

2006-07 VIRGINIA MEN'S BASKETBALL

2006-07 Schedule

VIRGINIA
6-1 OVERALL
1-0 ACC

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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^	4 p.m.
Dec. 20	vs. Utah or UCF^	TBA
Dec. 21	vs. TBD^.....	TBA
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 (6-1) VS. APPALACHIAN STATE

SAN JUAN SHOOTOUT

DECEMBER 19, 2006 • 5:00 P.M. (AT)

MARIO MORALES COLISEUM

GUAYNABO, PUERTO RICO

TELEVISION

Today'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.

THE GAME

Virginia enters the San Juan Shootout with a 6-1 record. UVa is 1-0 in the Atlantic Coast Conference. The Cavaliers are coming off a 91-69 win over Hampton (Dec. 16) at the John Paul Jones Arena.

Appalachian State was 6-3 overall and 2-0 in the Southern Conference prior to its conference game against Georgia Southern Saturday (Dec. 16). ASU defeated Brevard 93-53 (Dec. 14) at home.

SAN JUAN SHOOTOUT

This is the second time Virginia is playing in Puerto Rico and the third time UVa has played outside the continental United States. Virginia's first appearance in Puerto Rico was in the 1999 Puerto Rico Shootout. The first time the Cavaliers played outside the continental U.S. was in the 1982-83 season when the Terry Holland-coached Cavaliers travelled to Tokyo, Japan, to play Houston (a 72-63 win) and Utah (an 80-57 win) in the Suntory Ball Classic. With the two wins Virginia won the Suntory Ball Classic title.

Virginia finished fifth in the 1999 Puerto Rico Shootout. After falling to South Carolina 73-71, UVa posted wins over Providence (80-64) and Arizona State (70-64).

UVa opens the San Juan Shootout on Dec. 19 vs. Appalachian State. The Cavaliers will play either Utah or Central Florida in the second round on Dec. 20.

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CAVALIERS



CAVALIER GAME NOTES

Virginia's PROBABLE Starters

No.	Pos.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Ppg.	Rpg.	Ap.	Mpg	Notes
24	G/F	Mamadi Diane	6-5	197	So.	13.7	5.1	1.9	31.1	First career double-double vs. Hampton (10 pts, 11 rebs)
33	F	Jason Cain	6-10	225	Sr.	9.4	7.7	0.9	22.3	Has 7 career double-doubles
34	F/C	Ryan Pettinella	6-9	238	Jr.	5.0	3.7	0.0	14.9	First career double-double vs. Hampton (14 pts, 10 rebs)
2	G	J.R. Reynolds	6-2 1/2	188	Sr.	13.9	4.1	4.0	28.0	2006-07 Preseason All-ACC Second Team
44	G	Sean Singletary	6-0	185	Jr.	18.1	5.1	5.9	33.0	2006-07 Preseason All-ACC First Team

Virginia's Key Reserves

30	F	Adrian Joseph	6-7	205	Jr.	9.2	5.8	1.8	26.5	Career-high 10 rebounds vs. Purdue
11	F	Laurynas Mikalauskas	6-8	255	So.	2.6	1.3	0.6	8.1	Played for Lithuanian team this past summer
12	F	Jamil Tucker	6-8	230	Fr.	2.4	1.7	0.1	8.9	Had career-highs of 8 pts and 5 rebs. vs. UMES
1	F/G	Will Harris	6-6	230	Fr.	6.9	4.6	0.7	16.9	16 pts., 8 rebs. vs. Morgan State
21	C	Tunji Soroye	6-11	245	Jr.	1.0	0.7	0.0	9.7	Saw first game action of 2006-07 vs. Purdue
45	G/F	Soloman Tat	6-5	220	Fr.	3.0	2.0	0.0	12.0	Missed last six games because of injury
55	F/C	Jerome Meynsse	6-8	230	Fr.	2.8	3.5	0.0	11.0	Scored a career-high 9 points vs. UMES

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. APPALACHIAN STATE

Virginia leads the all-time series vs. Appalachian State 2-0. Both meetings occurred at University Hall. The Cavaliers won the initial meeting 62-54 on Dec. 2, 1997 and then posted a 77-60 victory on Nov. 24, 2004.

VIRGINIA VS. THE SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

Virginia's game against Appalachian State is its only contest this season against a school from the Southern Conference. UVa has won its last 13 games against teams representing the Southern Conference. The Cavaliers' last game against a Southern Conference school was a 79-67 victory over Furman on Dec. 8, 2004 in Charlottesville. Virginia's last loss to a Southern Conference team was a 64-63 setback to Davidson on Jan. 23, 1974 at University Hall.

Virginia was one of the 13 original members of the "old" Southern Conference from 1922-37 and has a long and rich history of competition against the Southern Conference.

Against the 11 current members of the Southern Conference, the Cavaliers are 22-4 all-time. The Cavaliers are 5-0 vs. Elon, 2-0 vs. The Citadel and Appalachian State, 1-0 vs. the College of Charleston, Furman and Wofford, and 10-4 against Davidson.

Of the Southern Conference's current membership, Virginia has never faced Chattanooga, Georgia Southern, North Carolina-Greensboro or Western Carolina.

There have been 41 other schools besides UVa that have been members of the Southern Conference at one time or another since 1922. These schools include many current members of the Southeastern Conference and the ACC. Virginia is 276-244 (.531) against these schools at the time they were in the Southern Conference.

THE SERIES VS. THE OTHER SAN JUAN SHOOTOUT TEAMS

Virginia will play either Central Florida or Utah in the tournament on Dec. 20.

The Cavaliers have never played the University of Central Florida. Virginia leads the all-time series vs. Utah 1-0. The initial meeting vs. the Utes also took place outside the continental United States. Virginia defeated Utah 80-57 on Dec. 18, 1982 in the Suntory Ball Classic in Tokyo, Japan.

The Cavaliers have never played Tennessee Tech or Puerto Rico-Mayaguez.

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 101-85 (7 yrs.)
 Record at Virginia..... 21-16 (2 yrs.)
 Assistant Coaches Bill Courtney,
 Rob Lanier, Steve Seymour
 Director of Operations Drew Diener
 Asst. Dir. of Operations ... Oliver Winterbone
 Strength Coach..... Shaun Brown
 Athletic Trainer..... Jeff Boyer
 First Season of Basketball 1905-06
 All-Time Record 1,336-1,035 (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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UVa leads the all-time series vs. Northwestern 2-0. The Cavaliers have played Northwestern in each of the last two seasons in the ACC-Big Ten Challenge. UVa won the first meeting 48-44 (Dec. 1, 2004) at Northwestern and then took a 72-57 decision (Nov. 30, 2005) in Charlottesville.

Vanderbilt is the only team in the San Juan Shootout field to beat the Cavaliers. The Commodores lead the all-time series 5-1. The two teams met twice in the 1950s with Vandy coming away with two home wins (90-83 – Dec. 6, 1952 and 75-64 – Dec. 29, 1958). The Commodores won a third consecutive meeting in Nashville 68-64 on Dec. 3, 1989. UVa won its only game in the series 70-56 at home on Dec. 8, 1990. In the 1994-95 season, Vanderbilt earned a 70-65 win on Dec. 6 in Nashville. The last meeting between the two teams came on Dec. 5, 1995 with Vandy winning 61-48 in University Hall.

UVa has a 6-5 all-time record against the seven other teams in the San Juan Shootout.

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.

CAVALIERS OPEN SEASON STRONG

Virginia opened the 2006-07 season with four consecutive victories for the fifth time in the last seven seasons. UVa won its season opener 93-90 over 10th-ranked Arizona (Nov. 12) and then registered an 85-66 win over Morgan State (Nov. 19). UVa also defeated UNC Asheville 81-64 (Nov. 22) and Maryland Eastern Shore 104-63 (Nov. 26). All four wins came at the John Paul Jones Arena. Virginia had its four-game winning streak snapped with a 61-59 loss at Purdue (Nov. 29). The Cavaliers bounced back from their loss to Purdue with a 67-62 win over NC State (Dec. 3) at home.

HEAD COACH DAVE LEITAO

Dave Leitao is in his second season as the Cavaliers' head coach and has a record of 21-16. 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 101-85.

The only team in the San Juan Shootout Leitao has faced as a head coach is Northwestern. He is 2-1 all-time against the Wildcats.

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

School	Record	Years
Northeastern	22-35	'95, '96
DePaul	58-34	'03, '04, '05
Virginia	21-16	'06, '07
7 Seasons	101-85	

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)	

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	



CAVALIER GAME NOTES

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.

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

LEITAO REGISTERS 100TH WIN

Virginia head coach Dave Leitao earned his 100th career coaching victory against NC State (Dec. 3). He sports a record of 101-85 as a head coach. Leitao registered his first career coaching win against Howard (78-62) on Dec. 3, 1994 while the head coach at Northeastern.

VIRGINIA NOTCHES 91-69 WIN OVER HAMPTON

Five Cavaliers scored in double figures and Mamadi Diane and Ryan Pettinella each had double-doubles as Virginia defeated Hampton 91-69 (Dec. 16) at the John Paul Jones Arena.

Sean Singletary led the way for Virginia with a season-high 27 points and was 14-16 from the free throw line. Singletary saw his streak of 39 consecutive made free throws snapped with 17:05 to go in the second half (after he made all 10 attempts in the first half).

Pettinella notched his first career double-double with 14 points and 10 rebounds, including five offensive. He was a perfect 6-6 from the field. Diane set a career-high with 11 rebounds and contributed 10 points for his first career double-double. He also played a team-high 35 minutes. Jason Cain and Adrian Joseph rounded out UVa's double digit scorers with 12 points apiece.

The Cavaliers took a 42-36 lead at the intermission. Hampton was within six points with 18:34 remaining in the second half before a three-pointer by Joseph started a 19-8 Virginia run that gave the Cavaliers a 65-48 lead with 12:58 to go. The Pirates never got closer than 14 points the rest of the way.

Virginia head coach Dave Leitao was ejected from the game after picking up two technical fouls with 4:43 remaining in the first half and UVa leading 33-22.

The Pirates received 17 points apiece from Mike Freeman and Demario Mattox. Freeman also added seven rebounds.

The Cavaliers outrebounded Hampton 49-33, including 20-13 on the offensive glass. UVa forced 21 Pirate turnovers and had 20 points off those turnovers. Virginia attempted 44 free throws in the game and made 29 for 65.9 percent, while Hampton was only 8-13 (61.5 percent).

LONG BREAK TO BUSY SCHEDULE

After a 12-day break for final exams, UVa's 91-69 win over Hampton (Dec. 16) began a stretch of four games in six days. The Cavaliers play three games in Puerto Rico (Dec. 19-21) in the San Juan Shootout. UVa opens the tournament against Appalachian State on Dec. 19. Virginia plays either Central Florida or Utah on Dec. 20.

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)

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.

Reynolds came back with a 14-point performance against NC State (Dec. 3), but only scored nine points against Hampton (Dec. 16).

THREE-POINT FIELD GOALS

J.R. Reynolds has made 170 three-point field goals in his career and is in fourth place on UVA's all-time three-point field goals list. John Crotty (1988-91) is third with 179 three-pointers.

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 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.

REBOUNDED 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 played just one minute against Hampton (Dec. 16).

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.).

HOT SHOOTING

Mamadi Diane is off to a good start shooting the basketball in the 2006-07 season. The sophomore has made 34-67 field goal attempts for 50.7 percent accuracy. He is also 15-18 (83.3 percent) from the free throw line. Diane scored a career-high 25 points against Arizona (Nov. 12). 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 55-58 from the line for 94.8 percent accuracy after making 14 of 16 attempts vs. Hampton (Dec. 16). Both the attempts and made free throws are career highs for Singletary.

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)

Singletary made his last two free throws vs. Hampton.

MORE FREE THROWS

UVa has made 27 more free throws (145) in the first seven games than its seven opponents have combined to take (118) in those seven games. Virginia is 145-204 (71.1 percent) from the free throw line, while its seven opponents are a combined 80-118 (67.8 percent).

OVER 900

Sean Singletary reached the 900-point plateau in UVa's loss to Purdue (Nov. 29). Singletary has scored 944 points in his career. He needs 56 points to become the 41st Cavalier to score 1,000 career points.

NEARLY TOP 10

Sean Singletary has handed out 275 assists during his career and is closing in on the 10th spot on UVa's all-time assists list. Billy Langloh (1974-77) holds 10th place on Virginia's all-time assists list with 286.

REBOUNDING PROWESS

Virginia is averaging an impressive 45.7 rebounds per game this season. According to STATS LLC, UVa's average of 45.7 boards a contest leads all Division I schools (through games played Dec. 15). The Cavaliers also lead all ACC schools in rebound margin with a mark of 14.0 per game (45.7 to 31.7).

UVa has not been outrebounded this season. After tying Arizona in rebounds (36) in its season opener, Virginia has outrebounded each of its next six opponents by a combined 98 boards (16.3 per game).

DIANE NAMED ACC PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Sophomore guard/forward Mamadi Diane was selected the Atlantic Coast Conference Men's Basketball Player of the Week on Nov. 13 after scoring a career-high 25 points in UVa's 93-90 win over 10th-ranked Arizona (Nov. 12) at the John Paul Jones Arena.

Diane made 8-9 attempts from the field, including 5-6 three-point attempts, and all four free throws in registering the career-best 25 points. He also grabbed four rebounds and had two assists and two steals in 28 minutes of playing time.

Diane's previous career high was 18 points against Northwestern on Nov. 30, 2005. He snapped a streak of 17 consecutive games without scoring in double figures. It was the first time Diane has led UVa in scoring (Sean Singletary also had 25 points) since he tallied 17 points in his college debut on Nov. 18, 2005 against Liberty. Diane became the first men's basketball player to score a point in John Paul Jones Arena history when he made a three-point field goal at the 19:34 mark of the first half.

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.

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 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.

All of Virginia's players will have the opportunity to play outside the continental United States when the Cavaliers compete in the San Juan Shootout (Dec. 19-21) in Puerto Rico.

2006-07 Virginia Men's Basketball Additional Player Bios

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.

