

2006-07 VIRGINIA MEN'S BASKETBALL

2006-07 Schedule

VIRGINIA
20-9 OVERALL
11-5 ACC

H: 16-1, A: 3-6, N: 1-2

Nov. 4	AUGUSTA STATE (Exhib.)	W, 78-63
Nov. 12	#10 ARIZONA (FSNS/FSN-FL/NESN/CSN [in Va.]..)	W, 93-90
Nov. 19	MORGAN STATE	W, 85-66
Nov. 22	UNC ASHEVILLE	W, 81-64
Nov. 26	MARYLAND EASTERN SHORE	W, 104-63
Nov. 29	at Purdue# (ESPN2)	L, 59-61
Dec. 3	NC STATE* (FSN)	W, 67-62
Dec. 16	HAMPTON	W, 91-69
Dec. 19	vs. Appalachian State^	L, 69-80
Dec. 20	vs. Utah^	L, 70-94
Dec. 21	vs. Puerto Rico-Mayaguez^	W, 59-52
Dec. 28	AMERICAN	W, 91-70
Jan. 3	GONZAGA (ESPN2)	W, 108-87
Jan. 7	STANFORD (FSN)	L, 75-76
Jan. 10	at #1 North Carolina* (RLF Split)	L, 69-79
Jan. 13	at Boston College* (RLF)	L, 73-78
Jan. 16	MARYLAND* (RLF Split)	W, 103-91
Jan. 21	WAKE FOREST* (RLF)	W, 88-76
Jan. 24	at NC State* (RLF Split)	W, 71-58
Jan. 28	at #19 Clemson* (RLF)	W, 64-63
Feb. 1	#8 DUKE* (ESPN)	W, 68-66 (OT)
Feb. 3	MIAMI* (ESPN-U)	W, 81-70
Feb. 6	at Maryland* (RSN)	W, 69-65
Feb. 10	at Virginia Tech* (RLF Split)	L, 57-84
Feb. 13	LONGWOOD	W, 90-49
Feb. 17	FLORIDA STATE* (RLF Split)	W, 73-70
Feb. 21	at Miami*	L, 60-68
Feb. 24	GEORGIA TECH* (ABC)	W, 75-69
Mar. 1	#21 VIRGINIA TECH* (ESPN)	W, 69-56
Mar. 3	at Wake Forest* (RLF)	L, 72-78
Mar. 8	ACC Tournament First Round – UVa earned a bye	
Mar. 9	vs. Duke/NC State - ACC Tourn. Quarterfinals... 7:00 p.m.	
Mar. 10	ACC Tournament Semifinals	TBA
Mar. 11	ACC Tournament Final	TBA

#- ACC/Big Ten Challenge

*- Atlantic Coast Conference Game

^- San Juan Shootout, Carolina, Puerto Rico

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Times are Eastern Standard.
 All game times are subject to change.

No. 2 VIRGINIA (20-9, 11-5)
VS.
No. 7 DUKE (22-9, 8-8)
OR
No. 10 NC STATE (15-14, 5-11)

MARCH 9, 2007 • 7:00 P.M.

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TELEVISION

Tonight's game will be televised by ESPN2 and the Raycom-Lincoln Financial Network. For ESPN2, Brad Nesslier will handle the play-by-play, Jimmy Dykes in the analyst and Doris Burke is the sideline reporter. For RLF, Steve Martin will handle the play-by-play and Mike Gminski is the analyst.

RADIO

All UVa games are heard on the Virginia Sports Network originating at the Charlottesville Radio Group and WINA-AM/WWV-FM in Charlottesville. Mac McDonald calls the play-by-play. Jim Hobgood provides the analysis.

THE GAME

Virginia enters the Atlantic Coast Conference Tournament as the No. 2 seed after posting a 20-9 record in the regular season and an 11-5 mark in the ACC. The Cavaliers, who are ranked 24th in the ESPN/*USAToday* Top 25 Poll, are coming off a 78-72 loss to Wake Forest (March 3) in Winston-Salem.

UVa will play the winner of the first round matchup between No. 7 seed **Duke** and No. 10 seed **NC State**. Duke, ranked 21st in both The Associated Press and ESPN/*USAToday* Top 25 polls, entered the ACC Tournament with a 22-9 overall record and an 8-8 mark in the ACC. NC State concluded the regular season with a 15-14 overall record and was 5-11 in the ACC.

A NEW ERA

A new era of Virginia basketball began on Nov. 12 when the Cavaliers christened the John Paul Jones Arena with a 93-90 victory over Arizona. The arena, which officially opened in August of 2006, seats 15,219 for basketball games.

Virginia was 16-1 in the John Paul Jones Arena this season. The 16 victories at home are the most in the history of the UVa men's basketball program.

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VIRGINIA ACC TOURNAMENT GAME NOTES

THE SERIES VS. DUKE

Duke leads the all-time series with the Cavaliers 107-48. UVa snapped a nine-game losing streak to the Blue Devils with a 68-66 overtime victory Feb. 1 in Charlottesville in the only regular season meeting between the two teams.

The Blue Devils, ranked second at the time, won the only regular season meeting last season 82-63 (Jan. 28) in Durham. Duke won twice in the 2004-05 season, 80-66 (Jan. 16) in Durham and 76-64 (Mar. 11) in the quarterfinals of the ACC Tournament in Washington, D.C. The Blue Devils were ranked fifth at the time of both meetings in 2004-05.

The Blue Devils swept all three meetings in the 2003-04 season from UVa. Duke, ranked second in the nation at the time, won the first meeting 93-71 (Jan. 11) in Charlottesville - its last trip to UVa prior to this season. The Blue Devils also won 93-75 (Feb. 11) in Durham when they were the top-rated team in the nation. In the ACC Tournament, then fifth-ranked Duke won 84-74 (Mar. 12) in Greensboro, N.C.

Prior to the win this season, Virginia's last win in the series was an 87-84 triumph on Feb. 28, 2002 in Charlottesville.

Duke has dominated the series in the last 23 years, winning 43 of the last 54 meetings since Ralph Sampson's graduation from Virginia in 1983. The Blue Devils have also won 22 of the last 25 meetings dating back to the last matchup of the 1995-96 season. Only seven of the last 25 games have been decided by fewer than 10 points.

PLAYING RANKED BLUE DEVIL TEAMS

Twenty two of UVa's last 23 meetings against Duke have occurred with the Blue Devils being ranked in the top 10 of The Associated Press Poll. UVa is 3-20 in the last 23 meetings against a top-10 Blue Devil squad. Duke is currently 21st in The AP Poll (and 21st in the ESPN/*USAToday* Poll). The meeting in the 2003 ACC Tournament on Mar. 14 was the first time since Jan. 18, 1997 that the Blue Devils were not ranked in the top 10 when the two teams met. Duke was ranked 12th when it defeated UVa 83-76 in the 2003 ACC Tournament. The previous time the Blue Devils were not a top 10 team when they played UVa was on Jan. 18, 1997 - 13th (a 78-59 Duke win).

After dropping 10 consecutive meetings against top-10 ranked Duke teams, the Cavaliers have won three of the last 13 games, including a 68-66 overtime victory at the John Paul Jones Arena (Feb. 1) against eighth-ranked Duke earlier this season. The other Cavalier victories were an 87-84 win on Feb. 28, 2002 and a 91-89 decision on February 14, 2001 at U-Hall. In both games, Duke was ranked third in the AP Poll.

Overall, Virginia hasn't fared well against a nationally-ranked Duke squad. The Cavaliers are 15-60 against a ranked Duke team and 12-52 vs. top 10 Blue Devil teams. Virginia has never defeated a #1 or #2 ranked Duke team (0-21 all-time), but has four wins over #3 Blue Devil teams and one victory over Duke teams ranked fourth through seventh and ninth and 10th (one victory over #4, #5, etc.). UVa has two wins over eighth-ranked Duke teams (2-5).

THE SERIES VS. NC STATE

NC State leads the overall series with Virginia 78-53 (dating back to 1912-13). UVa swept the regular season series from the Wolfpack, winning 67-62 on Dec. 3 at the John Paul Jones Arena and 71-58 Jan. 24 in Raleigh.

The Wolfpack won the only meeting between the two teams last season 66-64 (Feb. 1) in Raleigh. The two teams split a pair of meetings in 2004-05 with the home team losing both times. The Wolfpack gained the split with an 82-72 win (Mar. 2) at University Hall. In the first meeting, the Cavaliers stopped a two-game slide to NC State with a 64-62 win (Feb. 5) in Raleigh. It also halted a seven-game losing streak at NC State.

In 2003-04, the Wolfpack took an 86-69 decision (Dec. 28) in Raleigh and also posted a 79-63 win (Feb. 7) over UVa in Charlottesville.

2006-07 ACC Preseason Media Poll

Team	Points
1. North Carolina (59)	741
2. Duke (2)	660
3. Boston College (1)	619
4. Georgia Tech	531
5. Florida State	410
6. Virginia Tech	385
7. Maryland	375
8. Virginia	365
9. Clemson	281
10. Wake Forest	177
11. Miami	173
12. NC State	119

(first place votes)

2007 All-ACC Teams

All-ACC First Team	Points
Jared Dudley, BC* (106)	318
Tyler Hansbrough, UNC* (106)	318
Al Thornton, FSU* (106)	318
Sean Singletary, UVa (100)	312
Zabian Dowdell, VT (90)	302
Josh McRoberts, Duke	52

All-ACC Second Team	Points
J.R. Reynolds, UVa (20)	232
D.J. Strawberry, Md. (2)	180
Tyrese Rice, BC	177
Josh McRoberts, Duke	159
Brandan Wright, UNC	150

All-ACC Third Team	Points
Kyle Visser, WF	120
Javaris Crittenton, GT	104
Brandon Costner, NCSU	94
Jamon Gordon, VT	61
Jack McClinton, Miami	48

ACC All-Freshman	Points
Javaris Crittenton, GT*	106
Brandan Wright, UNC*	106
Brandon Costner, NCSU	95
Ty Lawson, UNC	64
Jon Scheyer, Duke	54

* - indicates unanimous selection

2006-07 UVa ACC Players of the Week

Mamadi Diane - Nov. 13
 Sean Singletary - Jan. 2
 Sean Singletary - Jan. 8
 J.R. Reynolds - Jan. 22

UVa In The 2006-07 National Polls

Date	AP	ESPN/ <i>USAToday</i>
Nov. 27	25	
Feb. 19	24	19
Feb. 26		25
Mar. 5		24



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VIRGINIA ACC TOURNAMENT GAME NOTES

Despite winning only four times in the last 13 meetings, the Cavaliers have won 19 of 33 contests against NCSU in the last 16 seasons. Since 1980, the Cavaliers are 36-24 in all games against the Wolfpack.

The two teams have split the regular season series six times in the last 10 seasons (NCSU, however, has won both ACC Tournament matchups during the same span – 2000 and 2002). When NC State swept the 2001-02 regular season series, it marked the Wolfpack's first sweep over UVa since winning both matchups (by a combined seven points) in 1988. Virginia has swept the season series seven times since then, including this season. Prior to this year, the last time UVa swept the season series was in the 1996-97 season.

CAVALIERS AND WOLFPACK BATTLE TO WIRE

The history of the series between these two schools since the late 1970s is one marked by many closely contested games. Since 1978, 42 of the 65 games have been decided by less than 10 points. UVa is 29-13 (.690) in those games.

Virginia's last 12 wins (going back 12 seasons) over the Wolfpack have been by a combined 63 points (5.3/g), which includes a 13-point win this season (71-58) on Jan. 24 in Raleigh.

Since 1978, four games have been decided by one point, seven by two points, seven by three points, three by four points and four by five points.

It's curious to note in the long history of the series going back to the first meeting 95 years ago that only three games have gone to overtime. Virginia has been victorious in all three overtime contests. UVa won the first overtime game 81-73 in 1977-78 and won 84-82 in double overtime in 1995-96. In the most recent overtime affair, the Cavaliers won 82-79 in 1998-99. During one stretch (1985-1988) nine consecutive games were decided by nine points or less.

In a bit of an aberration, 11 of the last 14 NC State wins in the series have been by double digits—67-54 in 1994, 74-55 in 1998, 82-72 in 1999, 76-65 in 2000, 90-80 in 2001, 85-68 and 92-72 in 2002, 75-63 in 2003, 86-69 and 79-63 in 2004, and 82-72 last season. The exceptions were a 65-62 Wolfpack win on Jan. 12, 2000, an 81-74 win on Jan. 5, 2002, and a 66-64 NCSU win on Feb. 1, 2006.

FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE IS KEY TO WINS OVER 'PACK

Virginia has had the upper hand in the series versus NC State over the last 18 years and one of the keys to the Cavaliers' success is field goal percentage defense. Since the 1989-90 season, Virginia has won 21 of 37 contests. In the 21 wins, UVa has held NC State below 45 percent field goal shooting 17 times and under 40 percent 10 times. In the Wolfpack's 16 victories, they have shot 51.6 percent from the floor, including 61.0 percent (25-41) in the 2000 ACC Tournament (Mar. 10) and 60.4 percent (29-48) in the 2002 ACC Tournament (Mar. 8). The lowest NCSU has shot in a victory over the Cavaliers since 1989-90 was 46.9 percent (23-49) in a 75-63 win (Jan. 5) in Raleigh during the 2002-03 season.

The Wolfpack have shot 44.4 percent from the field and averaged 71.1 points per game against Virginia over the last 18 seasons. In wins over UVa, NC State has shot 51.6 percent from the floor and averaged 79.2 points, compared to 39.6 percent shooting and 65.0 points per game in losses to Virginia.

In the last 15 meetings (10 NCSU wins), NC State shot 48.9 percent (383-783) from the field, including a trio of 60+ percent contests. Only four times in the last 15 games have the Cavaliers held NC State under 45 percent shooting – 41.8 percent (23-55), 40.0 percent (18-45), 41.8 percent (23-55) and 31.7 percent (20-63).

A look at NC State's field goal shooting and points scored against Virginia since the 1989-90 season follows.

		FG%	Pts./G
UVa Wins since 1989-90	21	39.6	65.0
UVa Losses since 1989-90	16	51.6	79.2
Overall since 1989-90	37	44.4	71.1

John Paul Jones Arena Facts

BASIC FACTS

Name: John Paul Jones Arena
Groundbreaking: May 30, 2003
Opening date: August 1, 2006
Project Cost: \$129.8 million

DESIGN FACTS

Site: 26.2 acres at the corner of Emmet Street and Massie Road
Arena Floor: 500' above sea level
Building dimensions: 471'-0" x 341'-0"
Area: 365,916 square feet
Height: 111'-5" above grade
Clear span: 297'-0"
Scoreboard: center-hung, four-screen, high-definition Diamond Vision
LED ribbon board: 670 linear feet total, 601,000 pixels

CONSTRUCTION FACTS

Topping date: June 22, 2005
Columns: 26 pre-cast concrete (up to 23'-10 5/8" high and 21,183 lbs.)
Bricks: 600,000 wood-molded, Old Virginia bricks
Cast-in-place concrete: 28,000 cubic yards
Reinforcing steel: 2,100 tons
Structural steel: 8,900 members
Roof trusses: 41 (the largest weighs 190 tons)
Bolts/truss: 1,600

SEATING FACTS

Tread depth: 34" in lower bowl, 33" in upper bowl
Basketball capacity: 15,219
Center-stage event capacity: 15,766
End-stage event capacity: 14,720

FUN FACTS

Box office windows: 15
Concession points: 54
ATM points: 2 (installed, capability for 3)
Flat-screen televisions: 150
Loudspeakers: 69
Amplification: 125,00 watts
Bathrooms: 45
Toilets: 369
First-aid stations: 2
Levels: 3 (event level, lower concourse, and upper concourse)
Passenger elevators: 3
Press stations: 73
TV camera locations: 10
Suites: 19 total (including 1 double-suite)

VIRGINIA ACC TOURNAMENT GAME NOTES

HEAD COACH DAVE LEITAO

Dave Leitao is in his second season as the Cavaliers' head coach and has a record of 35-24. Leitao led UVa to a share of the regular season ACC title this year with an 11-5 league mark. In his first season at UVa in 2005-06, Virginia posted a 15-15 record and compiled a 7-9 mark in Atlantic Coast Conference play. Virginia tied for seventh in the ACC standings after being picked 12th in the ACC Preseason Media Poll.

School	Record	Years
Northeastern	22-35	'95, '96
DePaul	58-34	'03, '04, '05
Virginia	35-24	'06, '07
7 Seasons	115-93	

UVa advanced to the 2006 National Invitation Tournament, but fell in the opening round to Stanford 65-49 (Mar. 14). Virginia's appearance in the NIT marked the fourth consecutive postseason appearance by a Leitao-coached team. Leitao led DePaul to three straight postseason bids, including the NCAA Tournament in 2004.

In seven seasons as a head coach, Leitao has a career record of 115-93. Leitao registered his 100th career win vs. NC State (Dec. 3). He earned his first career coaching win against Howard (78-62) on Dec. 3, 1994 while the head coach at Northeastern.

With UVa's 75-69 win over Georgia Tech (Feb. 24), Leitao has registered at least one win over every ACC team. He has a record of 18-13 in ACC contests.

Leitao is 2-1 all-time against NC State as a head coach.

Leitao has coached in 33 games against AP ranked teams and is 11-22, including 4-1 this season. Against top 10 AP teams, Leitao is 2-10. He earned his first victory over an AP top 10 team when UVa posted a 93-90 win over Arizona (Nov. 12). Virginia's 68-66 overtime win over eighth-ranked Duke (Feb. 1) marks the highest ranked opponent a Leitao coached team has defeated.

Leitao was 0-4 against ranked teams in two seasons at Northeastern, 5-11 vs. ranked opponents in three years at DePaul, and is 6-7 against ranked foes at UVa. Virginia's 72-58 win over 11th-ranked Boston College (Feb. 21, 2006) marked the highest ranked opponent a Leitao coached team had defeated until the wins over Arizona and Duke.

Leitao improved to 5-2 in season openers as a head coach with the win over Arizona. In addition to winning both openers at Virginia, Leitao won all three season openers while at DePaul. He lost both openers at Northeastern.

Dave Leitao Firsts at Virginia

Game – Liberty - Nov. 18, 2005 (79-44)
 Win – Liberty - Nov. 18, 2005 (79-44)
 ACC Win – Clemson - Jan. 7, 2006 (64-58)
 ACC Road Win – Virginia Tech - Jan. 15, 2006 (54-49)
 Ranked Win – No. 24 North Carolina - Jan. 19, 2006 (72-68)
 Top 10 Win – No. 10 Arizona - Nov. 12, 2006 (93-90)
 Top 15 Win – No. 11 Boston College - Feb. 21, 2006 (72-58)
 Highest Ranked Win – No. 8 Duke - Feb. 1, 2007 (68-66 ot)
 Ranked ACC Road Win – No. 19 Clemson - Jan. 28, 2007 (64-63)
 ACC Tournament Win – Virginia Tech - Mar. 9, 2006 (60-56)
 Postseason Appearance – 2006 NIT vs. Stanford - Mar. 14, 2006

LEITAO IN CONFERENCE TOURNAMENTS

Dave Leitao has a 7-6 record in six conference tournaments as a head coach. He was 1-1 in his first ACC Tournament in 2006. Leitao was a combined 3-3 in Conference USA Tournaments in 2003, 2004 and 2005 at DePaul. He was a combined 3-2 in two America East Conference Tournaments in 1995 and 1996 while the head coach at Northeastern.

VIRGINIA SHARES ACC REGULAR SEASON TITLE

Virginia finished regular season conference play with an 11-5 record to earn a share of the ACC regular season title with North Carolina. It marks the fifth time UVa has earned at least a share of the ACC regular season title. The Cavaliers won their only ACC regular season title outright in 1980-81 with a 13-1 mark in league play. Virginia also earned a share of the top spot in conference play in 1994-95, 1982-83 and 1981-82 in addition to this season.

UVa's 11 conference victories are its best ACC win total since the 1994-95 season when the Cavaliers were 12-4.

Virginia snapped a streak of losses in 11 consecutive Atlantic Coast Conference openers with its 67-62 win over NC State (Dec. 3) at the John Paul Jones Arena.

After the ACC season-opening win over NC State, the Cavaliers won 10 of their last 15 conference games, including seven in a row at one point, to finish 11-5 in the ACC.

In addition to earning a share of the regular season title, the Cavaliers clinched a bye in the first round of the ACC Tournament. It is the first time UVa has ever received a bye in the ACC Tournament.

WINNING STREAK

UVa had its seven-game ACC winning streak snapped in an 84-57 loss at Virginia Tech on Feb. 10. The seven-game winning streak was the longest ACC winning streak for the Cavaliers since they rattled off 11 consecutive conference victories in the 1981-82 season. UVa finished ACC play with a 12-2 record that season.

TALE OF THE TAPE

Here's a statistical comparison of Virginia and Duke/NC State in the 2006-07 season.

Virginia	Category	Duke / NCSU
77.0	Points	69.9 / 71.2
70.8	Points Allowed	60.7 / 71.8
+6.2	Scoring Margin	+9.2 / -0.5
43.6	Field Goal %	46.8 / 48.6
40.5	Field Goal % Defense	41.6 / 44.1
36.6	3 Point Field Goal %	38.3 / 35.1
34.4	3 Point Field Goal % Defense	30.4 / 36.8
73.2	Free Throw %	69.1 / 72.2
39.5	Rebounds	35.3 / 32.2
+4.8	Rebound Margin	+4.8 / -2.3
13.1	Assists	13.3 / 15.0
14.0	Turnovers	15.3 / 14.9
4.8	Steals	7.5 / 5.4
3.1	Blocked Shots	4.8 / 3.7



VIRGINIA ACC TOURNAMENT GAME NOTES

8-0 AT HOME

The Cavaliers were a perfect 8-0 at home in ACC play and are the only ACC team with an unblemished conference record at home this season. It marks the first time Virginia has won eight ACC home games in a season (the ACC started playing a 16-game schedule in 1991-92). Prior to UVa this year, the last ACC teams to go 8-0 at home in league play were North Carolina and Wake Forest in 2004-05.

Virginia has been perfect at home in conference play twice before this year – 7-0 in back-to-back seasons in 1980-81 and 1981-82.

11 ACC WINS

With its 11 ACC victories, UVa has reached double figures in conference wins for just the fifth time since the start of ACC play in 1953-54.

The Cavaliers were 12-4 in 1994-95, 12-2 in both 1982-83 and 1981-82, and 13-1 in 1980-81.

THREE CONSECUTIVE ROAD WINS

UVa won three consecutive ACC road games over NC State (Jan. 24), Clemson (Jan. 28) and Maryland (Feb. 6) before falling at Virginia Tech (Feb. 10). It marked the first time since the 1994-95 season Virginia won three straight ACC road games.

UVa opened the ACC season in 1994-95 with wins at Florida State (Jan. 4, 81-75) and NC State (Jan. 7, 76-65). The Cavaliers also defeated then No. 16 Duke 91-88 in double overtime in Durham on Jan. 14 for a third ACC road win in a row.

The last time Virginia won more than three ACC road games in a row was in the 1981-82 season when it won five straight. The Cavaliers defeated No. 18 Wake Forest (Jan. 27, 69-66), Duke (Jan. 30, 77-65), NC State (Feb. 10, 39-36), Clemson (Feb. 13, 56-54), and Georgia Tech (Feb. 15, 56-52). Virginia also had non-conference away wins over George Washington (Jan. 20, 80-54) and No. 17 Louisville (Jan. 24, 74-56) in its seven-game overall road winning streak.

Virginia won 15 consecutive games during this stretch of the 1981-82 season with eight coming away from home (one was a neutral court victory).

NO REST ON SUNDAYS

The Cavaliers played their seventh and final regular season Sunday game against then 19th-ranked Clemson (Jan. 28). Virginia won six of its seven Sunday contests with its only setback coming against Stanford (Jan. 7).

UVa played three Sunday games in November – Arizona (Nov. 12), Morgan State (Nov. 19), and Maryland Eastern Shore (Nov. 26). The Cavaliers' lone Sunday contest in December was against NC State (Dec. 3), which marked the fourth consecutive week UVa had a Sunday game.

UVa had three Sunday games in January – Stanford (Jan. 7), Wake Forest (Jan. 21), and Clemson (Jan. 28).

SUCCESSFUL JANUARY AND FEBRUARY

UVa posted a 5-3 record in January and won its last four games of the month. The Cavaliers' five wins in January are the most since the 2001-02 season when Virginia was 5-4. The last time UVa had more than five wins in January was in 1999-00 when the Cavaliers were 7-2.

UVa also played well in the month of February. The Cavaliers won their first three games in February for the first time since the 1981-82 season when they started the month with seven consecutive victories. UVa finished February with a 6-2 record. It is UVa's best record in February since the 1994-95 season when it was 8-2.

HOME SWEET HOME

The Cavaliers have found tremendous success at home this season with a 16-1 record. With 16 home wins, the Cavaliers have set a new school record for home victories in a season.

UVa struggled away from the JPJA early in the season, but rebounded with three consecutive wins and is now 4-8 away from home. Included in Virginia's 4-8 mark is a 3-6 record on its opponents' home court.

UVA SUFFERS 78-72 LOSS TO WAKE IN ACC FINALE

Virginia fell short in capturing its first outright ACC regular season title since 1981 when it lost to Wake Forest 78-72 (Mar. 3) in its conference finale at Lawrence Joel Coliseum in Winston-Salem, N.C.

The Cavaliers shot only 35.9 percent (23-64) from the field in the game, including 29.0 percent (9-31) in the second half. UVa made only 5-20 (25.0 percent) three-point attempts in suffering its fifth ACC loss of the season.

Sean Singletary led all scorers with 25 points and added seven rebounds. J.R. Reynolds tallied 11 points, while Jamil Tucker came off the bench to score 10 points.

The Cavaliers led 39-35 at the half after trailing for much of the opening stanza. With the score tied at 27-27, Will Harris and Singletary drained back-to-back three-pointers to give UVa a 33-27 lead with 3:47 to go. Virginia also led 35-29 with 3:08 left in the opening half, which proved to be its largest lead of the game.

Wake Forest scored the first five points of the second half to take a 40-39 lead. With 11:06 to play, UVa took its final lead of the contest, 52-51, on a tip-in by Ryan Pettinella. UVa went on to tie the game three times after taking its final lead, including 62-62 with 5:05 left. The Demon Deacons built their lead to six, 74-68, with 1:26 to go, but a three by Tucker and a free throw by Jason Cain made the score 74-72 with 21 seconds left. On Cain's miss on the second free throw attempt, Singletary's tip attempt just missed. Wake made four free throws in the final 18 seconds to seal the victory.

Wake Forest was barely better than UVa from the field as it shot 36.7 percent (22-60) from the floor. The Deacs made 27-43 (62.8 percent) free throw attempts while Virginia was 21-28 (75.0 percent) from the charity stripe. Wake held a 47-44 edge in rebounds.

Kyle Visser led the Demon Deacons with 17 points and 10 rebounds, while Michael Drum added 16 points.

THREE DOUBLE DIGIT COMEBACKS THIS SEASON

The Cavaliers have notched three comeback victories this season after falling behind by double digits.

UVa trailed Duke (Feb. 1) by 13 points (34-21) with 3:29 remaining in the first half and eventually won 68-66 in overtime at the John Paul Jones Arena.

In the previous game at Clemson, UVa trailed the 19th-ranked Tigers 61-45 with 8:47 remaining in the contest and won 64-63 on Jan. 28. Virginia scored the final 15 points in the game.

In the season-opener against then 10th-ranked Arizona, UVa fell behind by 19 points (45-26) with 2:49 left in the first half (and trailed 49-36 at the half) and won 93-90 on Nov. 12.

Although it wasn't a double-digit comeback, UVa's rally to defeat Georgia Tech (Feb. 24) was impressive. Virginia trailed the Yellow Jackets by seven points (69-62) with 3:41 to play and scored the final 13 points of the game for a 75-69 victory.

NOTABLE SECOND HALF COMEBACKS

Virginia's 16-point comeback against Clemson (Jan. 28) is one of several impressive second half comebacks the Cavaliers have had through the years. Below are four other impressive comebacks.

At Duke on Jan. 14, 1995 – Virginia trailed by 23 points (46-23) with 17:47 left in regulation and still trailed by 14 (64-50) with 6:41 left in regulation. UVa rallied to win 91-88 in double overtime. Duke was ranked 16th. Virginia actually came back to take two leads in regulation (69-68 with 1:38 remaining and 71-70 with 55 seconds left) before the game went to overtime.

At William & Mary on Jan. 29, 1970 – Virginia trailed by 22 points (63-41) with 12:21 left in regulation. UVa rallied to win 87-81 in overtime.

At home against Virginia Tech on Dec. 1, 2001 – Virginia trailed by 16 points (46-30) with 17:38 remaining in the game. UVa came back to win 69-61. Virginia was ranked ninth in The Associated Press poll.

At North Carolina, Feb. 3, 1981 – Virginia trailed by 16 points (51-35) with 11:53 left in the second half. UVa rallied to win 80-79 in overtime. North Carolina was ranked 11th and Virginia was ranked No. 1 in The AP poll.

THE CENTURY MARK

The Cavaliers have reached the century mark three times this season. Virginia reached triple digits for the third time this season on Jan. 16 when it scored 103 points against Maryland. It marked the first time UVa has reached the century mark in an ACC game since Jan. 27, 2001 when it scored 104 points in a win at Clemson (104-76).

UVa scored 108 points against Gonzaga (Jan. 3) and it marked the most points Virginia has scored in a game since putting 112 points on the scoreboard against Grambling on Dec. 30, 2001.

The Cavaliers scored 104 points in their win over Maryland Eastern Shore (Nov. 26), the first time since the Grambling game UVa surpassed the century mark. Virginia had gone 145 games without scoring 100 points.

The last time UVa scored 100 or more points three times in a season was in 2001-02. In the 2000-01 season, the Cavaliers scored 100 or more points four times.

SINGLETERY AND REYNOLDS NAMED TEAM CAPTAINS AGAIN

Junior guard Sean Singletary and senior guard J.R. Reynolds are Virginia's co-captains for the second consecutive season. Singletary and Reynolds also served as UVa's captains last season.

40 POINTS

J.R. Reynolds scored a career-high 40 points against Wake Forest (Jan. 21). It marked the first time a UVa player has scored 40 or more points in a game since Devin Smith on Dec. 6, 2004 vs. Iowa State. Reynolds' 40 points are the most scored by a UVa player at home since Donald Hand had 41 vs. NC State on Feb. 14, 1999.

30 BACK-TO-BACK

With 37 points against Gonzaga (Jan. 3), Sean Singletary scored 30-plus points in back-to-back games (33 vs. American – Dec. 30). It is the first time a UVa player has scored 30 points in back-to-back games since 1998 when Norman Nolan had 31 points vs. Wake Forest (Jan. 4, 1998) and 30 points vs. Liberty (Jan. 7, 1998).

THREE CAVALIERS EARN ACC PLAYER OF THE WEEK AWARDS

Three different Cavaliers have been selected as Atlantic Coast Conference players of the week this season.

Mamadi Diane earned the honor Nov. 13. Sean Singletary was the recipient on back-to-back weeks on Jan. 2 and Jan. 8. J.R. Reynolds garnered the honor on Jan. 22.

It is the first time three different Cavaliers have earned the honor in the same season since 1982-83 when Jimmy Miller, Ralph Sampson (three times) and Othell Wilson (twice) received the award.

BACK-TO-BACK RANKED WINS

UVa defeated No. 19 Clemson (64-63 – Jan. 28) and No. 8 Duke (68-66 in OT – Feb. 1), marking the first time the Cavaliers have registered back-to-back wins (in consecutive games) over Associated Press ranked teams since the 2003-04 season.

In 2003-04, Virginia knocked off No. 12 North Carolina 74-72 at home on Feb. 24, 2004 and No. 11 Wake Forest 84-82 on March 2, 2004 in Charlottesville.

Virginia's four wins over Associated Press ranked teams this season (No. 21 Virginia Tech - March 1, Clemson, Duke and No. 10 Arizona) mark the most victories over ranked teams in a season since 2002-03 when UVa was 4-6 vs. ranked teams. Virginia registered ranked wins over No. 15 Kentucky 75-61 - Nov. 26, No. 17 Wake Forest 85-75 - Jan. 23, No. 8 Maryland 86-78 - Feb. 6, and No. 13 Maryland 80-78 (ot) - March 9 in the 2002-03 season.

UVA FALLS TO 4-3 IN ACC/BIG TEN CHALLENGE

With its 61-59 loss to Purdue on Nov. 29, Virginia fell to 4-3 in the ACC/Big Ten Challenge. The ACC won the series for the eighth consecutive year as ACC schools won eight of 11 contests. The ACC's cumulative record in the Challenge is 48-27.



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LEADING THE ACC

Virginia has made 235 three-point field goals this season for an ACC-best average of 8.1 three-point field goals made per game.

In ACC contests, UVa is averaged an impressive 8.13 made three-pointers per game to lead the league.

The Cavaliers have four players who have made at least 30 three-pointers this season – Sean Singletary (75), J.R. Reynolds (52), Adrian Joseph (40) and Mamadi Diane (38).

Singletary is second in the ACC with 2.59 made threes per game, while Reynolds is 11th with 1.79 per game.

UVa has made 10 or more three-pointers in a game eight times this season.

FIELD GOAL DEFENSE

In ACC play, Virginia led all teams in field goal percentage defense with a mark of 40.8 percent (394-966). North Carolina was second in field goal percentage at 42.5 percent (416-979).

Overall, UVa is second in the conference in field goal percentage defense at 40.5 percent (710-1,752).

SINGLE DIGITS

The Cavaliers posted back-to-back games in which they committed less than 10 turnovers – 8 vs. Duke (Feb. 1) and nine vs. Miami (Feb. 3). The streak ended vs. Maryland (Feb. 6) when UVa committed 20 turnovers.

It is the first time Virginia has had back-to-back games in single digits in turnovers since the beginning of the 2003-04 season. The Cavaliers had only nine turnovers against both Minnesota (Dec. 3) and VMI (Dec. 5). Interestingly enough there was only one day between those two games as well.

The last time UVa went three consecutive games committing nine or fewer turnovers was the final three games of the 1989-90 season. Virginia had seven turnovers in the ACC Championship game vs. Georgia Tech (Mar. 11), six miscues vs. Notre Dame (Mar. 16) and eight turnovers vs. Syracuse (Mar. 18) in the NCAA Tournament.

So far this season, UVa has five games with nine or fewer turnovers. The five games are below:

<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Turnovers</i>
NC State (Dec. 3)	9
Utah (Dec. 20)	7
Duke (Feb. 1)	8
Miami (Feb. 3)	9
Florida State (Feb. 17)	8

THE FREE THROW LINE

Virginia's 39 made free throws against Maryland (Jan. 16) are one shy of the school record for made free throws in a game. The record of 40 was set on Feb. 22, 1955 vs. Duke. UVa was 40-54 from the line in that game. The 54 free throws attempted in the game vs. Duke are the most in a game by Virginia. The 49 free throw attempts vs. Maryland tie for the fifth most ever in a game.

MORE THREE-POINTERS

In the first 10 games of the season, the Cavaliers made more three-pointers than their opponent only three times. Virginia has made more threes than 14 of its last 19 opponents. UVa holds a 166-124 edge in three-pointers over its opponents in the last 19 contests.

Virginia has made 235 three-pointers on the season and its opponents have combined for 212.

The Cavaliers' 235 three-pointers are the second most made in a season in school history. The single season school record is 239 made three-pointers in the 2002-03 season. UVa made 232 threes in the 1994-95 season.

18 THREE-POINTERS

The Cavaliers set the school record for made three-pointers in a game with 18 against Gonzaga (Jan. 3). UVa was 18-34 for 52.9 percent against the Bulldogs. The old mark was 15 vs. North Carolina (Feb. 14, 1990) and Hampton (Nov. 25, 1998). UVa made 12 three-point field goals in the first half, including its first four attempts and eight of its first nine attempts.

Virginia's 34 three-point attempts are the second most in a game. The school record for three-point attempts is 38 vs. Clemson on Jan. 15, 2000.

HEATING UP

After shooting only 22.2 percent (8-36) from the field in three games in the San Juan Shootout, Sean Singletary has bounced back by shooting 114-266 (42.9 percent) in his last 19 outings. He had a pair of 9-16 (56.3 percent) shooting performances against American (Dec. 28) and Gonzaga (Jan. 3).

Singletary made just 1-11 three-point tries in Puerto Rico, but has bounced back by making 60-134 (44.8 percent) trifectas in the last 19 games. Singletary had made only 15 threes in the first 10 games of the season.

With 160 career three-point field goals, Singletary has moved into sixth place on UVa's all-time three-point field goals list. He needs two more three-pointers to move past Devin Smith (2003-05) into fifth place. John Crotty (1988-91) is fourth with 179 career three-pointers.

Singletary's 75 three-pointers this season are eighth-best on UVa's single season list. Roger Mason, Jr. (2001-02) is seventh with 81 threes.

THREE-POINT FIELD GOALS

J.R. Reynolds has made 211 three-point field goals in his career and is in third place on UVa's all-time three-point field goals list. Harold Deane (1994-97) holds the second spot with 237 threes and Curtis Staples (1995-98) is UVa's all-time leader with 413.

Reynolds enters the ACC Tournament tied with NC State's Engin Atsur as the ACC's active leader with his 211 career three-pointers. Virginia Tech's Zabian Dowdell is third with 209.

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BETTERING LAST SEASON'S WINS

After only 22 games, Virginia bettered its overall and ACC win totals from a year ago. The Cavaliers are currently 20-9 overall and finished ACC play at 11-5. Last season, UVa was 15-15 overall and 7-9 in the conference.

UVa has reached the 20-win mark for the first time since 2000-01 when the Cavaliers finished with a 20-9 record.

SOROYE REBOUNDS

Over his last eight games, Tunji Soroye has pulled down 43 rebounds for an average of 5.4 per game. He has also blocked 14 shots in that same eight-game span for an average of 1.8 per game.

Soroye scored what proved to be the game-winning basket against Georgia Tech (Feb. 24) on a putback with 32 seconds left that gave UVa a 71-69 lead.

REYNOLDS SHINES

J.R. Reynolds has shined in his three previous ACC Tournaments. In six ACC tourney contests, Reynolds has score 124 points for an average of 20.7 points per game.

As a freshman in 2004, Reynolds tallied 18 points vs. Clemson and 20 against Duke. In 2005, he notched 32 points against Miami and 11 vs. Duke. Last season, Reynolds scored 23 points vs. Virginia Tech and 20 against North Carolina.

DOUBLE-DOUBLES

Mamadi Diane and Ryan Pettinella registered their first career double-doubles against Hampton (Dec. 16).

Diane tallied 10 points and a career-best 11 rebounds. Diane's former career high in rebounds was 10 vs. Wake Forest (Feb. 24) last season.

Pettinella posted career bests of 14 points and 10 rebounds. His former career high of 10 points came against Villanova and Brown during the 2004-05 season when he played at UPenn. His previous career high in rebounds was also at UPenn when he had nine against Quinnipiac during the 2004-05 season.

CAIN'S CAREER HIGH

Jason Cain set a new career high for points in a game when he tallied 22 points in UVa's win over Maryland Eastern Shore (Nov. 26). Cain's previous career best was 16 points vs. Fordham and UMBC last season. Cain tied his career high with 16 first-half points against UMEMS.

Cain leads UVa in rebounding at 6.4 per game. He grabbed his 500th career rebound in UVa's win over Virginia Tech (March 1) and currently has 513 rebounds in his career.

MOVING UP THE SCORING LIST

J.R. Reynolds is steadily climbing UVa's all-time scoring list. Reynolds has tallied 1,618 career points and is in 12th place. He needs eight more points to move past Bob McCarty (1954-56) into 11th place. John Crotty (1988-91) is 10th with 1,646 points. Reynolds began the season in 37th place with 1,095 points.

With his 1,618 points, Reynolds leads all active players in the conference in scoring who have played their entire career in the ACC. Overall, he is third among active ACC players in scoring.

SINGLETARY FROM THE LINE

Sean Singletary has been extremely accurate from the free throw line this season. He is 167-189 from the line for an impressive 88.4 percent (second in the ACC). He is slightly behind the single season school record for free throw percentage of 88.4 percent (122-138) set by Roger Mason, Jr., in the 2000-01 season.

In his last outing, Singletary was 9-12 from the line against Wake Forest (March 3). He had an off night from the line vs. Miami (Feb. 3), making only 8-13 attempts. The five misses ties for the most he has missed in a game during his career (9-14 vs. Gonzaga - Dec. 17, 2005).

Singletary had his streak of 39 consecutive free throws made snapped after making his first 10 attempts against Hampton (Dec. 16). Singletary's 39 consecutive free throws made are believed to be the third longest streak in school history. Roger Mason, Jr. made 45 straight free throws in the 2000-01 season and Jeff Lamp holds the school mark with 48 consecutive free throws made in the 1979-80 season.

Six times this season, Singletary has attempted and made at least 10 free throws.

Here's a look at Singletary's free throw shooting this season.

Arizona (Nov. 12)	13-14	92.9% (made last one)
Morgan State (Nov. 19)	2-2	100%
UNC Asheville (Nov. 22)	12-12	100%
Md. Eastern Shore (Nov. 26)	4-4	100%
Purdue (Nov. 29)	8-8	100%
NC State (Dec. 3)	2-2	100%
Hampton (Dec. 16)	14-16*	87.5% (made first 10)
Appalachian State (Dec. 19)	6-7	85.7%
Utah (Dec. 20)	6-6	100%
Puerto Rico-Mayaguez (Dec. 21)	3-4	75.0%
American (Dec. 28)	10-10	100%
Gonzaga (Jan. 3)	12-14	85.7% (made first 9)
Stanford (Jan. 7)	9-10	90.0% (made first 8)
North Carolina (Jan. 10)	1-1	100%
Boston College (Jan. 13)	0-0	0%
Maryland (Jan. 16)	12-14	85.7% (made last 3)
Wake Forest (Jan. 21)	6-6	100%
NC State (Jan. 24)	4-4	100%
Clemson (Jan. 28)	2-4	50.0% (made last two)
Duke (Feb. 1)	4-4	100%
Miami (Feb. 3)	8-13	61.5%
Maryland (Feb. 6)	1-1	100%
Virginia Tech (Feb. 10)	0-0	0%
Longwood (Feb. 13)	2-2	100%
Florida State (Feb. 17)	4-4	100%
Miami (Feb. 21)	2-4	50%
Georgia Tech (Feb. 24)	7-7	100%
Virginia Tech (Mar. 1)	4-4	100%
Wake Forest (Mar. 3)	9-12	75.0%

*career highs for made and attempted free throws in a game.



ALMOST PERFECT FROM THE LINE

In 17 home games this season, Sean Singletary has missed only one free throw in the first half – he is 45-46. He made 38 consecutive first half free throws at home before missing his first attempt vs. Miami (Feb. 3). In the second half of home games (and overtime), Singletary is 80-92 (87.0 percent). In 12 games away from the John Paul Jones Arena, Singletary is 20-24 (83.3 percent) from the free throw line in the first half and 22-27 (81.5 percent) from the stripe in the second half.

MIKALAUSKAS A PRESENCE

Laurynas Mikalauskas has become more of a presence for the Cavaliers in the low post in the last two months. Mikalauskas, who was plagued by two preseason ankle injuries, has scored 80 points (4.4 per game) in his last 18 games while shooting 58.2 percent (32-55) from the field. Mikalauskas did not play in UVa's wins over Georgia Tech (Feb. 24) and Virginia Tech (March 1). These are the first games he has not played in during his career. He averaged only 2.2 points a game in the first nine contests of the season.

Mikalauskas had started the last 12 games before coming off the bench against Longwood (Feb. 13), Florida State (Feb. 17), Miami (Feb. 21) and Wake Forest (Mar. 3). He scored a season-high 12 points on 6-7 shooting from the field against Longwood. Mikalauskas' previous season high was 10 points against UNC (Jan. 10). He was 4-5 from the field and 2-3 from the free throw line while playing a season-high 29 minutes vs. the Tar Heels. Mikalauskas matched his season high with 29 minutes against Boston College (Jan. 13) while scoring seven points.

On the season, Mikalauskas has made 38-69 (55.1 percent) field goal attempts and 19-35 (54.3 percent) in ACC play.

MORE FROM THE LINE

J.R. Reynolds has made 387 free throws during his career (and attempted 485 for 79.8 percent accuracy) and has moved into ninth place on UVa's all-time made free throws list. He needs to make 17 more free throws to move past John Crotty (1988-91) into eighth place.

After starting out the season 15-24 from the charity stripe, Reynolds has made 134 of his last 157 attempts for 85.4 percent accuracy. Reynolds' missed free throw in the first half against Duke (Feb. 1) snapped a streak of 24 consecutive made free throws dating back to the Maryland game (Jan. 16).

Over the last 14 games, Reynolds has made 80-91 free throws (87.9 percent). On the season, Reynolds is shooting 82.3 percent (149-181) from the free throw line (fourth in the ACC).

20 OR MORE POINTS

UVa's backcourt tandem of Sean Singletary and J.R. Reynolds have scored 20 or more points in the same game three times this season and five times overall. Against NC State (Jan. 24), Reynolds poured in 29 points, while Singletary had 27. Against American (Dec. 28), Singletary totaled 33 points and Reynolds had 26. Reynolds had 25 points vs. Georgia Tech (Feb. 24) while Singletary had 24.

The duo also did it twice last season – Western Kentucky

(Jan. 2) – Reynolds 26, Singletary 20, and North Carolina (Mar. 10) – Reynolds 20, Singletary 29.

Singletary has scored 20 or more points in a game 12 times this season and 25 times during his career. He also has three 30-plus point games to his credit.

Reynolds has scored 20 or more points in a game 11 times this season and 24 times in his career. Reynolds also has three 30-plus point games under his belt, including a 40-point performance against Wake Forest (Jan. 21).

The duo have combined for 23 20-point games this season, the most of any tandem in the ACC.

Over the last 19 games (since returning from Puerto Rico), Singletary and Reynolds have combined to score 757 points for an average of 39.8 points per game. Both players have scored in double figures in those 19 games – tying for the fourth best active streak in the ACC this season. Singletary has tallied 385 points for an average of 20.3 per game, while Reynolds has totaled 372 points for 19.6 points a game. The duo have combined for 16 20-plus point games, including two 30-plus contests by Singletary and a 40-point outburst by Reynolds.

Singletary and Reynolds are fourth and sixth in the ACC in scoring at 18.8 and 18.0 points per game, respectively. Singletary has scored 544 points this season, while Reynolds has 523 points this season.

Reynolds has scored in double figures in 50 of his last 53 games, while Singletary has reached double digits in 47 of his last 50 games.

LIGHTING IT UP

J.R. Reynolds has been on a tear over the last 13 games. He has scored 264 points for an average of 20.3 points per game (scoring 17 or more points in nine of the 13 games). He is shooting 43.7 percent (83-190) from the field and 39.2 percent (29-74) from three-point range. In the same 13-game span, Reynolds has made 69-79 free throws for 87.3 percent accuracy.

Reynolds finished second among all players in scoring in ACC contests this season with an average of 20.0 points per game.

PETTINELLA RETURNS

Junior forward/center Ryan Pettinella returned to the Cavaliers' line-up Feb. 1 against Duke after missing the previous nine games with a knee injury. Pettinella entered the Duke game with 4:41 left in the first half and played five minutes.

Pettinella hurt his left knee during the first half of UVa's game against Puerto Rico-Mayaguez on Dec. 21.

In the 20 games he's played in, Pettinella has seven starts and is averaging 3.1 points and 2.9 rebounds in 11.0 minutes per game. He has made 26-38 (68.4 percent) of his field goal attempts this season.

GOOD SHOOTING

Mamadi Diane has made drastic improvements in his field goal shooting percentage this season.

Diane is connecting on 44.8 percent (104-232) of his attempts from the floor in the 2006-07 season. Last season, Diane shot only 33.7 percent (65-193) from the field. Diane established a new career high for three-pointers made in a season

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in just 12 games. He is 38-108 from three-point range for 35.2 percent. In 2005-06, he made only 16-66 attempts from beyond the arc for 24.2 percent.

Diane is averaging 9.9 points per game this year after averaging only 6.0 points a game as a freshman last season. Diane's current average of 9.9 points per game is the first time this season he is under double digits in scoring. He has scored in double figures only twice in the last eight games – 13 vs. Longwood (Feb. 13) and Virginia Tech (Mar. 1).

Diane scored a then career-high 25 points against Arizona (Nov. 12) and was honored as the ACC Player of the Week. He set a new career high with 26 points against Maryland (Jan. 16). Diane notched his first career double-double with 10 points and a career-high 11 rebounds against Hampton (Dec. 16). He had 22 points and made all four three-point attempts against Gonzaga (Jan. 3).

For the first time in his career, Diane scored in double figures in three consecutive games. He tallied 10 points at Clemson (Jan. 28), 14 points vs. Duke (Feb. 1) and 14 points against Miami (Feb. 3). He had his streak stopped with an eight-point performance vs. Maryland (Feb. 6). Diane has scored in double figures in back-to-back games only four times this season and six times in his career.

Diane's 10 points vs. Clemson (Jan. 28) marked just the fourth time in his career he has scored in double figures on an opponent's home floor. Earlier this season, Diane had 14 points at North Carolina (Jan. 10) and 17 points at Purdue (Nov. 29). Last season, he scored 14 points at Georgia Tech (Dec. 4, 2005).

FREE THROW SHOOTING

UVa is shooting an impressive 73.2 percent (521-712) from the free throw line this season and is second in the ACC in free throw percentage. The Cavaliers have attempted 108 more free throws (712-604) than their opponents and have made 99 more (521-422).

UVa is averaging ACC bests of 24.6 attempts and 18.0 made free throws per game.

1000

Sean Singletary became the 41st Cavalier to reach the 1,000-point milestone in UVa's 91-70 win over American (Dec. 28). He entered the game needing 24 points to reach the 1,000-point plateau and his 1000th point came on a free throw with 6:11 remaining in the game.

Singletary has currently scored 1,361 points in his career and is in 21st place on Virginia's career scoring list. He needs 55 more points to move past Mel Kennedy (1985-88) into 20th place. Lee Raker (1978-81) is 19th with 1,423 points.

Through games played March 4, Singletary is sixth among active ACC players with 1,361 points and is the league's top junior scorer.

TOP 10

Sean Singletary has handed out 368 assists during his career and has moved into ninth place on UVa's all-time assists list (fifth among active ACC players). He needs two assists to move past Barry Parkhill (1971-73) into eighth place. Cory Alexander (1992-95) is seventh with 401 career assists.

Singletary has a career-best 134 assists this season, marking his third consecutive 100-assist season (113 in 2004-05 and 121 in 2005-06).

TAT'S CAREER BEST

Solomon Tat set career highs in points, rebounds and minutes played against Virginia Tech (Feb. 10). He tallied eight points and six rebounds in 23 minutes of playing time. Tat's former career best in points was five vs. Clemson (Jan. 28). He had four rebounds vs. Clemson and Maryland (Jan. 16). Tat's previous career best for minutes played was 16, also against Clemson.

Tat did not play against Georgia Tech (Feb. 24) and Virginia Tech (March 1), marking the first time since the Puerto Rico-Mayaguez (Dec. 21) game Tat did not see action in a game.

NATIONAL AWARDS

Sean Singletary is one of 50 men's college basketball players named as preseason candidates for the Naismith Trophy presented by Cingular Wireless. The Atlanta Tipoff Club announced the list of candidates. The Naismith Trophy is presented to the men's and women's players of the year.

The Top 50 list was compiled by the Atlanta Tipoff Club's Board of Selectors, comprised of leading basketball journalists, coaches and administrators from around the country. The board based its preseason criteria on player performances from last season and expectations for the 2006-07 season.

Singletary is also one of the finalists for the Bob Cousy Award and is one of 22 players listed on the ballot for the John R. Wooden Award as college basketball's player of the year. He was also named to the Wooden Award Midseason All-America Team.

LOWE'S SENIOR CLASS AWARD

J.R. Reynolds is one of 10 men's finalists for the 2007 Lowe's Senior Class Award. The award is presented annually to an NCAA Division I male and female senior basketball player who excel both on and off the court.

An acronym for Celebrating Loyalty and Achievement for Staying in School, the award was launched during the 2001-02 season to honor the attributes of college basketball seniors who remain committed to their university and pursue the many rewards that a senior season can bring.

The names of the 10 finalists will be placed on the official ballot for a nationwide vote during the NCAA Tournament in March. Fan balloting will be coupled with votes from coaches and media to determine the male and female recipients.

TUCKER SETS CAREER HIGH

Jamil Tucker reached double figures in scoring for the first time in his career with a 12-point performance against Gonzaga (Jan. 3), including a career-best three three-point field goals. He equaled his career high with 12 points against Maryland (Jan. 16), including a trio of three-pointers. Against Miami (Feb. 21), Tucker tallied 11 points after scoring only



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two points in the previous nine games (including three games in which he did not play). His fourth double figure scoring outing of the season came vs. Wake Forest (Mar. 3) when he tallied 10 points

After pulling down five rebounds in three different games, Tucker set a new career high with nine rebounds against Boston College (Jan. 13).

REBOUNDING PROWESS

Virginia is averaging 39.5 rebounds per game this season, which is second among all ACC teams. The Cavaliers are fourth in the ACC in rebound margin with a mark of +4.8 per game (39.5 to 34.7).

UVa has been outrebounded nine times this season – by Utah 37-21, Gonzaga 38-36, North Carolina 47-34, Wake Forest (38-33), and Duke (34-33), as well as four of its last five opponents – Florida State (41-40), Miami 41-32, Georgia Tech (35-27) and Wake Forest (47-44). After tying Arizona in rebounds (36) in its season opener, Virginia has outrebounded 11 of its last 28 opponents by 10 or more rebounds. Overall, UVa has outrebounded 18 of 29 opponents this season. The Cavaliers also tied Boston College with 36 rebounds apiece.

UVA SEVENTH IN DIRECTOR'S CUP STANDINGS

The Virginia athletics program is seventh following the release of the 2007 U.S. Sports Academy Directors' Cup final fall sports standings. Thanks to strong showings by five programs in NCAA Championship competition last fall, the Cavaliers compiled 303 points and are the second highest ranked ACC school in the poll.

The ranking equals the second best showing in the Directors' Cup by the Cavaliers at the conclusion of the fall sports championships. Virginia was ranked sixth in 1997-98 when both the field hockey and men's soccer teams reached the Final Fours of their respective sport. In 1995-96 UVa also stood in seventh place in the Directors' Cup's final fall results.

California is first in the final fall Directors' Cup standings.

Virginia's fall athletics season was highlighted by the men's soccer team's run to the College Cup where it lost in the semi-finals to UCLA. Using the Directors' Cup scoring system, the Cavaliers were credited with a third-place finish. The UVa field hockey team was fifth in this year's NCAA Tournament, women's soccer placed ninth and the Cavalier men's and women's cross country teams both turned in 14th-place performances.

FOUR PLAYERS SIGN WITH UVA

Head coach Dave Leitao has announced the signing of four players with the Cavaliers. The four players are 6-4 guard Mustapha Farrakhan of Harvey, Ill., 6-4 guard Jeff Jones of Wilmington, Del., 6-8 forward Mike Scott of Chesapeake, Va., and 6-1 guard Sam Zeglinski of Philadelphia, Pa.

Farrakhan averaged 17.1 points, 4.3 rebounds and 3.6 assists a game as a junior last season at Thornton Township High School. He earned all-conference and all-area honors, and was an honorable mention all-state selection.

"Mustapha will bring great skill to our backcourt," Leitao

said. "He will be a factor because he's smart, tough and a fearless competitor. We look forward to him contributing from both guard spots. Along with his outstanding ability, he really loves Virginia and the ACC."

Jones averaged 21.9 points, five rebounds and three assists a game for Monsignor Bonner High School (Drexel Hill, Pa.) as a junior last season. He earned first-team AAA All-State honors and was the Pennsylvania AAA State Player of the Year for the 2005-06 season. He was a first-team all-conference selection each of the last two seasons and led the conference in scoring each of those seasons.

"To add a guy that has the skill level Jeff does is something that we really needed," Leitao said. "Just watching our team now, we're lacking enough skill guys in the backcourt. Mustapha, Jeff and Sammy will bring a significant amount of skill to our team."

Scott averaged 21 points, 12 rebounds and four blocked shots a game as a senior at Deep Creek High School during the 2005-06 season. He was a first-team all-state selection, and was the player of the year in the Southeastern District and the Eastern Region that season. He was also the most valuable player of the Southeastern District Tournament. Deep Creek finished the 2005-06 season with a record of 20-6 and won the Southeastern District Tournament.

Scott is currently attending Hargrave Military Academy.

"One of the things we're trying to do is to be multi-dimensional and diverse as a team and with our players," Leitao said. "Mike is somebody who fits that mold. He's athletic and can play with his back to the basket. He has a really good touch and the ability to score in the post, which is something that we need. He can face up and has a developing skill package to make perimeter shots.

"Mike's just a really good young man. I think he'll accept learning and all the things that we're doing here."

Zeglinski averaged 19 points, five assists and three steals a game as a junior at the William Penn Charter School last season. He earned first-team All-Inter-Academic League, second-team all-state and second-team all-city honors for the 2005-06 season.

Zeglinski has started for the William Penn Charter School each of the last three seasons. Current Virginia player Sean Singletary is a graduate of the William Penn Charter School and as a high school freshman Zeglinski played on the same team with Singletary.

"Sammy is the consummate floor general," Leitao said. "He's a guy that combines a high level of basketball skill with probably as unique a mind for the game as you'll ever see."

THE JOHN PAUL JONES ARENA

The 2006-07 season ushers in a new era for the Cavaliers as they play in their new basketball arena for the first time. The John Paul Jones Arena, which seats 15,219 fans, is located across the street from historic University Hall. The arena features an academic center and dining facility for all student-athletes, and practice courts, coaches office complexes, locker rooms, a weight room, training room, and equipment room for the men's and women's basketball programs.

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15 Damin Altizer

G • 5-11, 162 • So.

Bath County High School • Millboro, Va.

WORTH NOTING: Joined the team as a walk-on prior to the 2006-07 season ... twice honored as the team's most valuable player at Bath County High School ... was an All-Pioneer District selection three times, earned all-region honors twice and was an all-state selection as a high school senior.

HIGH SCHOOL: Lettered four times in basketball at Bath County High School and scored 1,188 career points ... twice was honored as the team's most valuable player ... was an All-Pioneer District selection three times, earned all-region honors twice and was an all-state selection as a high school senior ... averaged 21 points, seven assists, six rebounds and five steals a game his senior season at Bath County ... averaged 15 points, five assists and four steals a game as a junior.

PERSONAL: Damin Hayes Altizer ... born Feb. 13, 1987 ... son of Brenda and Tim Altizer ... has a younger brother, Cody ... enjoys the outdoors ... member of the BETA Club for three years in high school ... graduated third in his class at Bath County High School.

35 Bob McCormick

F • 6-5, 214 • So.

Francis W. Parker High School • Chicago, Ill.

WORTH NOTING: Joined the team as a walk-on prior to the 2006-07 season ... all-conference selection and team captain in basketball, baseball and soccer in high school.

HIGH SCHOOL: All-conference selection and team captain in basketball, baseball and soccer at Francis W. Parker High School ... earned third-team all-state honors in basketball and was the conference player of the year as a senior.

PERSONAL: Robert Andrew McCormick ... born July 15, 1986, in Chicago, Ill. ... son of Laura and Jim McCormick ... has four siblings ... has served as a Big Brother.

25 David Noel

G • 6-3, 195 • Fr.

St. John's High School • Houston, Texas

WORTH NOTING: Joined the team as a walk-on prior to the 2006-07 season ... earned first-team all-conference honors and was the team's most valuable player as a senior at St. John's High School.

HIGH SCHOOL: Lettered once in basketball at Lamar High School and once at St. John's High School where he was a team captain ... earned first-team all-conference honors and was the team's most valuable player as a senior at St. John's ... also lettered one year in football at Lamar.

PERSONAL: David Bobbitt Noel ... born July 6, 1987, in Houston, Texas ... son of Karen and Bobbitt Noel ... has a younger brother, John ... member of the National Honor Society in high school ... National Commended Merit Scholar.

