

2006-07 VIRGINIA MEN'S BASKETBALL

2006-07 Schedule

VIRGINIA
5-1 OVERALL
1-0 ACC

H: 5-0, A: 0-1, N: 0-0

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	2 p.m.
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 (5-1, 1-0 ACC) VS. HAMPTON (2-7, 0-2 MEAC)

DECEMBER 16, 2006 • 2:00 P.M.
JOHN PAUL JONES ARENA (15,219)
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA.

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.

OFFICIALS

THE GAME

Virginia enters today's non-conference game against Hampton with a 5-1 overall record and a 1-0 mark in the Atlantic Coast Conference. The Cavaliers are coming off a 67-62 win over NC State (Dec. 3) in their ACC opener.

Hampton is 2-7 overall and 0-2 in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference. The Pirates fell to Howard 95-84 (Dec. 2) in a MEAC matchup in their last outing. Hampton finished the 2005-06 season with a 16-16 overall record and a 10-8 mark in the MEAC.

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 5-0 in the John Paul Jones Arena.

THE SERIES VS. HAMPTON

Virginia leads the all-time series vs. Hampton 2-0. The Cavaliers won the initial meeting 116-66 (Nov. 25) at University Hall in the 1998-99 season. UVa took a 102-56 decision (Dec. 10) at the Hampton Convocation Center in the 1999-00 season.

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CAVALIERS



CAVALIER GAME NOTES

Virginia's PROBABLE Starters

No.	Pos.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Ppg.	Rpg.	Apg.	Mpg	Notes
24	G/F	Mamadi Diane	6-5	197	So.	14.3	4.2	1.8	30.5	Career-high 25 pts vs. Arizona; ACC Player of the Week
33	F	Jason Cain	6-10	225	Sr.	9.0	8.0	0.8	22.3	Has 7 career double-doubles
21	C	Tunji Soroye	6-11	245	Jr.	1.5	1.0	0.0	14.0	Saw first game action of 2006-07 vs. Purdue
2	G	J.R. Reynolds	6-2 1/2	188	Sr.	14.7	4.5	3.8	29.0	2006-07 Preseason All-ACC Second Team
44	G	Sean Singletary	6-0	185	Jr.	16.7	5.5	6.3	33.0	2006-07 Preseason All-ACC First Team

Virginia's Key Reserves

30	F	Adrian Joseph	6-7	205	Jr.	8.6	6.0	1.6	26.0	Career-high 10 rebounds vs. Purdue
11	F	Laurynas Mikalauskas	6-8	255	So.	2.8	1.5	0.7	9.0	Played for Lithuanian team this past summer
12	F	Jamil Tucker	6-8	230	Fr.	2.7	1.3	0.0	9.2	Had career-highs of 8 pts and 5 rebs. vs. UMES
1	F/G	Will Harris	6-6	230	Fr.	7.2	4.5	0.5	16.8	16 pts., 8 rebs. vs. Morgan State
34	F/C	Ryan Pettinella	6-9	238	Jr.	3.5	2.7	0.0	13.3	Played at UPenn in 2003-04 and 2004-05
45	G/F	Soloman Tat	6-5	220	Fr.	3.0	2.0	0.0	12.0	Missed last five games because of injury
55	F/C	Jerome Meyinsse	6-8	230	Fr.	3.7	4.0	0.0	12.3	Scored a career-high 9 points vs. UMES

VIRGINIA VS. THE MEAC

Hampton is the third of three MEAC opponents Virginia faces this season. UVa defeated the MEAC's Morgan State 85-66 (Nov. 19) and Maryland Eastern Shore 104-63 (Nov. 26).

The Cavaliers are a perfect 9-0 all-time against teams from the MEAC, including the wins over Morgan State and Maryland Eastern Shore. Eight of the previous nine games against MEAC schools were played on Virginia's home floors (six at University Hall and two at John Paul Jones Arena). UVa's 102-56 win against Hampton on Dec. 10, 1999 at the Hampton Convocation Center is the Cavaliers' only away game against a MEAC opponent. Prior to the victory over Morgan State (Nov. 19), Virginia's 115-66 win over Howard on Nov. 21, 2001 was its most recent game against an opponent from the MEAC.

UVa also defeated Hampton 116-66 in the 1998-99 season. Virginia's other victories over MEAC schools came against North Carolina A&T (94-50) and Bethune-Cookman (109-49) during the 1994-95 season, Coppin State (63-61) in 1993-94, and Howard (100-64) in 1992-93.

Virginia's average margin of victory over MEAC teams is 38.6 points per game, which includes a two-point win over Coppin State in December of 1993. The Cavaliers are averaging 98.7 points per game while holding their MEAC opponents to 60.1 points per game.

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.

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 100-85 (7 yrs.)
 Record at Virginia..... 20-16 (2 yrs.)
 Assistant CoachesBill Courtney,
 Rob Lanier, Steve Seymour
 Director of OperationsDrew Diener
 Asst. Dir. of Operations ... Oliver Winterbone
 Strength Coach..... Shaun Brown
 Athletic Trainer.....Jeff Boyer
 First Season of Basketball 1905-06
 All-Time Record 1,335-1,035 (102 yrs.)
 University Hall..... 402-143 (41 yrs.)
 JPJ Arena..... 5-0 (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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TALE OF THE TAPE

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

Virginia	Category	Hampton
81.5	Points	63.2
67.7	Points Allowed	72.8
+13.8	Scoring Margin	-9.6
44.9	Field Goal %	38.0
38.5	Field Goal % Defense	46.0
36.0	3 Point Field Goal %	28.1
33.3	3 Point Field Goal % Defense	29.7
72.5	Free Throw %	68.0
45.2	Rebounds	35.7
+13.7	Rebound Margin	-1.4
15.3	Assists	11.1
14.2	Turnovers	21.6
5.2	Steals	9.3
2.3	Blocked Shots	4.0

HEAD COACH DAVE LEITAO

Dave Leitao is in his second season as the Cavaliers' head coach and has a record of 20-16. 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 100-85.

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

Leitao has coached in 29 games against AP ranked teams and is 8-21. Against top 10 AP teams, Leitao is 1-9. He earned his first victory over an AP top 10 team when UVa posted a 93-90 win over Arizona (Nov. 12). Leitao was 0-4 against ranked teams in two seasons at Northeastern, 5-11 vs. ranked opponents in three years at DePaul, and is 3-6 against ranked foes at UVa. Virginia's 72-58 win over 11th-ranked Boston College (Feb. 21, 2006) marked the highest ranked opponent a Leitao coached team had defeated until the win over Arizona.

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

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

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

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 100-85 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 VS. IN-STATE TEAMS

This is the first of four games for the Cavaliers this season against in-state opponents. Last season, UVa was a perfect 6-0 vs. in-state opponents.

In the last 29 seasons (since 1977-78), UVa is 118-16 (.881) against in-state opponents. The Cavaliers have won seven consecutive in-state games. Virginia has won its last 15 in-state home games and is 13-2 in its last 15 away and neutral site games against in-state competition.

UVa began the 2005-06 season with a 79-44 win over Liberty (Nov. 18) and posted a 59-43 win at Richmond (Nov. 22) in the second game of the season. The Cavaliers' third in-state win was a 54-49 win at Virginia Tech (Jan. 15) in Blacksburg and UVa completed the regular season sweep over the Hokies with an 81-77 overtime win (Feb. 11) in Charlottesville. The Cavaliers defeated Longwood 91-56 (Feb. 15) and then completed a three-game sweep of Virginia Tech with a 60-56 win (Mar. 5) in the ACC Tournament.

Virginia had a 15-game in-state winning streak snapped with a 73-55 loss at Virginia Tech (Jan. 21) in the 2002-03 season. Prior to losing to the Hokies during the 2002-03 season, UVa's most recent in-state loss was a 69-64 setback to Liberty (Jan. 7) in U-Hall in the 1997-98 season.

Here's a year-by-year breakdown of UVa's in-state record over the last 10 seasons.

Season	Record	Home	Away	Neutral
2005-06	6-0	3-0	2-0	1-0
2004-05	2-1	2-0	0-1	--
2003-04	4-0	3-0	1-0	--
2002-03	1-1	1-0	0-1	--
2001-02	2-0	2-0	--	--
2000-01	2-0	0-0	2-0	--
1999-00	4-0	1-0	2-0	1-0
1998-99	5-0	3-0	--	2-0
1997-98	5-2	3-1	0-1	2-0
1996-97	6-0	3-0	2-0	1-0
Totals	37-4	21-1	9-3	7-0

Dave Leitao has been the head coach in seven games against a team from the Commonwealth and is 7-0. In addition to the six wins in the 2005-06 season, Leitao coached DePaul to a 73-60 victory over Old Dominion on Jan. 2, 2005.

VIRGINIA DEFEATS NC STATE IN ACC OPENER

Virginia snapped an 11-game losing streak in Atlantic Coast Conference openers by defeating NC State 67-62 (Dec. 3) at the John Paul Jones Arena.

J.R. Reynolds and Will Harris both scored 14 points to lead the Cavaliers with Reynolds scoring 13 of his 14 points in the second half. He added five rebounds and three assists, while Harris posted six rebounds. Sean Singletary tallied 11 points, nine rebounds, five assists and two steals. Jason Cain led all players with 10 rebounds.

UVa took a 27-26 lead at the intermission, but the Wolfpack opened the second half with an 8-1 run to take a 34-28 lead with 16:40 to play. It marked the first of 16 lead changes in the second half. Harris scored seven of UVa's next nine points to help the Cavaliers retake the lead, 37-25 with 14:09 to go. Neither team led by more than three points over the final 14 minutes until a pair of Singletary free throws with five seconds left made the final score 67-62.

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)



Reynolds scored all 13 of his second half points over the final 7:12 of the contest.

Reynolds' three-pointer with 1:40 to play gave UVa a 62-61 lead. After a NC State free throw tied the game, Singletary put the Cavaliers ahead for good 64-62 with a jumper with 1:03 remaining. Reynolds and Singletary combined to make 3-4 free throws in the final 20 seconds to make the final score 67-62.

UVa shot only 37.9 percent (25-66) from the field in the contest. The Wolfpack shot 41.8 percent (23-55) from the floor. The Cavaliers had a season-low nine turnovers, but forced only 10 NC State miscues. Virginia held a commanding 47-31 advantage in rebounds, including an 18-4 edge on the offensive glass. UVa held a 33-3 edge in scoring off the bench as well.

Brandon Costner led the Wolfpack with 17 points, seven rebounds and two blocked shots. Gavin Grant added 15 points, eight assists and six rebounds.

LONG BREAK TO BUSY SCHEDULE

After a 12-day break for final exams, UVa's game against Hampton begins a stretch of four games in six days. The Cavaliers head to Puerto Rico to play in the San Juan Shootout Dec. 19-21. UVa opens the tournament against Appalachian State on Dec. 19. Virginia plays either Central Florida or Utah on Dec. 20.

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).

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.

CAIN'S CAREER HIGH

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

REBOUNDING CAREER HIGHS

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

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

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

SOROYE BACK FROM SURGERY

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

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 30-55 field goal attempts for 54.5 percent accuracy, including 13-28 (46.4 percent) three-pointers. He is also 13-14 (92.9 percent) from the free throw line. Diane scored a career-high 25 points against Arizona (Nov. 12) and tallied 15 points vs. Morgan State (Nov. 19). He had eight points in UVa's win over UNC Asheville (Nov. 22) and then posted 17 points against both Maryland Eastern Shore and Purdue. He had four points vs. NC State (Dec. 3).

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).

CAVALIER GAME NOTES

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 41-42 from the line for 97.6 percent accuracy after making both attempts against NC State (Dec. 3). Singletary was 8-8 from the line vs. Purdue (Nov. 29). He made all four attempts from the line against UMES (Nov. 26) and was a perfect 12-12 from the charity stripe against UNC Asheville (Nov. 22). He began the season by making 13-14 attempts from the line against Arizona (Nov. 12). Singletary was 2-2 from the line against Morgan State (Nov. 19).

Singletary has made his last 29 free throw attempts dating back to his final try against Arizona.

According to STATS LLC, Singletary is fifth in the nation in free throw percentage (97.6 percent) - through games played Dec. 11. He is second in free throw percentage among players with 30 or more attempts this season.

MORE FREE THROWS

UVa has made 11 more free throws (116) in the first six games than its six opponents have combined to take (105) in those six games. Virginia is 116-160 (72.5 percent) from the free throw line, while its six opponents are a combined 72-105 (68.6 percent).

OVER 900

Sean Singletary reached the 900-point plateau in UVa's loss to Purdue (Nov. 29). Singletary has scored 917 points in his career.

NEARLY TOP 10

Sean Singletary has handed out 272 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 45.2 rebounds per game this season. According to STATS LLC, UVa's average of 45.2 boards a contest leads all Division I schools (through games played Dec. 11). The Cavaliers also lead all ACC schools in rebound margin with a mark of 13.7 per game (45.2 to 31.5).

UVa has not been outrebounded this season. After tying Arizona in rebounds (36) in its season opener, Virginia has outrebounded each of its next five opponents by a combined 82 boards (16.4 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.

