Singletary, T.J. Bannister and Gary Forbes making two apiece.
- Seven UVA players combined to commit 19 fouls with five players committing three and two players committing two.

In the 2003-04 season, Virginia Tech scored the first seven points of the game and led for much of the first half. Todd Billet's three-pointer with 1:41 to go in the first stanza gave UVA the lead for good, 31-30. Virginia led by double digits the final 14 minutes of the game and won 80-65. UVA shot 58.3 percent (7-12) from three-point range, but only 46.4 percent (13-28) overall in the first half. The Cavaliers shot 49.2 percent in the game (30-61). Virginia Tech was an identical 13-36 (36.1 percent) from the field in both the first and second halves. The Hokies held a 44-39 edge in rebounds and committed only 10 turnovers while forcing 12 UVA miscues.

In 2002-03, the Cavaliers led by one point (30-29) at half-time, but were outscored 44-25 in the second half, including a 13-0 run to close the contest, in a 73-55 loss at Cassell Coliseum. UVA outshot Virginia Tech 42.9 to 40.3 percent and held a 39-37 edge in rebounds. The difference in the game was at the foul line as Virginia was a woeful 1-6 (16.7 percent), while the Hokies were 17-26 (65.4 percent), and in turnovers as UVA committed 23 while forcing only 11.

In the 2001-2002 meeting, Virginia Tech built a 19-point first half lead and led by 16 (43-27) at the intermission. The Cavaliers outscored Virginia Tech 42-18 in the second half for a 69-61 victory (Dec. 1) at University Hall.

The Cavaliers opened the second half with a 25-8 run to take their first lead of the game, 52-51, with 8:34 left on a running jumper by guard Keith Jennifer. UVA grabbed the lead for good, 60-59, on a jumper by guard Roger Mason, Jr., with 2:13 to play.

In the 2000-01 season, UVA posted a 64-48 win over Virginia Tech (Nov. 24) at Cassell Coliseum, its largest margin of victory in the series since an 86-61 triumph in the 1990-91 season. Tech's 48 points are the fewest scored in the series by either team since the second meeting of the 1947-48 season when UVA was held to 43 points (Tech won 57-43 in Blacksburg). It was also the fewest points the Hokies scored in a game in the series since scoring 29 points versus UVA in the 1945-46 season (UVA won 57-29 in Charlottesville).

It also marked the first time since the 1975-76 season the game was not played on a neutral floor.

In 1999-00, the Cavaliers won 71-66 in overtime (Jan. 24) at the Richmond Coliseum, the fourth time a game in the series has been decided in an extra session. All four overtime games have come since the 1975-76 season, including three since 1988-89.

In the 1999-00 game, UVA built a 12-point lead midway through the second half, only to see Virginia Tech use a 13-0 run to take a 54-53 lead with just over five minutes to play. UVA briefly regained the lead only to see the Hokies go on a 6-0 run to take a 60-56 edge. The Cavaliers scored the final four points

of regulation to force overtime, before prevailing in the extra session.

The 1998-99 matchup in Richmond wasn't as close as some games in previous years, but it was unique. UVa won by nine points, 64-55, but the game could have been extremely close had the Hokies been able to capitalize on some Virginia miscues. Virginia committed 23 turnovers in the game (Virginia Tech had 11), but the Cavaliers overcame that by shooting 53.5 percent (23-43) from the field. On the other hand, the Hokies shot 27.5 percent (19-69) from the floor, the lowest percentage by a UVa opponent that season. The Hokies managed 22 offensive rebounds, but only 11 second chance points. Despite giving up 22 offensive rebounds, UVa managed to grab 29 missed Virginia Tech shots.

The Cavaliers won 58-57 in the 1996-97 season in Richmond in a game that hinged on the last shot. The Hokies had two opportunities to win in the last 10 seconds, but weren't able to connect. Brendan Dunlop missed a runner in the lane, but got the rebound and called timeout following a mad scramble with five seconds left. With time running down, Tech's Jim Jackson drove into the lane and lost control of the ball. Norman Nolan grabbed the ball as Virginia held on to win.

Virginia's 63-62 victory in 1995 in Richmond was a tight contest throughout. Harold Deane's running jumper in the lane with 17.2 seconds remaining proved to be the winning basket for UVa. The Hokies' Shawn Smith had a chance to win it for Tech in the final seconds, but his jumper rimmed out and Tech could not control the rebound as time expired.

Jason Williford was Virginia's hero in that game. Playing in his final college game in his hometown, he brought the Cavaliers back from a seven-point deficit in the game's final 2:34. He scored eight of Virginia's last 10 points in the final two minutes to rally the Cavaliers. He made a steal in the backcourt, converted it into a layup, drew a foul and hit the ensuing free throw with 53.8 seconds left to put UVa ahead for just the second time in the second half at 61-60. Tech's Ace Custis made two free throws with 34.3 seconds left to set the stage for Deane's game-winning basket.

Virginia shot over 50 percent from the field only once during the 1993-94 season, but it came in a 70-61 win over the Hokies in Roanoke. The Cavaliers shot 51.1 percent in defeating the Hokies.

The 1989 meeting played at the Richmond Coliseum is the second-highest scoring game in UVa history. The Cavaliers needed overtime, but posted a 113-106 win.

Virginia built a 16-point lead early in the second half of the 1993 game in Richmond, but scored only 12 points in the final 16 minutes and dropped a 59-53 decision to the Hokies. The Cavaliers made five field goals in the second half, including three in the final 18 minutes.

Virginia posted a 61-57 double overtime win at the Roanoke Civic Center in 1992. The Cavaliers shot 33.3 percent from the field for the game and managed to pull out the win. That was the lowest UVa had shot and won since January 12, 1977. On that day, the Cavaliers shot 28.9 percent (13-45) in a 55-50 win over Virginia Tech.

Five 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 are currently 5-5 in the ACC and one more win would equal the team's conference win totals in 2002-03 and 2003-04.

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.

U-Hall is Kind to Cavaliers

UVa is 8-2 at home this season, including 4-1 in the ACC, but only 2-7 in away games (1-4 in the ACC). Virginia has won its last three home games and lost its last three away games.

Defeating the Defending National Champion

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

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

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

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

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.

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.

Virginia Falls Short at Maryland, 76-65

The Cavaliers got off to a great start and led by as many as 14 points, but got into second half foul trouble and fell to Maryland 76-65 (Feb. 7) at Comcast Center.

Virginia jumped out to a 13-0 lead and also led 20-6 in the early minutes of the game. Maryland cut UVa's lead down to three on two occasions, including 30-27 with 2:09 remaining in the first half. The Cavaliers closed out the half with an 8-3 run to build their lead to eight, 38-30.

The Cavaliers extended their lead to 11 points early in the second stanza when J.R. Reynolds made a three-pointer at the 18:14 mark. Maryland trimmed UVa's lead to five, 43-38, with 15:06 to play, but the Cavaliers built the advantage back to nine (51-42) on Reynolds' three-pointer with 10:36 to go.

Virginia's fortunes started to fade right after Reynolds made the three as he was whistled for his fourth personal foul. The Terps scored 11 consecutive points to take their first lead of the

game, 53-51, with 7:38 to play. Sean Singletary, who played the final 8:19 with four fouls, gave UVa its last lead of the game, 58-56, with a three-pointer at the 5:23 mark. Singletary's two free throws with 3:09 left knotted the game at 60-60, but Maryland scored the next 11 points to pull out the victory.

Reynolds and Singletary led UVa with 18 points apiece. Jason Cain notched his sixth double-double with 11 points and 13 rebounds.

The Cavaliers shot only 34.4 percent (21-61) from the field in the game, but made 14-16 free throws (87.5 percent). Maryland was 25-64 from the floor for 39.1 percent and made 21-24 free throws (87.5 percent). UVa held a 44-37 edge in rebounds, but committed 16 turnovers while forcing only eight Maryland miscues.

D.J. Strawberry led the Terrapins with 19 points, while Ekene Ibekwe registered 14 points and 15 rebounds.

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 has shot over 50 percent in a game (the Cavaliers shot exactly 50 percent against Hartford – 25-50 on Dec. 31).

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

Three-Point Field Goal Leaders

J.R. Reynolds has made 135 three-point field goals in his career and ranks ninth on UVa's all-time three-point field goals list. Reynolds needs two three-point field goal to tie Roger Mason, Jr. (2000-02) for eighth place with 137. Cory Alexander (1992-95) is seventh with 142 career threes.

Thief

Sean Singletary is fifth in the ACC in steals with 1.95 per game. Singletary has 37 steals in 19 games this season. He has three or more steals in five games this season.

Swat

Sophomore Tunji Soroye has blocked a career-best 28 shots this season for an average of 1.40 per game. Soroye is currently eighth in the ACC in blocked shots per game. He has blocked two or more shots in nine games, including a season-high four blocks vs. Clemson (Jan. 7).

Singletary Goes for 35

Sean Singletary scored a career-high 35 points in UVa's 80-69 loss at Gonzaga (Dec. 17). The 35 points set a McCarthy Athletic Center record for the most points scored by a Gonzaga opponent. Singletary, who missed UVa's previous game against Fordham (Dec. 7) with a hip injury, made 11-20 attempts from the field (4-9 three-pointers) and 9-14 free throws. He also had a career-high tying six steals, six rebounds and four assists in 39 minutes.

Singletary's 35 points are the most scored in a game by a UVa player since J.R. Reynolds tallied 32 points vs. Miami (Mar. 10) in last year's ACC tournament. The last time a UVa player scored more than 35 points in a game was last season when Devin Smith tallied 40 points against Iowa State (Dec. 6).

Singletary scored just over half of Virginia's points in the game against Gonzaga. The last time one player scored more than half of UVa's points in a game was when Smith scored his 40 points against Iowa State last season (UVa had 79 as a team).

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 71 offensive rebounds for an average of 3.55 per game (tied for first in the ACC) and 43.0 percent (71 of 165) of his rebounds are of the offensive variety.

Really Raising Cain

Jason Cain recorded back-to-back double-doubles three times this season. He has six double-doubles this season (tied for fourth in the ACC) and has led Virginia in rebounding in 13 of the last 17 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 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 19 blocked shots this season. His former career high for blocked shots was three vs. UMBC (Dec. 28) earlier this season.

Cain is the only current UVa player to have a double-double to his credit (and is also one of only two Cavaliers to have a double-digit rebounding performance – seven this season). He has three consecutive double digit rebounding performances (10 vs. NC State and Wake Forest, and 13 vs. Maryland). Cain leads UVa with 165 rebounds (8.3 per game – fifth in the ACC), including 71 offensive rebounds (3.55 per game). He is fourth on the team in scoring with 8.6 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 13 games, Singletary has handed out six or more assists for an average of 5.7 per game (74 assists).

Singletary is currently second in the ACC with 4.89 assists per game. He is averaging 5.10 assists per ACC contest which is second among all ACC players.

Bannister Returns to Action

After missing six consecutive games, guard T.J. Bannister returned to action for the Cavaliers against Florida State (Jan. 11) and played in five straight games before missing the NC State (Feb. 1), Wake Forest (Feb. 4), and Maryland (Feb. 7) contests.

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

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

Field Goal Percentage Leader

Freshman Laurynas Mikalauskas leads the Cavaliers in field goal percentage. He has made 51-86 attempts from the field for 59.3 percent accuracy. Over the last 11 games, Mikalauskas has made 32-51 attempts (62.7 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.

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 (10 gm) | Away (10 gm)* | Overall |
|------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| Points per game | 7.7 | 5.5 | 6.6 |
| FG shooting | 42.2% (27-64) | 29.2 % (21-72) | 35.3% (48-136) |
| 3-pt FG shooting | 33.3% (7-21) | 13.0% (3-23) | 22.7% (10-44) |
| Turnovers | 7 | 15 | 22 |
| Assists | 15 | 9 | 24 |
| Steals | 7 | 5 | 12 |
| Blocks | 4 | 4 | 8 |
| Rebounds | 3.9 | 3.9 | 3.9 |
| Minutes Played | 23.4 | 24.5 | 24.0 |

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

Ditto for Joseph

Adrian Joseph is averaging 13.3 points per game at home (10 games), but is averaging only 7.3 points per game away from U-Hall (10 games). Joseph is shooting 43.4 percent (46-106) from the field and 41.4 percent (24-58) from three-point range at home. Away from U-Hall, Joseph is shooting only 38.4 percent (28-73) from the field and 25.6 percent (10-39) from three-point territory.

Overall, Joseph is averaging 10.3 points per game while shooting 41.3 percent (74-179) from the field and 35.1 percent (34-97) from beyond the arc.

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 seven double figure rebounding performances to his credit.

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.

34, 35, 36

Sean Singletary, J.R. Reynolds and Adrian Joseph have combined to make 105 three-point field goals this season. Interestingly, Reynolds has made 36 threes, Singletary follows with 35, and Joseph has 34 threes to his credit.

Joseph only made 14 three-pointers all of last season. Singletary has set a new single season high with his 35 threes (he had 34 last season). Reynolds' all-time best in terms of three-pointers made is 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 32-78 (41.0 percent) three-point attempts in the last 13 games. Reynolds is now 36-106 (34.0 percent) from beyond the three-point line this season.

Reynolds snapped an 0-11 slump that spanned four games when he made his first three against Loyola with 12:53 left in the first half. His 5-7 effort from long range against Loyola also snapped a 1-20 slump over the previous five games.

In the last 13 games, Reynolds is averaging 17.6 points per game (229 points). He has scored in double figures in a career-best 14 consecutive games. Reynolds is averaging a career-best 15.5 points per game (15th in the ACC) this season.

Turnovers

UVa is averaging 14.3 turnovers per game this season. The Cavaliers committed 18 or more turnovers in four of their first five games. In the last 15 games, UVa has cut its turnovers down to 13.3 per game (199 turnovers). The most miscues UVa has made in its last 15 games is 21 vs. Virginia Tech (Jan. 15). UVa also had 19 turnovers vs. Duke (Jan. 28). In that same 15-game span, the Cavaliers have seven games in which they had 11 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 16.0 miscues away from University Hall.

Against Northwestern (Nov. 30), UVa had only eight turnovers, including just two miscues in the second half against the Wildcats. In its previous game against Arizona, Virginia committed a season-high 24 turnovers.

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 16 of 20 games.

Singletary leads UVa with 18.1 points per game and is averaging 4.9 assists per game (93 assists). Reynolds is second on the squad with 15.5 points per contest and has tallied 62 assists (3.1 per game).

Singletary has led UVa in scoring nine times – 24 points against Arizona, 23 points vs. Northwestern, 35 points vs. Gonzaga, 22 points vs. Hartford, 27 points vs. Florida State, 16 points vs. Virginia Tech (tied with Reynolds), 18 points vs. North Carolina, 29 points vs. Miami, and 18 points vs. Maryland (tied with Reynolds).

Reynolds has also led the Cavaliers in scoring nine 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, and 18 points vs. Maryland (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 16 of their first 20 opponents and are averaging 6.9 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 eight of their opponents by 10 or more rebounds. In 10 ACC games, Virginia has outrebounded the opposition 382-316 for an average of +6.6 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.

Free Throw Accuracy

UVa is shooting an impressive 75.0 percent (303-404) from the free throw line this season which ranks second in the ACC (UVa is shooting 75.8 percent – 150-198 – in ACC play). The Cavaliers have two players ranked among the leaders in the ACC in free throw shooting. Sean Singletary is seventh at 81.0 percent (85-105), while J.R. Reynolds is ninth in the conference at 79.0 percent (79-100).

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 86.7 percent (26-30) from the line
- Adrian Joseph is shooting 77.4 percent (24-31) from the line
- Tunji Soroye is shooting 73.3 percent (11-15) from the line

Double Figures in Last 11 Games

Sean Singletary has set a new career high by scoring in double figures in the last 11 games. His current streak began with a 22-point performance against Hartford (Dec. 31) and in his last outing, Singletary tallied 18 points against Maryland (Feb. 7).

During his current scoring streak, Singletary is averaging 19.3 points per game (212 points).

After scoring in double figures in back-to-back games only once last season, Singletary scored in double digits in the first six games he played in this season before having his streak stopped when he scored only four points against Loyola (Md.). Singletary, who is averaging 18.1 points a game, scored only seven points against UMBC (Dec. 28).

In addition to scoring in double figures the last 11 games, he has reached double digits in 17 of the 19 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' 100 attempts from the free throw line this season are a career high as are his 79 made free throws. He is shooting 79.0 percent from the line this season. Reynolds is shooting 79.1 percent from the free throw line in his career (189-239).

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 41.7 percent (473-1,135) from the field and averaging 65.2 points per game.

The Cavaliers have held nine opponents below 40.0 percent field goal shooting this season, including four of the last seven. After allowing Florida State to shoot 60.0 percent (30-50), UVa held Virginia Tech, North Carolina and Miami to a combined 33.9 percent (61-180) shooting from the floor. Duke stopped that 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) in the last game.

The Opener

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

Singletary Named ACC Player of the Week

Sophomore guard Sean Singletary was named the Atlantic Coast Conference Player of the Week on Dec. 19. Singletary scored a career-high 35 points in UVa's 80-69 loss at 10th-ranked Gonzaga (Dec. 17). In addition to the 35 points, Singletary tied his career high with six steals and added six rebounds and four assists.

Singletary, who was a five-time ACC Rookie of the Week last season, is the first UVa player to garner the ACC's Player of the Week award since Elton Brown captured the honor on Dec. 27, 2004.

Singletary is currently fourth in the ACC with 18.1 points per game.

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

UVa Guards Make Game-Winning Plays

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

Singletary and Reynolds Earn ACC All-Freshmen Honors

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

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

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

Virginia Assistants have Head Coaching Experience

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

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

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

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

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

Brown Named Strength and Conditioning Coach

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Littlepage Chairs NCAA Basketball Committee

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

John Paul Jones Arena On Its Way

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

25 Matt Deasey

G • 6-0, 178 • Jr.

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.