

2006-07 VIRGINIA MEN'S BASKETBALL

2006-07 Schedule

VIRGINIA
0-0 OVERALL
0-0 ACC

Nov. 4	AUGUSTA STATE (Exhib.)	W, 78-63
Nov. 12	ARIZONA (FSNS/FSN-FL/NESN/CSN [in Va.]	.....7 p.m.
Nov. 19	MORGAN STATE	.....3 p.m.
Nov. 22	UNC ASHEVILLE	.....7 p.m.
Nov. 26	MARYLAND-EASTERN SHORE	.....3 p.m.
Nov. 29	at Purdue# (ESPN2)	.....7:30 p.m.
Dec. 3	NC STATE* (FSN)	.....3:30 p.m.
Dec. 16	HAMPTON	.....2 p.m.
Dec. 19	Appalachian State^	.....4 p.m.
Dec. 20	Utah or UCF^	.....TBA
Dec. 21	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.

#10 ARIZONA (0-0)

VS.

VIRGINIA (0-0)

INAUGURAL GAME

NOVEMBER 12, 2006 • 7:00 P.M.

JOHN PAUL JONES ARENA (15,219)

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA.

TELEVISION

Tonight's game will be televised by Fox Sports Net South, Fox Sports Net Florida, Fox Sports Net Arizona, New England Sports Network, and Comcast Sports Net in Virginia. Bob Rathbun will handle the play-by-play. Dan Bonner and Bob Elliott are the analysts.

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 won its only exhibition game of the 2006-07 season 78-63 over Division II Augusta State Nov. 4 at the John Paul Jones Arena. The Cavaliers finished the 2005-06 season with a 15-15 record and tied for seventh in the Atlantic Coast Conference with a 7-9 record. UVa lost to Stanford 65-49 (Mar. 14) in the opening round of the National Invitation Tournament.

Arizona finished the 2005-06 season with a 20-13 overall record and an 11-7 mark in the Pac 10. The Wildcats are ranked 10th in The Associated Press and ESPN/USA Today Top 25 polls. Arizona fell to Villanova 82-78 in the second round of the NCAA Tournament. The Wildcats played a pair of exhibition games, defeating Team Georgia 125-74 (Nov. 4) and the University of Victoria 111-56 (Nov. 8).

A NEW ERA

A new era of Virginia basketball begins this evening as UVa takes the floor for the first time in the John Paul Jones Arena. The arena, which officially opened in August of 2006, seats 15,219 for basketball games.

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CAVALIERS



CAVALIER GAME NOTES

Virginia's PROBABLE Starters

No.	Pos.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Ppg.	Rpg.	Apg.	Mpg	Notes
30	F	Adrian Joseph	6-7	205	Jr.	9.4	4.5	0.5	28.6	Led UVa with 17 points in exhibition game
33	F	Jason Cain	6-10	225	Sr.	7.4	7.6	0.5	26.4	Had 6 double-doubles in 2005-06
34	F/C	Ryan Pettinella	6-9	238	Jr.	--	--	--	--	Played at UPenn in 2003-04 and 2004-05
2	G	J.R. Reynolds	6-2 1/2	188	Sr.	17.0	3.1	3.1	33.2	2006-07 Preseason All-ACC Second Team
44	G	Sean Singletary	6-0	185	Jr.	17.7	4.4	4.2	33.9	2006-07 Preseason All-ACC First Team

Virginia's Key Reserves

11	F	Laurynas Mikalauskas	6-8	255	So.	6.2	4.5	0.1	23.6	Played for Lithuanian team this past summer
12	F	Jamil Tucker	6-8	230	Fr.	--	--	--	--	6 pts, 3 rebs., 2 blocks in exhibition game
24	G/F	Mamadi Diane	6-5	197	So.	6.0	3.7	1.1	22.3	Started first 11 games of 2005-06 season
21	C	Tunji Soroye	6-11	245	Jr.	1.8	3.5	0.1	18.4	Will miss tonight's game with an injury
1	F/G	Will Harris	6-6	230	Fr.	--	--	--	--	Missed UVa's exhibition game because of injury
45	G/F	Soloman Tat	6-5	220	Fr.	--	--	--	--	Missed UVa's exhibition game because of injury

CAVALIERS OPEN SEASON TONIGHT

Virginia begins the 2006-07 season, its 102nd overall and the second under head coach Dave Leitao, tonight as the Cavaliers host 10th-ranked Arizona at 7:00 p.m. in the John Paul Jones Arena.

UVa is 81-20 (.802) all-time in season openers. The Cavaliers have won eight consecutive and 17 of their last 19 season openers dating back to 1987-88. Virginia's last loss in a season opener was in 1997-98 when it dropped an 83-79 double overtime decision at Richmond (Nov. 16).

The Cavaliers won their last nine season openers at their former home - University Hall. UVa's last loss in a home opener was a 77-36 setback to Connecticut in the 1993-94 season.

Here's a look at Virginia's current home season-opener winning streak:

Nov. 18, 2005	Liberty	W	79-44
Nov. 19, 2004	Robert Morris	W	88-55
Nov. 23, 2003	Mount St. Mary's	W	80-71
Nov. 22, 2002	Long Island University	W	90-86
Nov. 16, 2001	Wagner College	W	105-74
Nov. 17, 2000	Long Island University	W	96-50
Nov. 19, 1999	Elon	W	97-66
Nov. 24, 1995	Tennessee-Martin	W	84-65
Nov. 16, 1994	Old Dominion	W	83-80

HEAD COACH DAVE LEITAO

Dave Leitao is in his second season as the Cavaliers' head coach. 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 first 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.

School	Record	Years
Northeastern	22-35	'95, '96
DePaul	58-34	'03, '04, '05
Virginia	15-15	'06, '07
6 Seasons	95-84	

In six seasons as a head coach, Dave Leitao has a career record of 95-84.

Leitao is 0-1 all-time vs. Arizona as a head coach.

Leitao has coached in 28 games against AP ranked teams and is 7-21. Against top 10 AP teams, Leitao is 0-9. He was 0-4 against ranked teams in two seasons at Northeastern, 5-11 vs. ranked opponents in three years at DePaul, and 2-6 against ranked foes at UVa. Virginia's 72-58 win over 11th-ranked Boston

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	95-84 (6 yrs.)
Record at Virginia	15-15 (1 yr.)
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	1,330-1,034 (101 yrs.)
University Hall.....	402-143 (41 yrs.)
JPJ Arena.....	0-0 (first season)
All-Time ACC Record	304-443 (55 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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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 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

College (Feb. 21) marked the highest ranked opponent a Leitao coached team has defeated. The previous highest ranked opponent Leitao beat was 13th-ranked

Cincinnati – 68-65 (Mar. 4, 2004) while he was the head coach at DePaul.

LEITAO IN SEASON OPENERS

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

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

THE SERIES VS. ARIZONA

Tonight's game is the fourth meeting between the Cavaliers and Wildcats. Arizona leads the series 2-1. Arizona (ranked ninth at the time) won the initial meeting, 71-58, in the second round of the 1994 NCAA Tournament in Sacramento, Calif. (Mar. 20). UVa evened the series with an impressive 78-60 win (Nov. 21) over the then 10th-ranked Wildcats in 2003-04 at University Hall. The Wildcats won last season's meeting 81-51 (Nov. 27) in Tucson.

Tonight's game marks the first time UVa has ever played a Pac-10 team three consecutive seasons.

THE SERIES VS. THE PAC-10

Virginia is 7-7 all-time against current members of the Pac-10. UVa closed out the 2005-06 season with a loss to Stanford (65-49) in the opening round of the NIT. Prior to UVa playing Arizona the last two seasons (a win in 2004-05 and a loss last year), the Cavaliers' most recent meeting with a Pac-10 school was during the 1999-2000 season. UVa defeated Arizona State 70-64 (Nov. 27) in the Puerto Rico Shootout in Bayamon, Puerto Rico. UVa is 2-0 vs. Washington State, 1-0 vs. Arizona State, Southern California and Washington, 1-4 vs. Stanford, 1-2 vs. Arizona and 0-1 vs. UCLA. The Cavaliers have never faced California, Oregon, or Oregon State.

LAST SEASON VS. ARIZONA

Virginia held the lead late in the first half, but ninth-ranked Arizona closed out the first stanza with a 9-0 run to take the lead for good and went on to an 81-51 victory (Nov. 27) over the Cavaliers in Tucson, Ariz.

After trailing by as many as seven points (20-13) midway through the first half, UVa went on a 15-2 spurt to grab a 28-22 advantage with 3:13 remaining in the first half. The Wildcats answered with a 9-0 run to take a 31-28 halftime lead. Arizona broke the game open with a 20-1 run during the first 6:42 of the second half.

Sean Singletary led UVa with a game-high 24 points and also added five rebounds and three steals, but committed nine turnovers. Adrian Joseph was the

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

All-ACC Second Team	Points
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	Points
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	Points
Thaddeus Young, GT	24
Ty Lawson, UNC	15
Javaris Crittenton, GT	4
Wayne Ellington, UNC	2
six others with 1 vote	



CAVALIER GAME NOTES

only other Cavalier to reach double figures in scoring as he had 12 points.

The Cavaliers shot only 37.0 percent (20-54) from the field in the game, while Arizona connected on 33-65 attempts from the floor for 50.8 percent. Virginia held a 37-33 edge in rebounds, but had 24 turnovers compared to only nine for the Wildcats.

Chris Rodgers led Arizona with 20 points. Mustafa Shakur and Hassan Adams both tallied 14 points, and Shakur added seven assists and six rebounds.

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.

SECOND BEST STREAK

Guard J.R. Reynolds has scored in double figures in his last 24 games. That's the second best current streak among ACC players entering the 2006-07 season. UNC's Tyler Hansbrough enters the 2006-07 season having scored in double figures in 25 consecutive games.

THREE-POINT FIELD GOALS

J.R. Reynolds has made 159 three-point field goals in his career and is in fifth place on UVa's all-time three-point field goals list. Reynolds needs two more three-point field goals to tie Devin Smith (2003-05) for fourth place with 161 career threes. John Crotty (1988-91) is third with 179 three-pointers.

SOROYE OUT

Junior center Tunji Soroye had surgery on Nov. 9 to correct groin area discomfort. He is expected to be out three weeks or longer.

"We are anxious to have Tunji back with us as soon as his rehabilitation process enables him to return," Virginia head coach Dave Leitao said. "We will miss his presence and look forward to having him back in action."

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.).

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.

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)

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 TO BE RETIRED

The jersey of former Virginia standout Curtis Staples will be retired during halftime ceremonies of tonight's basketball game.

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.

ACC/BIG TEN CHALLENGE

Virginia hopes to assist the Atlantic Coast Conference in winning the Commissioner's Cup for an eighth consecutive year when it plays at Purdue on Nov. 29 at 7:30 p.m. in the ACC/Big Ten Challenge.

The Cavaliers have played six games in the ACC/Big Ten Challenge and have compiled a 4-2 record. UVa defeated Northwestern 72-57 in Charlottesville last season.

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 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 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 with Memorial Gymnasium's first victory 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 Mikaluskas (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 Mikaluskas 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.

Mikaluskas 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.

CAVALIERS IN THE 2006 ACC STATISTICAL RANKINGS

Three Virginia players were among the leaders in the final Atlantic Coast Conference statistical rankings for the 2005-06 season.

Guard Sean Singletary ranked third in the ACC in free throw percentage (.845, 125-148), fifth in scoring (17.7 ppg.), fifth in steals (54, 1.86 spg.), sixth in assists (121, 4.2 apg.) and eighth in minutes played (982, 33.86 mpg.).

Forward Jason Cain ranked tied for fifth in the conference in double figure rebound games (9), seventh in overall rebounding (229, 7.6 rpg.) and defensive rebounds (142, 4.73 drpg.), tied for eighth in offensive rebounds (87, 2.90 orpg.) and tied for ninth in double-doubles (6).

Guard J.R. Reynolds ranked eighth in the ACC in scoring (17.0 ppg.), and ninth in free throw percentage (.776, 128-165) and three-point field goals made per game (60, 2.00 pg).