## 2006-07 VIRGINIA MEN'S BASKETBALL

## 2006-07 Schedule

 VIRGINIA 12-6 OVERALL 4-2 ACC
## H: 10-1, A: 1-3, 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 ${ }^{\wedge}$ ..... L, 69-80
Dec. 20 vs. Utah^. ..... L, 70-94
Dec. 21 vs. Puerto Rico-Mayaguez ${ }^{\wedge}$ ..... W, 59-52
Dec. 28 AMERICAN. ..... W, 91-70
Jan. 3 GONZAGA (ESPN2). ..... W, 108-87
Jan. 7 STANFORD (FSN) ..... L, 75-76
Jan. 10 at \#1 North Carolina* (RLF Split) ..... L, 69-79
Jan. 13 at Boston College* (RLF) ..... L, 73-78
Jan. 16 MARYLAND* (RLF Split) ..... W, 103-91
Jan. 21 WAKE FOREST* (RLF) ..... W, 88-76
Jan. 24 at NC State* (RLF Split) ..... W, 71-58
Jan. 28 at \#19 Clemson* (RLF).. ..... 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; CSNComcast Sports Net; RLF - Raycom-Lincoln Financial Sports; RSNRegional Sports Network, consists of Comcast Sports Net, Fox Sports NetFlorida and Fox Sports Net South.
Times are Eastern Standard.All game times are subject to change.

Virginia (12-6, 4-2) VS. \#19/\#17 Clemson (18-3, 4-3)

January 28, 2007 • 1:00 P.m. Littlejohn Coliseum $(\mathbf{9 , 8 5 0})$ Clemson, S.C.

## TELEVISION

Today's game will be televised by Raycom-Lincoln Financial (RLF). Bob Rathbun will handle the play-by-play. Eddie Fogler is the analyst.

## RADIO

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

## OFFICIALS

## THE GAME

Virginia enters today's conference game against Clemson with a 12-6 overall record and a 4-2 mark in the Atlantic Coast Conference. The Cavaliers have won their last three games, including a 71-58 victory over NC State (Jan. 24) at the RBC Center in Raleigh, N.C.

Clemson is $18-3$ overall and $4-3$ in the ACC. The Tigers, who are ranked 19th in The Associated Press and 17th in the ESPN/USAToday Top 25 polls, are coming off a 68-66 loss to Duke (Jan. 25) in Durham, N.C. Clemson has lost three of its last four games after opening the season with 17 straight wins.

## A NEW ERA

A new era of Virginia basketball began on Nov. 12 when the Cavaliers christened the John Paul Jones Arena with a 9390 victory over Arizona. The arena, which officially opened in August of 2006, seats 15,219 for basketball games.

Virginia is $10-1$ in the John Paul Jones Arena.

## THE SERIES VS. CLEMSON

Virginia leads the all-time series with Clemson 64-47. The Cavaliers won the initial meeting of the 2005-06 season 64-58 (Jan. 7) in Charlottesville, but had their five-game winning streak over Clemson snapped with a $90-64$ loss (Feb. 25)

## Virginia's PROBABLE Starters

| No. Pos. Name | Ht. | Wt. | Cl. | Ppg. | Rpg. Apg. | Mpg | Notes |  |  |  |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 33 | F | Jason Cain | $6-10$ | 225 | Sr. | 7.3 | 6.8 | 0.8 | 20.8 | Has 8 career double-doubles, two this season |
| 24 | G/F | Mamadi Diane | $6-5$ | 197 | So. | 11.2 | 3.8 | 1.3 | 27.7 | Career high 26 points vs. Maryland (Jan. 16) |
| 11 | F | Laurynas Mikalauskas | $6-8$ | 255 | So. | 4.1 | 1.7 | 0.4 | 14.0 | Season-high 10 points vs. North Carolina (Jan. 10) |
| 2 | G | J.R. Reynolds | $6-21 / 2$ | 188 | Sr. | 18.2 | 3.9 | 4.1 | 30.7 | ACC Player of the Week on Jan. 22; 40 pts. vs. Wake |
| 44 | G | Sean Singletary | $6-0$ | 185 | Jr. | 19.4 | 4.2 | 5.2 | 32.2 | Back-to-back 30 pt. games (33 vs. American, 37 vs. Gonzaga) |
| Virginia's Key Reserves |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | F/G | Will Harris | $6-6$ | 230 | Fr. | 3.9 | 4.1 | 0.6 | 15.7 | Made first career start vs. American (Dec. 28) |
| 30 | F | Adrian Joseph | $6-7$ | 205 | Jr. | 7.5 | 4.2 | 1.3 | 24.5 | Career-high 10 rebounds vs. Purdue |
| 21 | C | Tunji Soroye | $6-11$ | 245 | Jr. | 1.4 | 2.0 | 0.0 | 8.8 | Saw first game action of 2006-07 vs. Purdue (Nov. 29) |
| 12 | F | Jamil Tucker | $6-8$ | 230 | Fr. | 3.8 | 2.3 | 0.1 | 11.3 | Career-high 12 pts vs. Gonzaga (Jan. 3) and Maryland (Jan. 16) |
| 55 | F/C | Jerome Meyinsse | $6-8$ | 230 | Fr. | 1.7 | 1.9 | 0.1 | 8.7 | Scored a career-high 9 points vs. UMES |
| 34 | F/C | Ryan Pettinella | $6-9$ | 238 | Jr. | 5.1 | 3.7 | 0.0 | 14.9 | Has missed the last eight games with a knee injury |
| 45 | G/F | Soloman Tat | $6-5$ | 220 | Fr. | 1.9 | 1.4 | 0.6 | 7.9 | Played in last seven games after missing 10 because of injury |

in Clemson, S.C.
UVa won the only meeting against Clemson in the 2004-05 season 81-79 (Jan. 22) at University Hall. Virginia swept three games from the Tigers in the 2003-04 season. UVa snapped a two-game losing streak to the Tigers with a $61-50$ win (Jan. 20) in Charlottesville. Virginia earned a sweep with a $58-55$ victory (Feb. 21) in Clemson, S.C., and then defeated Clemson a third time with an 83-79 overtime victory (Mar. 11) in the ACC Tournament in Greensboro, N.C. It marked only the second time the Cavaliers beat Clemson three times in the same season (UVa also won three times in 1982).

UVa has won 12 of the last 17 games against the Tigers and 23 of the last 33 in the series dating back to the 1989-90 season. The Cavaliers swept the season series seven times in the last 14 seasons (since 1992-93) and are 19-9 vs. the Tigers during that span.

The Tigers swept the 2002-03 season series from UVa, winning 78-77 (Jan. 18) in Clemson, S.C., and 73-64 (Feb. 18) in Charlottesville. It marked Clemson's first season sweep since the 1996-97 campaign.

All-time the Cavaliers are 16-21 at Littlejohn Coliseum and 20-31 in Clemson. Virginia is 1-3 in its last four trips to Clemson after posting wins in 1999-00 - 98-91 (Jan. 15, 2000) and 2000-01 - 104-76 (Jan. 27, 2001).

UVa's last four wins in the series have been decided by a total of 15 points with UVa's six-point win (64-58) last season marking the largest margin of victory. In the 2003-04 season, the Cavaliers won by three points (58-55) and four points - in overtime (83-79). UVa won by two points (81-79) in 2004-05.

Today's meeting marks the first time UVa has played a ranked Clemson team (AP Poll) since the 1998-99 season. The Tigers were ranked 25th when Virginia posted a $65-58$ win in Charlottesville on Jan. 17, 1999. UVa is 7-8 all-time vs. a ranked Clemson team, but only 2-5 on Clemson's home floor.

## LAST SEASON VS. CLEMSON

Virginia split a pair of games with Clemson last season with both teams winning on their home floor. UVa won in Charlottesville 64-58 on Jan. 7, while the Tigers registered a 90-64 win in Clemson on Feb. 25.

In the first meeting, Adrian Joseph scored a game-high 19 points to help lead Virginia to a 64-58 victory at University Hall. It marked the first ACC win in the Dave Leitao era at UVa.

Joseph led four Cavaliers in double figure scoring with his 19 points. He was 6-10 from the field, including 3-5 on three-point attempts, and made all four free throws, while playing 39 minutes. Sean Singletary added 17 points, six assists, five rebounds and two steals, while Jason Cain nearly recorded a double-double with 12 points and a game-high nine rebounds. J.R. Reynolds added 10 points and six rebounds.

UVa led throughout much of the first half and took a 31-26 lead at the inter-

## QUICK FACTS

Location $\qquad$ Charlottesville, Va. 22904 Founded. $\qquad$ 1819, by Thomas Jefferson Enrollment $\qquad$ John T. Casteen III President. Athletics Director............. Craig Littlepage Nicknames.........Cavaliers, Wahoos, ‘Hoos Colors. $\qquad$ Blue \& Orange
Conference $\qquad$ Atlantic Coast Home Court......John Paul Jones Arena $(\mathbf{1 5 , 2 1 9})$ Press Row Phone 434-296-5910

## COACHING STAFF

Head Coach $\qquad$ Dave Leitao Career Record 107-90 (7 yrs.)
Record at Virginia $\qquad$ .27-21 (2 yrs.)
Assistant Coaches .Bill Courtney,
Rob Lanier, Steve Seymour
Director of Operations ............Drew Diener Asst. Dir. of Operations ... Oliver Winterbone Strength Coach. $\qquad$ . Shaun Brown Athletic Trainer .Jeff Boyer First Season of Basketball .............. 1905-06 All-Time Record ...... 1,342-1,040 (102 yrs.) University Hall.........402-143 (41 yrs.) JPJ Arena................ 10-1 (first season) All-Time ACC Record ..... 308-445 (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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mission. The Cavaliers took their biggest lead of the contest, 52-42, with 8:08 remaining on a Singletary three-pointer. Clemson immediately went on an 11-0 run to take a 53-52 edge with 4:35 to play. Vernon Hamilton scored seven of the 11 points during the spurt. A Cain free throw with $4: 14$ to go halted the run and tied the game. Two more Cain tosses from the charity stripe gave UVa a twopoint lead (55-53) with 2:44 left. A three-point play by Cliff Hammonds put the Tigers back on top, 56-55 with 1:33 remaining. A Singletary jumper at the 1:12 mark put Virginia back on top to stay, 57-56. UVa made 7-8 free throws in the final minute to seal the victory.

The Cavaliers shot 41.7 percent (20-48) from the field, but made 6-11 three-point attempts ( 54.5 percent). Clemson shot 39.7 percent (23-58) from the floor and made 6-7 free throws ( 85.7 percent). UVa nearly matched the Tigers' accuracy from the line, but made three times as many while going 18-22 for 81.8 percent. Virginia held a commanding 39-21 advantage in rebounds, but committed 17 turnovers to Clemson's 11 .

Hammonds led Clemson with 14 points, while Hamilton added 13 points, four assists and four steals.

In the second meeting, Clemson scored 36 points off a season-high 29 Cavalier turnovers and posted a 90-64 victory (Feb. 25) in Clemson, S.C.

Singletary led UVa with a game-high 25 points and he also tallied team highs of six rebounds, four assists and four steals. He also had nine turnovers. Reynolds was the only other Cavalier in double figures in scoring with 16 points. Reynolds made 6-9 field goal attempts, including both three-point tries.

UVa tied the game just once and that was at 2-2 on a Cain layup. The Tigers then went on a $30-5$ run to open up a 32-7 lead with 10:44 remaining in the first half. Virginia used a 13-5 spurt to close within 37-20 with 7:23 remaining in the opening half. By the end of the first half, UVa trimmed the deficit to 11 and trailed 46-35 at the intermission.

Clemson's Shawan Robinson opened the second half with a three-pointer, but UVa responded with a Singletary layup and a three-pointer by T.J. Bannister to pull within nine, 49-40, three minutes into the second stanza. The Tigers answered with a 9-0 run to extend their lead to $18(58-40)$ with 13:56 to go. UVa never got closer than 15 the rest of the game.

Virginia shot 43.8 percent (21-48) from the field, while Clemson made 32-61 attempts from the field for 52.5 percent accuracy. The Cavaliers made 77.3 percent (17-22) of their free throw attempts. The Tigers held a 34-32 edge in rebounds and committed 16 turnovers to UVa's 29 - 14 of which were Clemson steals.

Robinson led five Clemson players in double figures with 22 points, while Akin Akingbala had 14 points.

## VIRGINIA WINS ACC OPENER, OFF TO GOOD START

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.

After the victory over NC State last month, UVa lost its next two ACC contests - 79-69 to then top-ranked North Carolina (Jan. 10) in Chapel Hill and 78-73 to Boston College (Jan. 13) in Chestnut Hill, Mass.

The Cavaliers improved to 2-2 in the ACC with a 103-91 win over Maryland (Jan. 16) at home. UVa increased its ACC winning streak to three games with an 88-76 win over Wake Forest (Jan. 21) and a 71-58 victory over NC State (Jan. 24).

UVa is seeking its fourth consecutive ACC victory. If the Cavaliers are successful against Clemson it would be their first four-game ACC winning streak since the 2001-02 season. Virginia had consecutive ACC wins over North Carolina (71-67), No. 14 Wake Forest (86-74), Florida State (91-74) and Georgia Tech (69-65) that season.

## 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 | $\mathbf{3 6 5}$ |
| 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
Sean Singletary, UVa 58

Al Thornton, FSU 53

Josh McRoberts, Duke

## All-ACC Second Team

Anthony Morrow, GT
Coleman Collins, VT
Reyshawn Terry, UNC
J.R. Reynolds, UVa

Zabian Dowdell, VT

## ACC Player of the Year

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

## ACC Rookie of the Year

Thaddeus Young, GT
Ty Lawson, UNC
Javaris Crittenton, GT
Wayne Ellington, UNC

## 2006-07 ACC Players of the Week

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

## HEAD COACH DAVE LEITAO

Dave Leitao is in his second season as the Cavaliers' head coach and has a record of 27-21. In his first season at UVa in 2005-06, Virginia posted a 1515 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

| School | Record | Years |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Northeastern | $22-35$ | ${ }^{\prime} 95,{ }^{\prime} 96$ |
| DePaul | $58-34$ | ${ }^{\prime} 03,{ }^{\prime} 04,{ }^{\prime} 05$ |
| Virginia | $27-21$ | ${ }^{\prime} 06,{ }^{\prime} 07$ |
| 7 Seasons | $107-90$ |  | 65-49 (Mar. 14). Virginia's appearance in the NIT marked the fourth consecutive postseason appearance by a Leitaocoached 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 107-90. 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.

Leitao is 1-1 all-time against Clemson as a head coach.
Leitao has coached in 30 games against AP ranked teams and is 8-22. Against top 10 AP teams, Leitao is 1-10. He earned his first victory over an AP top 10 team when UVa posted a 93-90 win over Arizona (Nov. 12). Leitao was 04 against ranked teams in two seasons at Northeastern, 5-11 vs. ranked opponents in three years at DePaul, and is 3-7 against ranked foes at UVa. Virginia's 72-58 win over 11th-ranked Boston College (Feb. 21, 2006) marked the highest ranked opponent a Leitao coached team had defeated until the 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

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
both openers at
Northeastern.

## SINGLETARY AND REYNOLDS NAMED TEAM CAPTAINS AGAIN

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

## NO REST ON SUNDAYS

The Cavaliers are playing their seventh and final Sunday game of the season today. Thus far Virginia is 5-1 on Sunday. UVa played three Sunday games in November - Arizona (Nov. 12), Morgan State (Nov. 19), and Maryland Eastern Shore (Nov. 26). The Cavaliers' lone Sunday contest in December was against NC State (Dec. 3), which marked the fourth consecutive week UVa had a Sunday game.

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

The Clemson contest is the only away Sunday game for UVa this season.

## 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 $341^{\prime}-0$ "
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)

## TALE OF THE TAPE

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

Virginia .......................... Category ......................... Clemson
80.9 .................................. Points.................................... 76.5
73.1 ............................Points Allowed ............................ 63.5
+7.8 ...........................Scoring Margin .......................... 13.0
45.1 .............................Field Goal \% .............................. 47.3
40.5 ..................... Field Goal \% Defense...................... 43.5
37.1 ...................... 3 Point Field Goal \%....................... 34.5
33.9 ................ 3 Point Field Goal \% Defense................. 35.0
73.4 ............................Free Throw \% ............................ 58.9
40.1 ............................... Rebounds.................................. 37.2
+6.1 ...........................Rebound Margin ........................... +4.4
14.2 ..................................Assists .................................. 16.2
14.8 ............................... Turnovers................................. 13.8
5.0 ....................................Steals ................................... 10.7
2.6 ..............................Blocked Shots ............................... 5.5

## MIAMI GAME AT 8 P.M.

UVa's home game against Miami on Feb. 3 will begin at 8 p.m. All preseason information (tickets, schedule cards, media guide) has the game listed as a 7 p.m. start, but ESPN-U will televise the game necessitating the tip time change to 8 p.m.

## HOME SWEET HOME

The Cavaliers have found tremendous success at home this season, but have struggled away from the John Paul Jones Arena.

Virginia is 10-1 at home this season and 2-5 away from JPJA, including a 1-3 mark on its opponents' home court.

## 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.

## VIRGINIA COLLECTS ROAD WIN OVER NC STATE

J.R. Reynolds and Sean Singletary combined to score 56 points to lead Virginia to a 71-58 victory over NC State (Jan. 24) at the RBC Center in Raleigh. The UVa duo scored only two less points than the entire Wolfpack team.

After a quiet first half, Reynolds exploded for 24 of his game-high 29 points. He was 9-15 from the field, including 5-8 from three-point range, and made all six free throws while adding six rebounds and three assists. Singletary scored 15 of his 27 points in the first half and also grabbed all nine of his rebounds in the first stanza. He also had four assists and a steal. Jason Cain led all players with 12 rebounds.

Singletary scored 12 of his 15 first half points in the first 10 minutes of the game while helping UVa take a 21-12 lead at the 9:57 mark. NC State whittled UVa's lead down to four points, but Singletary ended a 7:20 Cavalier scoring drought with a threepoint basket with four ticks left in the first half to give UVa a 2619 halftime lead.

Virginia built its lead to 12 points, 42-30, with 14:02 remain-
ing on the clock when Singletary drained a three-pointer. The Wolfpack used an 11-0 run to trim the deficit to one point, 42-41, with 11:45 remaining in the game. Reynolds ended the NCSU run with a fadeaway jumper at the 10:57 mark. After a Laurynas Mikalauskas layup made the score 46-42, Reynolds scored UVa's next 18 points in a span of $8: 16$ to help seal the victory.

After shooting only 29.4 percent (10-34) in the first half, UVa heated up and shot 63.6 percent (14-22) in the second stanza for 42.9 percent (24-56) accuracy for the game. The Cavaliers held NC State to 31.7 percent (20-63) shooting from the floor. UVa also held a 44-38 edge in rebounds.

Brandon Costner led NC State with 14 points and seven rebounds, while Courtney Fells registered a double-double with 11 points and 10 rebounds.

## THE CENTURY MARK

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

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

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

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

## 40 POINTS

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

## 30 BACK-TO-BACK

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

## THREE CAVALIERS EARN ACC PLAYER OF THE WEEK AWARDS

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

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

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

## REYNOLDS NAMED ACC PLAYER OF THE WEEK

J.R. Reynolds was named the ACC Player of the Week Jan. 22 for his play in the Cavaliers' victories over Maryland (Jan. 16) and Wake Forest (Jan. 21) at the John Paul Jones Arena.

Reynolds scored 57 points, had nine rebounds and eight assists in the Cavaliers' two conference victories. He was 15-31 (48.4 percent) from the field, including 6-13 (46.2 percent) from three-point range, and 21-22 (95.5 percent) from the free throw line.

In UVa's 103-91 victory over Maryland, Reynolds scored 17 points, had seven rebounds and four assists in 34 minutes.

In Virginia's 88-76 win over Wake Forest, Reynolds scored a career-high 40 points, had four assists and two rebounds in 33 minutes. His 40 points are the most scored in a game by a player in the ACC this season. He scored 20 points in each half against the Demon Deacons. Reynolds was 12-18 from the field, including 6-8 from three-point range, and he made all 10 of his free throw attempts in the game.

## SINGLETARY NAMED ACC PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Sean Singletary earned back-to-back ACC Player of the Week honors on Jan. 2 and Jan. 8. On Jan. 2, Singletary shared the award with Duke's Josh McRoberts. He captured the award outright on Jan. 8 .

The back-to-back player of the week awards for Singletary marked the first time since Bryant Stith in 1990 that a UVa player won that award in consecutive weeks.

Singletary scored 61 points and had nine rebounds in games against Gonzaga and Stanford. In Virginia's 108-87 win over Gonzaga (Jan. 3), Singletary scored a career-high 37 points and had five rebounds. He was 9-16 from the field, including 7-12 from three-point range, and 12-14 from the free throw line. His seven three-pointers are a career high. Singletary also had three steals and two assists in 25 minutes of playing time.

In the Cavaliers' $76-75$ loss to Stanford (Jan. 7), Singletary scored a game-high 24 points and had four rebounds. He was 6-14 from the field, including 3-6 from three-point range, and 9-10 from the free throw line. He also had two assists and one steal in a season-high 38 minutes of action.

It marked the third time Singletary was named the ACC Player of the Week during his career as he garnered the honor once in the 2005-06 season in addition to the back-to-back awards this season. He was named the ACC Rookie of the Week five times during the 2004-05 season.

## dIANE NAMED PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Mamadi Diane was named ACC Player of the Week Nov. 13 after scoring a then career-high 25 points against Arizona (Nov. 12).

Diane made 8-9 attempts from the field, including 5-6 threepointers, and all four free throw attempts. He also had four rebounds, two assists and two steals in 28 minutes of playing time.

## LEADING THE ACC

Virginia has made 151 three-point field goals this season for an ACC-best average of 8.4 three-point field goals made per game.

In ACC contests, UVa is averaging an impressive 9.17 made three-pointers per game to lead the league.

The Cavaliers have four players who have made more than 20 three-pointers this season - Sean Singletary (48), J.R. Reynolds (34), Mamadi Diane (28), and Adrian Joseph (23).

Singletary leads the ACC with 2.67 made threes per game, while Reynolds is seventh with 1.89 per game.

## FIELD GOAL DEFENSE

In ACC play, Virginia leads all schools in field goal percentage defense with a mark of 38.8 percent (147-379).

## THE FREE THROW LINE

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

## MORE THREE-POINTERS

In the first 10 games of the season, the Cavaliers made more three-pointers than their opponent only three times. Virginia has made more threes than seven of its last eight opponents. UVa holds an 82-53 edge in three-pointers over its opponents in the last eight contests.

Virginia has made 151 three-pointers on the season and its opponents have combined for 141.

## 18 THREE-POINTERS

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

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

## HEATING UP

After shooting only 22.2 percent (8-36) from the field in three games in the San Juan Shootout, Sean Singletary has bounced back by shooting 52-105 (49.5 percent) in his last eight outings. He had a pair of 9-16 (56.3 percent) shooting performances against American (Dec. 28) and Gonzaga (Jan. 3).

Singletary made just 1-11 three-point tries in Puerto Rico,
but has bounced back by making 33-65 (50.8 percent) trifectas in the last eight games. Singletary had made only 15 threes in the first 10 games of the season.

## THREE-POINT FIELD GOALS

J.R. Reynolds has made 193 three-point field goals in his career and is in third place on UVa's all-time three-point field goals list. Harold Deane (1994-97) holds the second spot with 237 threes and Curtis Staples (1995-98) is UVa's all-time leader with 413.

Reynolds is currently tied with NC State's Engin Atsur for second place among active ACC players with his 193 career three-pointers.

## DOUBLE-DOUBLES

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

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

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

## CAIN'S CAREER HIGH

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

## MOVING UP THE SCORING LIST

J.R. Reynolds is steadily climbing UVa's all-time scoring list. Reynolds has tallied 1,423 career points and is tied with Lee Raker (1978-81) for 18th place. He needs four more points to move past Jim Connelly (1965-67) into 17th place and 15 points to overtake Barry Parkhill (1971-73) for 16th place. Othell Wilson (1981-84) is 15th with 1,469 career points.

Reynolds began the season in 37th place with 1,095 points.
With his 1,423 points, Reynolds leads all active players in the conference in scoring who have played their entire career in the ACC. Overall, he is third among active ACC players in scoring.

## MIKALAUSKAS A PRESENCE

Laurynas Mikalauskas has become more of a presence for
the Cavaliers in the low post in the last couple of weeks. Mikalauskas, who was plagued by two preseason ankle injuries, has scored 53 points ( 5.9 per game) in the last nine games while shooting 62.5 percent (20-32) from the field.

Mikalauskas has started the last seven games and had a season-high 10 points against UNC (Jan. 10). He was 4-5 from the field and 2-3 from the free throw line while playing a sea-son-high 29 minutes vs. the Tar Heels. Mikalauskas matched his season high with 29 minutes against Boston College (Jan. 13) while scoring seven points.

## 20 OR MORE POINTS

UVa's backcourt tandem of Sean Singletary and J.R. Reynolds have scored 20 or more points in the same game twice this season and four times overall. In the last game vs. NC State, Reynolds poured in 29 points, while Singletary had 27. Against American (Dec. 28), Singletary totaled 33 points and Reynolds had 26.

The duo also did it twice last season - Western Kentucky (Jan. 2) - Reynolds 26, Singletary 20, and North Carolina (Mar. 10) - Reynolds 20, Singletary 29.

Singletary has scored 20 or more points in a game nine times this season and 22 times during his career. He also has three 30 -plus point games to his credit.

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

The duo have combined for 16 20-point games this season, the most of any tandem in the ACC.

Over the last eight games (since returning from Puerto Rico), Singletary and Reynolds have combined to score 368 points for an average of 46.0 points per game. Singletary has tallied 191 points for an average of 23.9 per game, while Reynolds has totaled 177 points for 22.1 points a game. The duo have combined for nine 20-plus point games, including two 30-plus contests by Singletary and a 40-point outburst by Reynolds.

## GOOD SHOOTING

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

Diane is connecting on 46.5 percent $(72-155)$ of his attempts from the floor in the 2006-07 season. Last season, Diane shot only 33.7 percent (65-193) from the field. Diane established a new career high for three-pointers made in a season in just 12 games. He is 28-73 from three-point range for 38.4 percent. In 2005-06, he made only 16-66 attempts from beyond the arc for 24.2 percent.

Diane is averaging 11.2 points per game this year after averaging only 6.0 points a game as a freshman last season.

Diane scored a then career-high 25 points against Arizona (Nov. 12) and was honored as the ACC Player of the Week. He set a new career high with 26 points against Maryland (Jan. 16). Diane notched his first career double-double with 10 points and a career-high 11 rebounds against Hampton (Dec. 16). He had 22 points and made all four three-point
attempts against Gonzaga (Jan. 3).
Diane's 14 points against North Carolina (Jan. 10) marked just the third time in his career he has scored in double figures on an opponent's home floor. He had 17 points at Purdue earlier this season and scored 14 points at Georgia Tech (Dec. 4, 2005) last season.

Diane's back-to-back double digit performance against Arizona and Morgan State (Nov. 19) marked just the third time he scored in double figures in back-to-back games in his career. He also had back-to-back 17-point performances against Maryland Eastern Shore and Purdue as well as Maryland (26) and Wake Forest (10) this season. Diane has never scored in double figures in three consecutive games.

Diane had consecutive double figure scoring games twice last season (Northwestern - 18, Georgia Tech - 14 and Loyola (Md.) - 11, UMBC - 16).

## SINGLETARY FROM THE LINE

Sean Singletary is off to a great start from the free throw line. He is 124-134 from the line for 92.5 percent accuracy (first in the ACC and sixth in Division I through games played Jan. 21). Singletary made all four attempts from the line against NC State (Jan. 24).

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

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

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

Arizona (Nov. 12)
Morgan State (Nov. 19)
UNC Asheville (Nov. 22)
Md. Eastern Shore (Nov. 26)

Purdue (Nov. 29)
NC State (Dec. 3)
Hampton (Dec. 16)
Appalachian State (Dec. 19)
Utah (Dec. 20)
Puerto Rico-Mayaguez (Dec. 21) 3-4 75.0\%
American (Dec. 28) 10-10 100\%
Gonzaga (Jan. 3)
12-14 85.7\% (made first 9)
Stanford (Jan. 7)
9-10 90.0\% (made first 8)
North Carolina (Jan. 10)
Boston College (Jan. 13)
Maryland (Jan. 16)
Wake Forest (Jan. 21)
NC State (Jan. 24)
*career highs for made and attempted free throws in a game.

## PERFECT FROM THE LINE

In 11 home games this season, Sean Singletary has not missed a free throw in the first half - he is $36-36$. In the second
half of home games, Singletary is 60-68. Fatigue? Maybe, but maybe not. In seven games away from the John Paul Jones Arena, Singletary is 13-14 from the free throw line in the first half and 15-16 from the stripe in the second half.

## PETTINELLA HURT

Junior forward/center Ryan Pettinella remains sidelined with a knee injury. Pettinella hurt his left knee during the first half of UVa's game against Puerto Rico-Mayaguez on Dec. 21.

Pettinella has missed the previous eight games. In the 10 games he played in, Pettinella had seven starts and was averaging 5.1 points and 3.7 rebounds in 14.9 minutes per game. He has made 22-32 (68.8 percent) of his field goal attempts this season.

## FREE THROW SHOOTING

UVa is shooting an impressive 73.4 percent (365-497) from the free throw line this season and is second in the ACC in free throw percentage. The Cavaliers have attempted 97 more free throws (497-400) than their opponents and have made 84 more (365-281).

UVa is averaging ACC bests of 27.6 attempts and 20.3 made free throws per game.

## 1000

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

Singletary has currently scored 1,167 points in his career (33rd all-time at UVa). He needs 12 points to move past Joe Noertker (1947-50) and Mike Katos (1966-68) into 31st place. Jim Miller (1982-85) is 30th with 1,218 points.

Through games played Jan. 25, Singletary is fifth among active ACC players with 1,167 points and is the league's top junior scorer.

## TOP 10

Sean Singletary has handed out 328 assists during his career and has moved into ninth place on UVa's all-time assists list (fifth among active ACC players). He needs 42 assists to move past Barry Parkhill (1971-73) into eighth place. Cory Alexander (1992-95) is seventh with 401 career assists.

## 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.

## LOWE'S SENIOR CLASS AWARD

J.R. Reynolds is one of the top 30 men's candidates for the 2007 Lowe's Senior Class Award. The award is presented annually to an NCAA Division I male and female senior basketball player who excel both on and off the court.

An acronym for Celebrating Loyalty and Achievement for Staying in School, the award was launched during the 200102 season to honor the attributes of college basketball seniors who remain committed to their university and pursue the many rewards that a senior season can bring.

From the list of 30 nominees for each gender, a national media committee will select 10 finalists in February for the Lowe's Senior CLASS Award. The names of the 10 finalists will be placed on the official ballot for a nationwide vote during the NCAA Tournament in March. Fan balloting will be coupled with votes from coaches and media to determine the male and female recipients.

## TUCKER SETS CAREER HIGH

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

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

Tucker is averaging 5.6 points per game ( 50 points) over the last nine contests and has made 16-31 (51.6 percent) of his field goal attempts, including 10-18 (55.6 percent) three-point tries.

## REBOUNDING PROWESS

Virginia is averaging 40.1 rebounds per game this season, which is second among all ACC teams. The Cavaliers are fourth in the ACC in rebound margin with a mark of +6.1 per game ( 40.1 to 34.0 ).

UVa has only been outrebounded four times this season - by Utah 37-21, Gonzaga 38-36, North Carolina 47-34 and Wake Forest (38-33). After tying Arizona in rebounds (36) in its season opener, Virginia has outrebounded eight of its last 17 opponents by 10 or more rebounds. Overall, UVa has outrebounded 12 of 18 opponents this season. The Cavaliers also tied Boston College with 36 rebounds apiece.

## UVA SEVENTH IN DIRECTOR'S CUP STANDINGS

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

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

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

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

## FOUR PLAYERS SIGN WITH UVA

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

Farrakhan averaged 17.1 points, 4.3 rebounds and 3.6 assists a game as a junior last season at Thornton Township High School. He earned all-conference and all-area honors, and was an honorable mention all-state selection.
"Mustapha will bring great skill to our backcourt," Leitao said. "He will be a factor because he's smart, tough and a fearless competitor. We look forward to him contributing from both guard spots. Along with his outstanding ability, he really loves Virginia and the ACC."

Jones averaged 21.9 points, five rebounds and three assists a game for Monsignor Bonner High School (Drexel Hill, Pa.) as a junior last season. He earned first-team AAA All-State honors and was the Pennsylvania AAA State Player of the Year for the 2005-06 season. He was a first-team all-conference selection each of the last two seasons and led the conference in scoring each of those seasons.
"To add a guy that has the skill level Jeff does is something that we really needed," Leitao said. "Just watching our team now, we're lacking enough skill guys in the backcourt. Mustapha, Jeff and Sammy will bring a significant amount of skill to our team."

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

Scott is currently attending Hargrave Military Academy.
"One of the things we're trying to do is to be multi-dimensional and diverse as a team and with our players," Leitao said. "Mike is somebody who fits that mold. He's athletic and can play with his back to the basket. He has a really good touch and the ability to score in the post, which is something that we need. He can face up and has a developing skill package to make perimeter shots.
"Mike's just a really good young man. I think he'll accept
learning and all the things that we're doing here."
Zeglinski averaged 19 points, five assists and three steals a game as a junior at the William Penn Charter School last season. He earned first-team All-Inter-Academic League, secondteam 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 ACC in three-point field goals made per game in each of his four seasons at Virginia and ranks ninth on UVa's career scoring list with 1,757 points.

## 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 studentathletes, 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.

## UVA 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, Texas, 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<br>G•5-11, $162 \cdot$ So.<br>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, $214 \cdot$ 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, $195 \cdot$ 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.

