

VIRGINIA

Basketball

2005-06

Media Notes

Virginia (10-8, 4-4 ACC)

vs.

Wake Forest (12-9, 1-7 ACC)
 February 4, 2006 • 1:30 p.m.
 University Hall (8,392)
 Charlottesville, Va.



2005-06 Schedule

10-8 Overall / 4-4 ACC
Home: 7-2
Away: 2-6
Neutral: 1-0

Nov. 11	CONCORDIA(ex)		W, 98-62
Nov. 18	LIBERTY		W, 79-44
Nov. 22	at Richmond	CN8	W, 59-43
Nov. 27	at #9 Arizona	FSN	L, 51-81
Nov. 30	NORTHWESTERN%	ESPNU	W, 72-57
Dec. 4	at Georgia Tech		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		1:30 p.m.
Feb. 7	at Maryland	RSN	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 11	VIRGINIA TECH		8:00 p.m.
Feb. 15	LONGWOOD		7:00 p.m.
Feb. 18	at Florida State		4:00 p.m.
Feb. 21	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

Today's game will be tele-vised by Raycom/Jefferson Pilot. Tim Brant 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 today's Atlantic Coast Conference game with a 10-8 overall record and a 4-4 mark in the ACC. The Cavaliers are coming off a 66-64 loss to 18th-ranked NC State (Feb. 1) in Raleigh, N.C.

Wake Forest stands at 12-9 overall and 1-7 in the ACC. The Demon Deacons, who have lost their last four games, are coming off a 78-69 loss to Miami (Jan. 31) in Coral Gables, Fla.

The Series vs. Wake Forest

Wake Forest leads the series with Virginia 63-57. The Demon Deacons have won 17 of the last 25 games in the series, including four of the last five. Wake Forest swept a pair of games last season, winning 89-70 (Jan. 2) in Charlottesville in the first meeting and 90-68 (Feb. 27) in Winston-Salem. The Cavaliers' loss in the first meeting snapped a four-game home winning streak over Wake. It also halted a streak of nine consecutive wins by the home team in the series.

The two teams split the 2003-04 series. The Deacs registered a 91-78 win (Jan. 31) in the first meeting in Winston-Salem, while Virginia won 84-82 (Mar. 2) in Charlottesville.

In the 2002-03 season, UVa posted an 85-75 win (Jan. 23) in the first meeting of the season in Charlottesville. Wake Forest won the second matchup 75-71 (Feb. 23) in Winston-Salem.

The Cavaliers split the 2001-02 season series with Wake Forest with both teams winning on their home floor. UVa won the first meeting 86-74 (Jan. 15) in Charlottesville, while the Demon Deacons took a 92-70 decision (Feb. 17) in Winston-Salem. The two teams also split the 2000-01 season series with both teams winning at home. Wake won the first meeting in the 2000-01 season 96-73 (Jan. 2) in Winston-Salem in a matchup of two top 10 teams (UVa was ranked eighth in the AP poll and Wake was fourth). Virginia won the second meeting 82-71 (Feb. 3) in Charlottesville.

The Cavaliers have won 20 of the last 27 games played at University Hall, including four of the last five. Wake Forest has won six of the last 12 games in Charlottesville dating back to the 1992-93 season. Prior to last season's win, the Demon Deacons' previous victory in Charlottesville was an 80-75 win (Mar. 2) in the 1999-00 season. Virginia leads 34-19 in games played in Charlottesville.

Closing in on 400

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

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

Virginia's PROBABLE Starters

No.	Pos.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Ppg.	Rpg.	App.	Mpg.	Notes
30	F	Adrian Joseph	6-7	195	So.	10.2	4.7	0.5	28.9	Career-high 24 points (5 threes) vs. Loyola (12/23)
33	F	Jason Cain	6-10	212	Jr.	8.2	7.9	0.6	26.9	Four double-doubles this year; 5 blocks vs. UNC (1/19)
21	C	Tunji Soroye	6-11	212	So.	2.2	4.1	0.1	20.8	Career high 12 points vs. Fordham (12/7)
2	G	J.R. Reynolds	6-2 1/2	197	Jr.	15.0	3.4	3.2	32.3	Double figures in scoring last 12 games (16.7 ppg)
44	G	Sean Singletary	6-0	174	So.	18.1	4.1	4.9	34.7	Seven games of 20 or more points this season

Virginia's Key Reserves

11	F	Laurynas Mikalauskas	6-8	241	Fr.	5.9	4.6	0.1	22.0	Shooting 60.3% (47-78) from field; 59.5% (22-37) in ACC
24	G/F	Mamadi Diane	6-5	185	Fr.	7.1	3.5	1.1	24.6	Career-high 18 points vs. Northwestern (11/30)
12	G	Billy Campbell	6-0	184	Sr.	1.1	0.8	0.4	6.8	Made first career start vs. Fordham (12/7)
15	G	T.J. Bannister	5-10 1/2	176	Jr.	2.4	1.3	1.9	11.7	Played in 7 games; season-high 7 pts vs. UNC (1/19)

Tale of the Tape

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

Virginia	Category	Wake Forest
68.2	Points	75.3
64.2	Points Allowed	70.7
+4.0	Scoring Margin	+4.6
42.7	Field Goal %	46.1
41.4	Field Goal % Defense	40.4
33.6	3 Point Field Goal %	37.6
30.8	3 Point Field Goal % Defense	37.0
75.0	Free Throw %	66.7
37.6	Rebounds	41.3
+6.0	Rebound Margin	+8.8
11.3	Assists	13.8
14.4	Turnovers	16.8
5.4	Steals	5.6
4.2	Blocked Shots	5.0

Tough to Shoot Well vs. Wake Forest

Virginia has had a rough time on the offensive end against Wake Forest since the 1989-90 season (UVa is 14-21 vs. Wake Forest since 1989-90). The Cavaliers have shot 46 percent or better against Wake Forest just 10 times in the last 36 games. Eight of the 10 games resulted in Virginia wins with the two losses coming when UVa shot 52.0 percent (26-50) in a 75-71 loss (Feb. 23, 2003) in Winston-Salem and in 2003-04 when the Cavaliers shot 50.0 percent (31-62) in a 91-78 loss (Jan. 31) in Winston-Salem.

In the second meeting of the 2003-04 season, the Cavaliers shot 51.6 percent (33-64) in an 84-82 victory (Mar. 2) in Charlottesville.

In the first meeting of the 2002-03 season, an 85-75 Virginia win (Jan. 23), the Cavaliers also bettered 50 percent shooting in the game - 30-59 for 50.8 percent.

UVa has shot 41.9 percent from the floor and averaged 67.3 points per game against Wake Forest since 1989-90.

Similarly, the Cavalier defense has been almost as stingy as Wake's. The Deacons have made 44.4 percent of their field goal attempts over the last 36 meetings and have averaged 70.7 points per game.

Wake Forest topped 50 percent shooting from the floor only eight times since 1989-90. Those games are:

- 52.1 percent (25-48) in a 74-66 win on February 10, 1991;
- 55.8 percent (29-52) in an 81-64 win on January 24, 1996;
- 52.9 percent (27-51) in an 80-67 win on March 2, 2000
- 58.1 percent (36-62) in a 96-73 win on January 2, 2001;
- 57.9 percent (33-57) in a 92-70 win on February 17, 2002;
- 50.0 percent (27-54) in a 91-78 win on January 31, 2004
- 50.9 percent (28-55) in an 89-70 win on January 2, 2005
- 61.0 percent (36-59) in a 90-68 win on February 27, 2005

A breakdown of both teams' offensive performance since the 1989-90 season in wins and losses follows.

	UVa FG%	PPG	WFU FG%	PPG
Combined (36)	.419	67.3	.444	70.7
UVa wins (14)	.463	72.9	.407	65.8
UVa losses (22)	.392	63.7	.470	73.8

Last Season vs. Wake Forest

Virginia dropped two games to Wake Forest last season. Fifth-ranked Wake won 89-70 (Jan. 2) at University Hall in the first meeting. The Deacs were ranked sixth when they posted a 90-68 win (Feb. 27) in Winston-Salem.

In the first meeting, the Cavaliers held an early lead, but the Demon Deacons used a 13-0 run early in the second half to break open the game and cruised to an 89-70 victory at U-Hall.

Adrian Joseph, starting in place of the injured Devin Smith, made the most of his first collegiate start as he scored 19 points to pace the Cavaliers. He made 7-12 attempts from the floor, including 3-6 three-pointers, and both free throw attempts. J.R. Reynolds tallied 17 points, while Gary Forbes scored 13 points.

The Cavaliers held the lead early, but Wake Forest took the lead for good, 21-19, with 9:33 to play in the first half on a dunk by Vytautas Danelius. The Demon Deacons extended their lead to eight points late in the first half before Forbes hit a three-pointer to make the halftime score 42-37. Joseph scored 15 of his points in the first stanza.

Wake Forest reeled off 13 consecutive points early in the second half to open up a 57-39 advantage with 15:22 to play. The Cavaliers trimmed the deficit to seven, 61-54, on a jumper by Elton Brown with 11:37 left, but could get no closer.

Virginia shot 42.4 percent (25-59) from the field in the game, while the Deacs shot 50.9 percent (28-55). Wake made 24-31 (77.4 percent) of its free throws and held a 45-28 advantage in rebounds. The Cavaliers made only 12-20 (60.0 percent) free throw attempts. UVa committed only 11 turnovers in the game while forcing 18 Wake miscues.

Chris Paul led six Wake Forest players in double figure scoring with 21 points. He also added nine assists. Eric Williams posted a double-double with 15 points and 10 rebounds, while Justin Gray notched 17 points.

In the second game, Wake Forest shot 61.0 percent from the field while registering a 90-68 victory over Virginia (Feb. 27) in Winston-Salem. UVa made two second half runs to make it a two possession game, but both times the Deacs answered with a run of their own.

Wake Forest made 36-59 field goal attempts for 61.0 percent, including 18-25 (72.0 percent) in the second half. Virginia shot 40.4 percent (21-52) from the field in the game.

The Demon Deacons took a 44-31 halftime lead, but UVa opened the second half with a 10-2 run to pull within five points, 46-41, on a T.J. Bannister three-pointer with 18:03 to play. Wake scored the next six points to open up a 52-41 lead. The Cavaliers went on a mini 6-1 run, capped off by another three-pointer from Bannister, to come within six, 53-47, with 14:15 to go. The

Virginia Quick Facts

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

Basketball Information

Head Coach: Dave Leitao (Northeastern '83)
Career Record: 90-77 (sixth season)
Record at Virginia: 10-8 (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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Demon Deacons scored the next six points and UVa was able to cut the deficit to single digits only once thereafter.

Smith led all players with 22 points, including 16 in the first half. He also had four steals and two blocked shots. Bannister and Reynolds both scored 15 points with Bannister equalling his career high in scoring while also handing out six assists.

In addition to holding a field goal shooting advantage, Wake Forest won the battle of the boards 38-23.

Gray led the Demon Deacons with 20 points, while Williams and Paul both tallied 17 points.

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	10-8	'06
6 Seasons	90-77	

In six seasons as a head coach he sports a 90-77 record. This is Leitao's first meeting against Wake Forest 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).

Four ACC Wins

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

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.

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.

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 third in the ACC with 18.1 points per game.

No Steals

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

U-Hall is Kind to Cavaliers

UVa is 7-2 at home this season, including 3-1 in the ACC, but only 2-6 in away games (1-3 in the ACC).

Virginia Falls Short at NC State, 66-64

The Cavaliers rallied from a 12-point first-half deficit and took a four-point lead late in the game, but 18th-ranked NC State battled back and prevailed 66-64 (Feb. 1) at the RBC Center in Raleigh.

For the second consecutive game, Virginia got off to a slow start and trailed NC State 14-2 in the opening minutes of the game. The Cavaliers fought their way back into the game and closed out the first half with a 6-0 run to trim the deficit to 29-26.

UVa tied the game at 32-32 on an Adrian Joseph dunk at the 18:12 mark. With 9:01 left, J.R. Reynolds buried a three-pointer to start a 7-0 Cavalier run that gave UVa a 55-52 lead. Sean Singletary followed Reynolds' three with a layup and Mamadi Diane closed out the spurt with a jumper at the 7:18 mark. Virginia took its biggest lead of the contest, 61-57, with 3:37 left on a layup by Laurynas Mikaluskas. With the Wolfpack trailing by three, 62-59, Ilian Evtimov's three-pointer with 2:08 to play began a 7-0 NC State run that led to a 66-62 lead. A tip-in by Joseph with four seconds remaining brought UVa within two, 66-64. After a missed Wolfpack free throw, Singletary's desperation three-pointer bounced off the back of the rim as time expired.

Reynolds led the Cavaliers with 16 points and added five rebounds and five assists. Singletary tallied 13 points and five assists, while Mikaluskas registered 10 points. Jason Cain notched his fifth double-figure rebounding performance of the season with 10 and had seven points and blocked three shots.

The Cavaliers shot only 40.9 percent (27-66) from the field and made only 2-21 three-point attempts (9.5 percent). NC State shot 50.0 percent (27-54) from the floor. UVa held a 38-32 edge in rebounds, including a 12-4 advantage on the offensive glass. Virginia also equaled its season-low with only eight turnovers (NC State had 11 turnovers).

Tony Bethel and Cedric Simmons led the Wolfpack with 16 and 15 points, respectively.

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).

Cavaliers Open Season Strong

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

Thief

Sean Singletary is eighth in the ACC in steals with 1.94 per game. Singletary has 33 steals in 17 games this season. He has three or more steals in five games this season.

Swat

Sophomore Tunji Soroye has blocked a career-best 27 shots this season for an average of 1.50 per game. Soroye is currently sixth in the ACC in blocked shots per game. He has blocked two or more shots in nine games, including a season-high four blocks vs. Clemson (Jan. 7).

Singletary Goes for 35

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

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

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

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

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

Virginia Signs Three Players

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

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

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 contest (Feb. 1).

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

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

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

Ruling the Offensive Glass

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

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

On the season, Cain has 62 offensive rebounds for an average of 3.44 per game (second in the ACC) and 43.7 percent (62 of 142) of his rebounds are of the offensive variety.

Really Raising Cain

Jason Cain recorded back-to-back double-doubles twice this season. He has four double-doubles this season and has led Virginia in rebounding in 11 of the last 15 games.

Cain had his first career double-double in UVa's 63-54 loss to Georgia Tech (Dec. 4). The junior forward tallied then career highs of 15 points and 11 rebounds. Against Fordham (Dec. 7), Cain posted career bests with 16 points and 15 rebounds. Against Loyola (Dec. 23), he recorded 15 points and 16 rebounds with the 16 boards setting yet another career high. Against UMBC (Dec. 28), Cain tied his career high with 16 points and added 12 rebounds for his fourth double-double of the season.

His former career highs of 13 points and nine rebounds came in different games against NC State last season.

Cain also blocked a career-best five shots vs. North Carolina (Jan. 19) and now has a career-high 17 blocked shots this season. His former career high for blocked shots was three vs. UMBC (Dec. 28) earlier this season.

Cain is the only current UVa player to have a double-double to his credit (and is also the only Cavalier to have a double-digit rebounding performance – five this season). He leads UVa with 142 rebounds (7.9 per game – fifth in the ACC), including 62 offensive rebounds (3.44 per game). Cain is fourth on the team in scoring with 8.2 points per game.

Three-Point Field Goal Leaders

J.R. Reynolds has made 129 three-point field goals in his career and ranks 11th on UVa's all-time three-point field goals list. He needs just one more three to tie Chris Williams (1999-02) for 10th place with 130 career threes. Richard Morgan (1986-89) is ninth with 132 career three-pointers.

Increase in Assists

Sean Singletary averaged only 3.17 assists (19 assists) in his first six games this season. In eight of the last 11 games, Singletary has handed out six or more assists for an average of 5.8 per game (64 assists).

Singletary is currently third in the ACC with 4.88 assists per game. He is averaging 5.13 assists per ACC contest which is second among all ACC players.

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.

Field Goal Percentage Leader

Freshman Laurynas Mikalauskas leads the Cavaliers in field goal percentage. He has made 47-78 attempts from the field for 60.3 percent accuracy. Over the last nine games, Mikalauskas has made 28-43 attempts (65.1 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 (9 gms)	Away (9 gms)*	Overall
Points per game	8.3	5.9	7.1
FG shooting	44.8% (26-58)	29.4 % (20-68)	36.5% (46-126)
3-pt FG shooting	36.8% (7-19)	15.0% (3-20)	25.6% (10-39)
Turnovers	7	14	21
Assists	14	6	20
Steals	7	5	12
Blocks	4	4	8
Rebounds	3.2	3.8	3.5
Minutes Played	23.8	25.4	24.6

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

Ditto for Joseph

Adrian Joseph is averaging 13.2 points per game at home (nine games), but is averaging only 7.2 points per game away from U-Hall (nine games). Joseph is shooting 43.2 percent (41-95) from the field and 40.0 percent (20-50) from three-point range at home. Away from U-Hall, Joseph is shooting only 39.7 percent (25-63) from the field and 25.0 percent (8-32) from three-point territory.

Overall, Joseph is averaging 10.2 points per game while shooting 41.8 percent (66-158) from the field and 34.1 percent (28-82) from beyond the arc.

Reynolds Breaks Out

After making only four three-point field goals (on 28 attempts) in the first seven games of the season, J.R. Reynolds drained a career-high tying five three-pointers against Loyola (Dec. 23) on seven attempts.

Including the Loyola game, Reynolds has made 26-59 (44.1 percent) three-point attempts in the last 11 games. Reynolds is now 30-87 (34.5 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 11 games, Reynolds is averaging 17.3 points per game (190 points). He has scored in double figures in a career-best 12 consecutive games.

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 13 games, UVA has cut its turnovers down to 13.2 per game (172 turnovers). The most miscues UVA has made in its last 13 games is 21 vs. Virginia Tech (Jan. 15). UVA

also had 19 turnovers vs. Duke (Jan. 28). In that same 13-game span, the Cavaliers have six 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 12.8 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 14 of 18 games.

Singletary leads UVA with 18.1 points per game and is averaging 4.9 assists per game (83 assists). Reynolds is second on the squad with 15.0 points per contest and has tallied 57 assists (3.2 per game).

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

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 14 of their first 18 opponents and are averaging 6.0 more rebounds per game than the opposition. UVA is averaging 37.6 rebounds overall and 13.5 offensive boards per contest.

The Cavaliers have outrebounded seven of their opponents by 10 or more rebounds. In eight ACC games, Virginia has outrebounded the opposition 291-254 for an average of +4.6 per game.

Free Throw Accuracy

UVA is shooting an impressive 75.0 percent (273-364) from the free throw line this season which ranks third in the ACC (UVA is shooting 75.9 percent – 120-158 – in ACC play). The Cavaliers have two players ranked among the leaders in the ACC in free throw shooting. Sean Singletary is eighth at 80.9 percent (76-94), while J.R. Reynolds is 10th in the conference at 78.7 percent (74-94).

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 Nine Games

Sean Singletary has set a new career high by scoring in double figures in the last nine games. His current streak began with a 22-point performance against Hartford (Dec. 31) and in his last outing, Singletary tallied 13 points against NC State (Feb. 1).

During his current scoring streak, Singletary is averaging 19.4 points per game (175 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 nine games, he has reached double digits in 15 of the 17 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' 94 attempts from the free throw line this season are a career high as are his 74 made free throws. He is shooting 78.7 percent from the line this season. Reynolds is shooting 79.0 percent from the free throw line in his career (184-233).

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 41.4 percent (423-1,022) from the field and averaging 64.2 points per game.

The Cavaliers have held eight opponents below 40.0 percent field goal shooting this season, including three of the last five. 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.

Minter No Longer on Team

Head coach Dave Leitao announced on Dec. 22 that Donte Minter is no longer on the team for personal reasons.

"Donte is a fine young man and I wish him well," Leitao said.

Minter, a 6-8 junior forward/center from Salisbury, N.C., did not play in a game for the Cavaliers this season.

Minter lettered for Virginia the last two seasons. He played in all 31 games for the Cavaliers and started three as a freshman during the 2003-04 season. He averaged 5.6 points and 2.6 rebounds a game that season, while shooting 56.0 percent (70-125) from the field and 71.7 percent (33-46) from the free throw line.

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

Shiembob Shines

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

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

Shiembob has played in seven games this season.

Two Players Join Virginia Squad

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

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

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

UVa Guards Make Game-Winning Plays

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

Singletary and Reynolds Earn ACC All-Freshmen Honors

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

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

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

Virginia Assistants have Head Coaching Experience

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

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

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

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

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

Brown Named Strength and Conditioning Coach

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Littlepage Chairs NCAA Basketball Committee

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

John Paul Jones Arena On Its Way

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

25 Matt Deasey

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Episcopal Academy • Wynnewood, Pa.

[Pronunciation Key: Dee-see]

WORTH NOTING: Joined the team as a walk-on prior to the 2005-06 season ... team captain his senior season at Episcopal Academy ... received team Hustle and Coaches Awards as a senior ... earned All-Area and team Most Improved Awards his junior season.

HIGH SCHOOL: Competed four seasons for head coach Dan Dougherty at Episcopal Academy ... served as team captain his senior season ... lettered three times in basketball ... three-sport athlete in high school ... also competed in water polo and baseball.

PERSONAL: Matthew Joseph Deasey ... born February 7, 1985, in Wynnewood, Pa. ... son of Geoffrey and Molly Deasey ... has two siblings ... father rowed at the University of Pennsylvania ... Jefferson Scholar finalist ... Dean's List student ... neuroscience major.

35 Drew Shiembob

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St.Christopher's School • Richmond, Va.

[Pronunciation Key: Shem-bob]

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

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

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