

2006-07 VIRGINIA MEN'S BASKETBALL

2006-07 Schedule

**VIRGINIA
7-3 OVERALL**

1-0 ACC

H: 6-0, A: 0-1, 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.....	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 3	GONZAGA (ESPN2).....	9 p.m.
Jan. 7	STANFORD (FSN).....	5 p.m.
Jan. 10	at North Carolina* (RLF Split).....	9 p.m.
Jan. 13	at Boston College* (RLF)	2 p.m.
Jan. 16	MARYLAND* (RLF Split)	8 p.m.
Jan. 21	WAKE FOREST* (RLF)	1 p.m.
Jan. 24	at NC State* (RLF Split).....	9 p.m.
Jan. 28	at Clemson* (RLF).....	1 p.m.
Feb. 1	DUKE* (ESPN)	9 p.m.
Feb. 3	MIAMI* (ESPN-U).....	8 p.m.
Feb. 6	at Maryland* (RSN).....	9 p.m.
Feb. 10	at Virginia Tech* (RLF Split).....	4 p.m.
Feb. 13	LONGWOOD.....	7 p.m.
Feb. 17	FLORIDA STATE* (RLF Split)	1 p.m.
Feb. 21	at Miami*	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 24	GEORGIA TECH* (ABC).....	3:30 p.m.
Mar. 1	VIRGINIA TECH* (ESPN)	7 p.m.
Mar. 3	at Wake Forest* (RLF).....	1 p.m.
Mar. 8	ACC Tournament First Round	TBA
Mar. 9	ACC Tournament Quarterfinals	TBA
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

TV Key: FSN - Fox Sports Net; FSN-FL - Fox Sports Net Florida; FSNS - Fox Sports Net South; NESN - New England Sports Network; CSN - Comcast Sports Net; RLF - Raycom-Lincoln Financial Sports; RSN - Regional Sports Network, consists of Comcast Sports Net, Fox Sports Net Florida and Fox Sports Net South.

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

VIRGINIA (7-3)

VS.

AMERICAN (7-4)

DECEMBER 28, 2006 • 7:30 P.M.

JOHN PAUL JONES ARENA (15,219)

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA.

TELEVISION

Tonight's game will not be televised.

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.

OFFICIALS

THE GAME

Virginia enters tonight's non-conference game against American with a 7-3 record. UVa is 1-0 in the Atlantic Coast Conference. The Cavaliers are coming off a seventh-place finish in the 2006 San Juan Shootout which was held Dec. 19-21. The Cavaliers won their final game of the tournament 59-52 over Puerto Rico-Mayaguez (Dec. 21).

American is 7-4 on the season and is coming off a 66-54 loss to Maryland (Dec. 23) in College Park. The Eagles have lost their last two games after getting off to a 7-2 start.

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 is a perfect 6-0 in the John Paul Jones Arena.

THE SERIES VS. AMERICAN

Virginia leads the all-time series vs. American 4-1, but despite the close proximity of the schools they have not met in over 50 years. American registered its only win in the series – a 69-54 triumph at American on Feb. 3, 1951 – in the last meeting in the series.



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CAVALIER GAME NOTES

Virginia's PROBABLE Starters

No.	Pos.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Ppg.	Rpg.	Apg.	Mpg	Notes
24	G/F	Mamadi Diane	6-5	197	So.	11.2	4.3	1.5	27.8	First career double-double vs. Hampton (10 pts, 11 rebs)
33	F	Jason Cain	6-10	225	Sr.	7.9	6.4	0.6	19.8	Has 7 career double-doubles
21	C	Tunji Soroye	6-11	245	Jr.	0.8	1.2	0.0	6.8	Saw first game action of 2006-07 vs. Purdue (Nov. 29)
2	G	J.R. Reynolds	6-2 1/2	188	Sr.	15.1	4.0	4.0	29.3	Named to San Juan Shootout All-Tournament team
44	G	Sean Singletary	6-0	185	Jr.	15.9	4.5	5.4	32.0	2006-07 Preseason All-ACC First Team

Virginia's Key Reserves

30	F	Adrian Joseph	6-7	205	Jr.	9.6	5.3	1.6	28.3	Career-high 10 rebounds vs. Purdue
11	F	Laurynas Mikalauskas	6-8	255	So.	2.8	1.2	0.5	9.2	Matched season high with 8 pts. vs. UPR-Mayaguez
12	F	Jamil Tucker	6-8	230	Fr.	2.3	2.1	0.1	9.2	Had career-highs of 8 pts and 5 rebs. vs. UMES
1	F/G	Will Harris	6-6	230	Fr.	6.0	4.5	0.6	17.4	16 pts., 8 rebs. vs. Morgan State
34	F/C	Ryan Pettinella	6-9	238	Jr.	5.1	3.7	0.0	14.9	First career double-double vs. Hampton (14 pts, 10 rebs)
45	G/F	Soloman Tat	6-5	220	Fr.	3.0	2.0	0.0	12.0	Missed last nine games because of injury
55	F/C	Jerome Meyinsse	6-8	230	Fr.	2.4	2.7	0.0	11.1	Scored a career-high 9 points vs. UMES

The first four games of the series were all played in Charlottesville with the first meeting occurring in 1938. The Cavaliers won the initial meeting 41-33, and also won the next three match-ups during the 1946-47 season (50-35), 1948-49 season (57-51) and the 1949-50 season (67-58).

VIRGINIA VS. THE PATRIOT LEAGUE

Tonight's game against American is Virginia's second meeting against a current Patriot League team. UVa's 99-49 win over Bucknell on Dec. 28, 2000 was its first match-up against a current Patriot League team. The Patriot League was formed in the 1990-91 season.

Against the eight current members of the Patriot League, UVa is 25-34 all-time. All but one of these games (Bucknell in 2000) was played prior to the formation of the Patriot League. Virginia is 3-0 vs. Army, 4-1 vs. American, 2-1 vs. Bucknell and Lafayette, 1-0 vs. Lehigh and 13-31 vs. Navy. Virginia has never played Colgate and Holy Cross.

Prior to the Bucknell contest in 2000, the last time Virginia played a current member of the Patriot League was back in the 1983-84 season when the Cavaliers defeated Lafayette 71-59 in the season-opener at University Hall.

VIRGINIA WINS ACC OPENER

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. UVa is now 20-34 all-time in ACC openers and 14-16 in home conference openers. Prior to the win over the Wolfpack, Virginia's last win in an ACC opener was an 81-75 victory (Jan. 4) at Florida State in the 1994-95 season.

HEAD COACH DAVE LEITAO

Dave Leitao is in his second season as the Cavaliers' head coach and has a record of 22-18. 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.

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 102-87.

School	Record	Years
Northeastern	22-35	'95, '96
DePaul	58-34	'03, '04, '05
Virginia	22-18	'06, '07
7 Seasons	102-87	

QUICK FACTS

Location Charlottesville, Va. 22904
 Founded.....1819, by Thomas Jefferson
 Enrollment.....20,399
 President..... John T. Casteen III
 Athletics Director..... Craig Littlepage
 Nicknames.....Cavaliers, Wahoos, 'Hoos
 Colors..... Blue & Orange
 Conference Atlantic Coast
 Home Court.....John Paul Jones Arena (15,219)
 Press Row Phone 434-296-5910

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach.....Dave Leitao
 Career Record 102-87 (7 yrs.)
 Record at Virginia..... 22-18 (2 yrs.)
 Assistant CoachesBill Courtney,
 Rob Lanier, Steve Seymour
 Director of OperationsDrew Diener
 Asst. Dir. of Operations ... Oliver Winterbone
 Strength Coach..... Shaun Brown
 Athletic Trainer.....Jeff Boyer
 First Season of Basketball 1905-06
 All-Time Record 1,337-1,037 (102 yrs.)
 University Hall..... 402-143 (41 yrs.)
 JPJ Arena..... 6-0 (first season)
 All-Time ACC Record 305-443 (56 yrs.)
 ACC Tourn. Record 30-52 (53 yrs.)
 NCAA Tourn. Record 21-15 (15 yrs.)
 NIT Record 15-10 (12 yrs.)

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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.

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 – #24 North Carolina - Jan. 19, 2006 (72-68)
 Top 10 Win – #10 Arizona - Nov. 12, 2006 (93-90)
 Top 15 Win – #11 Boston College - Feb. 21, 2006 (72-58)
 ACC Tournament Win – Virginia Tech - Mar. 9, 2006 (60-56)
 Postseason Appearance – 2006 NIT vs. Stanford - Mar. 14, 2006

This is the first time Leitao has faced American as a head coach.

Leitao has coached in 29 games against AP ranked teams and is 8-21. Against top 10 AP teams, Leitao is 1-9. He earned his first victory over an AP top 10 team when UVa posted a 93-90 win over Arizona (Nov. 12). Leitao was 0-4 against ranked teams in two seasons at Northeastern, 5-11 vs. ranked opponents in three years at DePaul, and is 3-6 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 win over Arizona.

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.

TALE OF THE TAPE

Here's a statistical comparison of Virginia and American in the 2006-07 season.

Virginia	Category	American
77.8	Points.....	67.4
70.1	Points Allowed	64.3
+7.7	Scoring Margin	+3.1
43.9	Field Goal %	43.8
41.3	Field Goal % Defense.....	42.6
32.5	3 Point Field Goal %.....	35.6
35.2	3 Point Field Goal % Defense.....	35.7
70.6	Free Throw %	72.6
42.5	Rebounds.....	34.1
+10.7	Rebound Margin	+0.7
14.1	Assists	13.3
14.2	Turnovers.....	14.3
4.9	Steals.....	5.8
2.5	Blocked Shots	3.5

FORMER UVA HEAD COACH RETURNS TO CHARLOTTESVILLE

Former Virginia head coach Jeff Jones is American's head coach. Jones, who also played for UVa from 1979-82, served as the Cavaliers' mentor from the 1990-91 season through the 1997-98 season. In eight years at Virginia, Jones registered a 146-104 (.584 winning percentage) record. He led the Cavaliers to postseason play six times, including five NCAA Tournament appearances. Jones led UVa to the Elite Eight in 1995 and to the NIT Championship in 1992.

Jones' three assistant coaches are also UVa graduates. Jason Williford was a four-year letterwinner from 1992-95 and served as a team captain in 1994-95. He started 83 of the 108 games he appeared in. Greg Lyons earned letters at UVa in 1998, 1999, and 2001. Lyons, a walk-on, was a member of UVa's last NCAA Tournament team in 2001. Kieran Donohue graduated from Virginia in 1997. Although Donohue did not play for the Cavaliers, he served in several different capacities on Jones' staff from 1993 to 1998. He began as a student manager in 1993 and was a graduate administrative assistant in the 1997-98 season.

2006-07 ACC Preseason Media Poll

<i>Team</i>	<i>Points</i>
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)	

2006-07 Preseason All-ACC Teams

All-ACC First Team

Tyler Hansbrough, UNC	62
Jared Dudley, BC	58
Sean Singletary, UVa	53
Al Thornton, FSU	53
Josh McRoberts, Duke	52

All-ACC Second Team

Anthony Morrow, GT	7
Coleman Collins, VT	6
Reyshawn Terry, UNC	4
J.R. Reynolds, UVa	4
Zabian Dowdell, VT	2

ACC Player of the Year

Tyler Hansbrough, UNC	48
Al Thornton, FSU	4
Josh McRoberts, Duke	4
Sean Singletary, UVa	3
Jared Dudley, BC	3

ACC Rookie of the Year

Thaddeus Young, GT	24
Ty Lawson, UNC	15
Javaris Crittenton, GT	4
Wayne Ellington, UNC	2
six others with 1 vote	

2006-07 ACC Players of the Week

Mamadi Diane - Nov. 12



CAVALIER GAME NOTES

VIRGINIA POSTS 59-52 WIN OVER PUERTO RICO-MAYAGUEZ

Virginia closed out the San Juan Shootout with a 59-52 win over Puerto Rico-Mayaguez (Dec. 21) to finish the tournament with a 1-2 record. The Cavalier bench outscored Puerto Rico-Mayaguez's bench 37-2 in the contest with Adrian Joseph leading the way with 10 points and six rebounds.

J.R. Reynolds, who was named to the all-tournament team, tallied nine points, eight rebounds and six assists, while Will Harris came off the bench to post nine points and eight rebounds. Laurynas Mikalauskas added eight points, while Sean Singletary contributed seven points, five rebounds and four assists.

UVa fell behind 10-2 in the opening minutes of the contest. The Cavaliers responded with an 18-2 run to take a 20-12 lead at the 11:26 mark of the opening stanza. UPR-Mayaguez scored the final six points of the first half to trim Virginia's lead to 29-28 at halftime.

Puerto Rico-Mayaguez scored the first basket of the second half to take 30-29 lead, but a Joseph three-pointer with 19:09 left ignited an 8-0 Cavalier run that gave UVa a 37-30 lead at the 17:14 mark. Virginia stretched its lead to as many as 13 points, including 59-46 with 4:04 left to play. The Cavaliers did not score in the final four minutes and UPR-Mayaguez closed the contest with six consecutive points to make the final score 59-52.

UVa shot 42.1 percent (24-57) from the field in the game, while UPR-Mayaguez connected on 19-56 attempts from the floor for 33.9 percent. Virginia held a 47-32 advantage in rebounds, but committed 19 turnovers in the contest compared to only 13 by UPR-Mayaguez.

Diego Garcia led Puerto Rico-Mayaguez with 16 points and six rebounds, while Luis Ramirez added 15 points, five assists, four rebounds and four steals.

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.

THE CENTURY MARK

The Cavaliers scored 104 points in their win over Maryland Eastern Shore (Nov. 26). It is the first time since Dec. 30, 2001 UVa has surpassed the century mark in a game. Virginia had gone 145 games without scoring 100 points.

SINGLETARY 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.

DOUBLE-DIGIT SCORING STREAK SNAPPED

J.R. Reynolds had his double figure scoring streak of 28 games snapped when he scored only seven points against Purdue (Nov. 29). Reynolds' streak started with a 10-point performance against Gonzaga on Dec. 17, 2005. The previous time Reynolds failed to score in double figures was vs. Fordham on Dec. 7, 2005 when he had eight points.

THREE-POINT FIELD GOALS

J.R. Reynolds has made 175 three-point field goals in his career and is in fourth place on UVa's all-time three-point field goals list. He needs four more three-pointers to tie John Crotty (1988-91) for third with 179. Harold Deane (1994-97) holds the second spot with 237 threes and Curtis Staples (1995-98) is UVa's all-time leader with 413.

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)



DOUBLE-DOUBLES

Mamadi Diane and Ryan Pettinella registered their first career double-doubles against Hampton.

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 UMES.

REBOUNDING CAREER HIGHS

Adrian Joseph and J.R. Reynolds established new career highs for rebounds against Purdue (Nov. 29).

Joseph pulled down a career-best 10 rebounds, bettering his previous career high of eight boards vs. NC State (Feb. 2, 2006) and Wake Forest (Feb. 4, 2006).

Reynolds snagged nine rebounds against Purdue to surpass his career high of seven which he had four times, most recently against Morgan State (Nov. 19) earlier this season.

SOROYE BACK FROM SURGERY

Junior center Tunji Soroye returned to game action against Purdue (Nov. 29). He had surgery on Nov. 9 to correct groin area discomfort and missed the first four games of the season. Soroye played 17 minutes against the Boilermakers and had two blocked shots, two turnovers and a defensive rebound. He started against NC State (Dec. 3) and had three points and a rebound in 11 minutes. Soroye has played in all six games since returning from the injury.

The 6-11 Soroye has lettered twice for UVa and started 23 games for the Cavaliers during the 2005-06 season. He averaged 1.8 points and 3.5 rebounds a game last season, and led the team in blocked shots with 37 (1.23 bpg.).

MOVING UP THE SCORING LIST

J.R. Reynolds is steadily climbing UVa's all-time scoring list. Reynolds has tallied 1,246 career points and is currently 24th on the list. He needs 18 more points to move past Tony Laquintano (1960-62) into 23rd place. Cory Alexander is 22nd with 1,286 points.

Reynolds began the season in 37th place with 1,095 career points.

HOT SHOOTING

Mamadi Diane is off to a good start shooting the basketball in the 2006-07 season. The sophomore has made 40-79 field goal attempts for 50.6 percent accuracy. He is also 18-23 (78.3 percent)

from the free throw line. Diane scored a career-high 25 points against Arizona (Nov. 12) and was honored as the ACC Player of the Week. He posted 17 points against both Maryland Eastern Shore (Nov. 26) and Purdue (Nov. 29). Diane notched his first career double-double with 10 points and a career-high 11 rebounds against Hampton (Dec. 16).

Diane's 17 points against Purdue marked just the second time in his career he has scored in double figures on an opponent's home floor. Last season at Georgia Tech (Dec. 4) he scored 14 points.

Diane's back-to-back double digit performance against Arizona and Morgan State marked just the third time he scored in double figures in back-to-back games. Diane did it twice last season (Northwestern - 18, Georgia Tech - 14 and Loyola (Md.) - 11, UMBC - 16).

NAISMITH TROPHY

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 on the "Watch List" for the Bob Cousy Award and is one of the Top 50 preseason candidates for the 2006-07 Wooden Award All-America Team.

SINGLETARY FROM THE LINE

Sean Singletary is off to a great start from the free throw line. He is 70-75 from the line for 93.3 percent accuracy after making 3 of 4 attempts vs. Puerto Rico-Mayaguez (Dec. 21).

Singletary had his streak of 39 consecutive free throws 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.

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%

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

CAVALIER GAME NOTES

MORE FREE THROWS

UVa has made 20 more free throws (199) in the first 10 games than its opponents have combined to take (179) in those 10 games. Virginia is 199-282 (70.6 percent) from the free throw line, while its 10 opponents are a combined 121-179 (67.6 percent).

APPROACHING 1000

Sean Singletary reached the 900-point plateau in UVa's loss to Purdue (Nov. 29). Singletary has scored 976 points in his career. He needs 24 points to become the 41st Cavalier to score 1,000 career points.

TOP 10

Sean Singletary has handed out 288 assists during his career and has moved into 10th place on UVa's all-time assists list. Billy Langloh (1974-77) had held 10th place with 286 assists. Cornel Parker (1991-94) is ninth with 313 career assists.

REBOUNDING PROWESS

Virginia is averaging an impressive 42.5 rebounds per game this season, which is second among all ACC teams. The Cavaliers are also second in the ACC in rebound margin with a mark of 10.7 per game (42.5 to 31.8).

UVa has only been outrebounded once this season – by Utah 37-21. After tying Arizona in rebounds (36) in its season opener, Virginia has outrebounded seven of its last nine opponents by 10 or more rebounds.

UVA WINS EXHIBITION GAME

Virginia captured a 78-63 win over Augusta State in exhibition action on Nov. 4 in the team's first game at John Paul Jones Arena.

Junior Sean Singletary scored the first two buckets, helping the Cavaliers jump out to a quick 6-0 lead. After two Jaguar baskets, UVa went on a 12-0 run to go ahead 18-4. UVa built a 20-point advantage three times before closing out the stanza with a 21-point edge at halftime, 43-22.

In the second half, the 'Hoos built upon their lead, going ahead by as many as 28 points, 57-29. Augusta State didn't give up, closing out the game with a 16-10 run to come within 13 points, 76-63 during the final minute of play.

Junior Adrian Joseph came off the bench to pace UVa with 17 points, 12 of which he netted in the first half. He finished three-of-four from the line and notched a team-best four treys. Senior J.R. Reynolds followed with 16 points, while Singletary added 13 points and eight assists. Sophomore Mamadi Diane had 10 points, and senior Jason Cain grabbed a team-high 11 rebounds. Sophomore Laurynas Mikalauskas had 10 boards.

Daniel Dixon paced Augusta State with 16 points. Tyrekus Bowman was the only other Jaguar in double digits with 14 points.

Overall, Virginia out-rebounded Augusta State, 53-30.

THREE PLAYERS JOIN MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM

Head coach Dave Leitao has added three players to the 2006-07 men's basketball roster. Sophomores Damin Altizer and Bob McCormick, and freshman David Noel have joined the UVa team after going through a tryout process.

Altizer is a 5-11 guard from Millboro, Va. He lettered four times in basketball at Bath County High School and twice was honored as the team's Most Valuable Player. He was an All-Pioneer District selection three times, earned All-Region honors twice and was an All-State selection as a high school senior.

McCormick is a 6-5 forward from Chicago, Ill. He was an All-Conference selection and team captain in basketball, baseball and soccer at Francis W. Parker High School. He earned third-team All-State honors as a high school senior and was the conference Player of the Year.

Noel is a 6-3 guard from Houston, Texas. He lettered once in basketball at Lamar High School and once at St. John's High School where he was a team captain. He earned first-team All-Conference honors and was the team's Most Valuable Player as a senior at St. John's. He also lettered one year in football at Lamar.

FOUR PLAYERS SIGN WITH UVA

Head coach Dave Leitao has announced the signing of four players to national letters of intent 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.”

CURTIS STAPLES’ JERSEY RETIRED

The jersey of former Virginia standout Curtis Staples was retired during halftime ceremonies of UVa’s game against Arizona (Nov. 12).

Staples, a guard from Roanoke, Va., finished his Virginia career in 1998 as the NCAA’s career leader in three-point field goals made with 413. His mark held until Duke’s J.J. Redick established a new NCAA record for three-point field goals made (457) last season. Staples currently ranks third on the NCAA’s career three-point field goals made list.

Jersey retirement is a new level of recognition at Virginia to honor players who have significantly impacted the program and Staples is the first player to be honored in this way. Individuals recognized in this way will have their jerseys retired, but their number will remain active.

Six Virginia players have had their uniform numbers retired and those numbers will not be worn again. Those numbers honor the most decorated players in the program’s history, including Jeff Lamp (3), Barry Parkhill (40), Ralph Sampson (50), Bryant Stith (20), Wally Walker (41) and Buzzy Wilkinson (14).

In addition to being Virginia’s career leader in three-point field goals made, Staples holds UVa records for three-point field goals made in a season (130) and in a game (9). He also holds Virginia records for most three-point field goals made by a senior (130), junior (98), sophomore (82) and freshman (103). He led the Atlantic Coast Conference in three-point field goals made per game during each of his four seasons at Virginia.

Staples ranks ninth on Virginia’s career scoring list with 1,757 points. He lettered four times for the Cavaliers and was a team captain as a senior during the 1997-98 season. Staples averaged a career-high 18.1 points a game during the 1997-98 season and earned third-team All-ACC honors.

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.

PRESEASON HONORS

Guards Sean Singletary and J.R. Reynolds were selected to preseason All-Atlantic Coast Conference teams by media attending the ACC’s Operation Basketball event in Greensboro, N.C., in October. Singletary was a first-team selection and Reynolds was named to the second team. In addition, Singletary has been named a third-team preseason All-America selection by *Street & Smith’s College Basketball 2006-07 Yearbook*, Rivals.com, and Collegehoops.net. Collegeinsider.com also named Singletary to its 16-player preseason All-America team.

REMEMBERING U-HALL

While University Hall is no longer home to Virginia basketball, the memories of outstanding games in the building and the players who participated in them will remain forever.

The Cavaliers played Kentucky in the first game at U-Hall on Dec. 4, 1965 and lost to the Wildcats 99-73.

On March 5, 2006, the UVa men’s team played its final game in U-Hall after 41 seasons - a 71-70 loss to Maryland. During those 41 seasons, Virginia compiled an overall record of 402-143 in University Hall and a record of 179-112 against ACC opponents in the building. Last season, UVa won its 400th game in U-Hall by defeating in-state rival Virginia Tech 81-77 in overtime on Feb. 11. The Cavaliers’ final win at University Hall was a 72-58 victory over 11th-ranked Boston College on Feb. 21.

THE EARLY DAYS

Prior to beginning play in University Hall in the 1965-66 season, the Cavaliers had two other home courts – Fayerweather Gymnasium and Memorial Gymnasium.

While Fayerweather Gymnasium was constructed in 1893, the basketball team would not call it home until the program’s first season in 1905-06. Under the tutelage of Henry H. “Pop” Lannigan, the only head coach of the Fayerweather era, Virginia men’s basketball experienced no losing records while Fayerweather Gymnasium housed the program. The 1914-15 season even saw the Cavaliers go a perfect 17-0, still the only undefeated season in team history. While not every game listed as a home game between the 1905-06 and 1923-24 seasons was played in Fayerweather Gymnasium, the program did manage to have an impressive 193-60-1 record while calling Fayerweather Gymnasium home. Unfortunately, the highly successful years played in Fayerweather came to a close with

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a 37-24 loss to Fordham on Feb. 21, 1924.

On Jan. 10, 1925, the story continued in Memorial Gymnasium with Virginia's first victory in the building over Lynchburg. This facility was the home to 42 Cavalier men's basketball teams and six different head coaches. During this time, Virginia earned its first postseason appearance in 1941 under Gus Tebell and also joined the Atlantic Coast Conference in 1953. Memorial Gymnasium, commonly referred to as Mem Gym, was also the home of Buzzy Wilkinson, still the UVa and the ACC record holder for career scoring average with 28.6 points per game. By the time Mem Gym was replaced in 1965, the Cavaliers had registered a home record of 279-155. On Feb. 27, 1965, Virginia men's basketball bid Memorial Gymnasium goodbye with a 69-67 victory over ACC foe Clemson.

RETURNING STARTERS

Seven players who started games for Virginia during the 2005-06 season are on the Cavaliers' roster for 2006-07. Those players include guard J.R. Reynolds (30), guard Sean Singletary (29), forward Jason Cain (24), center Tunji Soroye (23), forward Adrian Joseph (19), forward Laurynas Mikalauskas (12) and forward/guard Mamadi Diane (11). The only player not returning who started a game for the Cavaliers last season is guard Billy Campbell who started twice.

BILL COURTNEY JOINS COACHING STAFF

Bill Courtney joined the Virginia men's basketball coaching staff in July of 2006. Prior to joining the UVa staff, Courtney was an assistant coach at Providence for one year. He was a member of Jim Larranaga's (former Virginia assistant coach) coaching staff at George Mason for eight years (1997-2005). He was the associate head coach at George Mason from 2002 until his departure for Providence. Courtney served as an assistant coach on Larranaga's staff at Bowling Green for one year (1996-97) before moving to George Mason with Larranaga prior to the 1997-98 season. He began his collegiate coaching career at American University where he was an assistant coach in 1995-96.

Courtney joins Rob Lanier and Steve Seymour as assistant coaches on head coach Dave Leitao's staff. He is a native of Springfield, Va., and a 1992 graduate of Bucknell University.

VIRGINIA PLAYERS IN INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

Guard J.R. Reynolds and forward Laurynas Mikalauskas gained valuable experience playing against international competition during the spring and summer of 2006.

Reynolds averaged 12.7 points a game with a traveling team of college players during a trip to Nassau in the Bahamas in May. The team won all seven games on the trip, including two victories over the Bahamian National Team, and Reynolds led the team in scoring in two of the games. He led the team with 18 points in a victory over the Bahamian National Team in the final game of the trip. He scored 23 points to lead the team in another game, the most points he scored during the trip.

A benefit for Reynolds that should also turn out to be a benefit for the 2006-07 Virginia team was that he got to play a lot of point guard during the trip. That experience should improve his versatility in the Cavaliers' backcourt this season.

Mikalauskas played for the Lithuanian team that finished second to Russia in the Global Games at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Tex., in June. Among his top performances were a 19-point, five-rebound effort in a loss to Russia, and an 18-point, 11-rebound performance in a victory over Argentina.



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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.

