

2006-07 VIRGINIA MEN'S BASKETBALL

2006-07 Schedule

VIRGINIA
16-7 OVERALL
8-3 ACC

H: 12-1, A: 3-4, N: 1-2

Nov. 4	AUGUSTA STATE (Exhib.)	W, 78-63
Nov. 12	#10 ARIZONA (FSNS/FSN-FL/NESN/CSN [in Va.]..	W, 93-90
Nov. 19	MORGAN STATE	W, 85-66
Nov. 22	UNC ASHEVILLE.....	W, 81-64
Nov. 26	MARYLAND EASTERN SHORE.....	W, 104-63
Nov. 29	at Purdue# (ESPN2)	L, 59-61
Dec. 3	NC STATE* (FSN).....	W, 67-62
Dec. 16	HAMPTON	W, 91-69
Dec. 19	vs. Appalachian State^	L, 69-80
Dec. 20	vs. Utah^.....	L, 70-94
Dec. 21	vs. Puerto Rico-Mayaguez^	W, 59-52
Dec. 28	AMERICAN.....	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).....	W, 64-63
Feb. 1	#8 DUKE* (ESPN)	W, 68-66 (OT)
Feb. 3	MIAMI* (ESPN-U).....	W, 81-70
Feb. 6	at Maryland* (RSN).....	W, 69-65
Feb. 10	at Virginia Tech* (RLF Split).....	L, 57-84
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 (16-7, 8-3)
VS.
LONGWOOD (8-18)

FEBRUARY 13, 2007 • 7:00 P.M.
JOHN PAUL JONES ARENA (15,219)
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA.

TELEVISION

Tonight's game will not be televised. The game can be viewed on ACC Select (www.accselect.com).

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 Longwood with a 16-7 overall record and an 8-3 mark in the Atlantic Coast Conference. The Cavaliers had their seven-game winning streak snapped with an 84-57 loss to Virginia Tech (Feb. 10) at Cassell Coliseum in Blacksburg.

Longwood is 8-18 overall this season. The Lancers are coming off an 81-63 loss to Florida Atlantic on Feb. 6.

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 12-1 in the John Paul Jones Arena.

THE SERIES VS. LONGWOOD

Tonight's game is the second meeting between Virginia and Longwood University in men's basketball. The Cavaliers won the initial meeting 91-56 on Feb. 15, 2006 at University Hall in Charlottesville. The Lancers are in their fifth season of a five-year NCAA Division I reclassification process. Longwood began the transition from Division II to Division I



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CAVALIER GAME NOTES

Virginia's PROBABLE Starters

No.	Pos.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Ppg.	Rpg.	Apg.	Mpg	Notes
33	F	Jason Cain	6-10	225	Sr.	6.8	6.7	0.9	22.4	Has 8 career double-doubles, two this season
24	G/F	Mamadi Diane	6-5	197	So.	10.8	3.7	1.3	27.7	Career high 26 points vs. Maryland (Jan. 16)
11	F	Laurynas Mikalauskas	6-8	255	So.	3.5	1.8	0.5	13.1	Season-high 10 points vs. North Carolina (Jan. 10)
2	G	J.R. Reynolds	6-2 1/2	188	Sr.	18.8	3.9	3.8	31.7	Averaging 21.9 ppg in ACC play - 2nd among all players
44	G	Sean Singletary	6-0	185	Jr.	18.4	4.3	4.7	32.5	Game-winning shot vs. Duke with 1 second left in OT

Virginia's Key Reserves

1	F/G	Will Harris	6-6	230	Fr.	4.1	3.9	0.5	15.6	7 points, 5 rebounds vs. Virginia Tech (Feb. 10)
30	F	Adrian Joseph	6-7	205	Jr.	7.0	3.8	1.1	22.9	Career-high 10 rebounds vs. Purdue
21	C	Tunji Soroye	6-11	245	Jr.	1.4	2.5	0.1	10.6	Career-high 11 rebounds vs. Maryland (Feb. 6)
12	F	Jamil Tucker	6-8	230	Fr.	3.3	2.1	0.1	10.2	Career-high 12 pts vs. Gonzaga (Jan. 3) and Maryland (Jan. 16)
55	F/C	Jerome Meynsse	6-8	230	Fr.	1.3	1.5	0.1	7.1	Scored a career-high 9 points vs. UMES
34	F/C	Ryan Pettinella	6-9	238	Jr.	3.7	2.9	0.0	12.6	Played last 4 games after missing nine games with a knee injury
45	G/F	Solomon Tat	6-5	220	Fr.	2.3	1.8	0.7	9.5	Played in last 12 games after missing 10 because of injury

in the 2002-03 season with what the NCAA calls a one-year "exploratory period". The Lancers first year of Division I status will be 2007-08.

LAST SEASON VS. LONGWOOD

Virginia shot an impressive 61.8 percent (21-34) from the field in the first half to race out to a 58-34 halftime lead and cruised to a 91-56 win over Longwood (Feb. 15) at University Hall. It marked UVa's final non-conference game at U-Hall.

Eleven of the 12 Cavaliers who played in the game scored with Sean Singletary leading the way with a game-high 20 points. Singletary connected on 7-11 attempts from the floor (4-7 three-pointers), both free throw attempts, and added five rebounds and four assists in 25 minutes. J.R. Reynolds tallied 16 points and made four three-point field goals, while Adrian Joseph scored 11 points. Tunji Soroye led UVa with seven rebounds and four blocked shots.

UVa never trailed in the game and the Lancers tied the game just once - 2-2. Longwood shot the ball nearly as well as the Cavaliers from the field in the first half as the Lancers made 13-22 attempts for 59.1 percent accuracy. Virginia's defense stiffened in the second half and held Longwood to six field goals in 32 attempts for 18.8 percent shooting. For the game, the Lancers were 19-54 from the field for 35.2 percent. The Cavaliers' field goal shooting cooled in the second half as well and they ended the contest at 49.3 percent (33-67) after shooting 36.4 percent (12-33) in the second stanza. The Cavaliers made 11-27 (40.7 percent) three-point attempts in the contest.

Virginia held a 40-35 edge in rebounds and recorded a season-high 23 assists. UVa forced 18 Lancer turnovers while committing 14.

Clayton Morgan led Longwood with 11 points and nine rebounds, while Kirk Williams added 11 points and six boards. Dana Smith contributed 10 points and seven rebounds.

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.

Since the ACC season-opening win over NC State, the Cavaliers have won seven of their 10 conference games, including seven in a row at one point, to improve to 8-3 in the ACC. Prior to losing at Virginia Tech (Feb. 10), UVa was six games over .500 in the ACC for the first time since the 1994-95 season when the Cavaliers started ACC action with a 9-3 record. Virginia went on to an 11-3 ACC record before finishing the season with a 12-4 conference mark.

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 Record111-91 (7 yrs.)
 Record at Virginia..... 31-22 (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 1,346-1,041 (102 yrs.)
 University Hall..... 402-143 (41 yrs.)
 JPJ Arena..... 12-1 (first season)
 All-Time ACC Record 312-446 (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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HEAD COACH DAVE LEITAO

Dave Leitao is in his second season as the Cavaliers' head coach and has a record of 31-22. 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 111-91. 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 1-0 all-time against Longwood as a head coach.

Leitao has coached in 32 games against AP ranked teams and is 10-22. Against top 10 AP teams, Leitao is 2-10. He earned his first victory over an AP top 10 team when UVa posted a 93-90 win over Arizona (Nov. 12). Virginia's 68-66 overtime win over eighth-ranked Duke (Feb. 1) marks the highest ranked opponent a Leitao coached team has defeated.

Leitao was 0-4 against ranked teams in two seasons at Northeastern, 5-11 vs. ranked opponents in three years at DePaul, and is 5-7 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 wins over Arizona and Duke.

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 – No. 24 North Carolina - Jan. 19, 2006 (72-68)
 Top 10 Win – No. 10 Arizona - Nov. 12, 2006 (93-90)
 Top 15 Win – No. 11 Boston College - Feb. 21, 2006 (72-58)
 Ranked ACC Road Win – No. 19 Clemson - Jan. 28, 2007 (64-63)
 ACC Tournament Win – Virginia Tech - Mar. 9, 2006 (60-56)
 Postseason Appearance – 2006 NIT vs. Stanford - Mar. 14, 2006

VIRGINIA VS. IN-STATE TEAMS

Tonight's game is the third of four games for Virginia this season against in-state opponents. UVa defeated Hampton 91-69 (Dec. 16) in its first game this season against an in-state opponent and then fell to Virginia Tech 84-57 (Feb. 10).

UVa was a perfect 6-0 vs. in-state opponents last season.

In the last 30 seasons (since 1977-78), UVa is 119-17 (.875) against in-state opponents. The Cavaliers had their seven-game in-state winning streak snapped with the loss to Virginia Tech. Virginia has won its last 16 in-state home games and is 13-3 in its last 16 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

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	

2006-07 ACC Players of the Week

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



CAVALIER GAME NOTES

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 11 seasons.

Season	Record	Home	Away	Neutral
2006-07	1-1	1-0	0-1	--
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	38-5	22-1	9-4	7-0

Dave Leitao has been the head coach in nine games against a team from the Commonwealth and is 8-1. He is 1-1 this season. 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.

TALE OF THE TAPE

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

Virginia	Category	Longwood
78.0	Points.....	63.9
72.3	Points Allowed	72.8
+5.7	Scoring Margin	-8.9
44.2	Field Goal %	40.1
41.3	Field Goal % Defense.....	45.9
36.0	3 Point Field Goal %.....	29.2
34.2	3 Point Field Goal % Defense.....	35.3
73.6	Free Throw %	68.9
39.7	Rebounds.....	34.4
+6.1	Rebound Margin	-3.7
13.3	Assists	12.7
14.5	Turnovers.....	16.9
4.7	Steals.....	7.3
2.7	Blocked Shots.....	4.0

WINNING STREAK

UVa had its seven-game ACC winning streak snapped in an 84-57 loss at Virginia Tech on Feb. 10. The seven-game winning streak was the longest ACC winning streak for the Cavaliers since they rattled off 11 consecutive conference victories in the 1981-82 season. UVa finished ACC play with a 12-2 record that season.

Virginia is currently 8-3 in the ACC 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'-0"
Area: 365,916 square feet
Height: 111'-5" above grade
Clear span: 297'-0"
Scoreboard: center-hung, four-screen, high-definition Diamond Vision
LED ribbon board: 670 linear feet total, 601,000 pixels

CONSTRUCTION FACTS

Topping date: June 22, 2005
Columns: 26 pre-cast concrete (up to 23'-10 5/8" high and 21,183 lbs.)
Bricks: 600,000 wood-molded, Old Virginia bricks
Cast-in-place concrete: 28,000 cubic yards
Reinforcing steel: 2,100 tons
Structural steel: 8,900 members
Roof trusses: 41 (the largest weighs 190 tons)
Bolts/truss: 1,600

SEATING FACTS

Tread depth: 34" in lower bowl, 33" in upper bowl
Basketball capacity: 15,219
Center-stage event capacity: 15,766
End-stage event capacity: 14,720

FUN FACTS

Box office windows: 15
Concession points: 54
ATM points: 2 (installed, capability for 3)
Flat-screen televisions: 150
Loudspeakers: 69
Amplification: 125,00 watts
Bathrooms: 45
Toilets: 369
First-aid stations: 2
Levels: 3 (event level, lower concourse, and upper concourse)
Passenger elevators: 3
Press stations: 73
TV camera locations: 10
Suites: 19 total (including 1 double-suite)

THREE CONSECUTIVE ROAD WINS

UVa won three consecutive ACC road games over NC State (Jan. 24), Clemson (Jan. 28) and Maryland (Feb. 6) before falling at Virginia Tech (Feb. 10). It marked the first time since the 1994-95 season Virginia won three straight ACC road games.

UVa opened the ACC season in 1994-95 with wins at Florida State (Jan. 4, 81-75) and NC State (Jan. 7, 76-65). The Cavaliers also defeated then No. 16 Duke 91-88 in double overtime in Durham on Jan. 14 for a third ACC road win in a row.

The last time Virginia won more than three ACC road games in a row was in the 1981-82 season when it won five straight. The Cavaliers defeated No. 18 Wake Forest (Jan. 27, 69-66), Duke (Jan. 30, 77-65), NC State (Feb. 10, 39-36), Clemson (Feb. 13, 56-54), and Georgia Tech (Feb. 15, 56-52). Virginia also had non-conference away wins over George Washington (Jan. 20, 80-54) and No. 17 Louisville (Jan. 24, 74-56) in its seven-game overall road winning streak.

Virginia won 15 consecutive games during this stretch of the 1981-82 season with eight coming away from home (one was a neutral court victory).

NO REST ON SUNDAYS

The Cavaliers played their seventh and final regular season Sunday game against then 19th-ranked Clemson (Jan. 28). Virginia won six of its seven Sunday contests with its only setback coming against Stanford (Jan. 7).

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 had three Sunday games in January – Stanford (Jan. 7), Wake Forest (Jan. 21), and Clemson (Jan. 28).

SUCCESSFUL JANUARY

UVa posted a 5-3 record in January and won its last four games of the month. The Cavaliers' five wins in January are the most since the 2001-02 season when Virginia was 5-4. The last time UVa had more than five wins in January was in 1999-00 when the Cavaliers were 7-2.

UVa has started the month of February as well as it ended January. The Cavaliers won their first three games in the month of February for the first time since the 1981-82 season when they started the month with seven consecutive victories. UVa is currently 3-1 in February.

HOME SWEET HOME

The Cavaliers have found tremendous success at home this season with a 12-1 record. UVa struggled away from the JPJA early in the season, but rebounded with three consecutive wins and is now 4-6 away from home. Included in Virginia's 4-6 mark is a 3-4 record on its opponents' home court.

UVA STUMBLES 84-57 AT VIRGINIA TECH

Virginia saw its seven-game winning streak come to an end with an 84-57 loss to Virginia Tech (Feb. 10) at Cassell Coliseum

in Blacksburg. The loss snapped UVa's four-game winning streak over the Hokies.

J.R. Reynolds led the Cavaliers with 21 points, while Sean Singletary added 13. Solomon Tat tallied career highs of eight points and six rebounds. His six rebounds led the team.

Virginia took what proved to be its only lead of the game when Reynolds scored the opening basket 26 seconds into the contest. The Hokies then went on a 21-4 run to open up a 21-6 lead with 13:16 to play in the first half. Virginia Tech's lead grew to as many as 23, 36-13, with 7:23 to go in the opening stanza. UVa trailed 38-22 at the half, marking its lowest point total in an opening half this season.

UVa began the second half with a 5-0 run to pull within 11, 38-27, but the Hokies answered with a 13-2 run to go ahead 51-29 with 13:38 remaining. Virginia never got closer than 20 points the rest of the game.

UVa shot only 32.8 percent (21-64) from the field, while Virginia Tech converted 30-52 field goal attempts for an impressive 57.7 percent accuracy. The Cavaliers made only 4-18 (22.2 percent) three-point attempts. The Hokies were 7-18 (38.9 percent) from three-point range. Virginia held a slight 36-35 edge in rebounds and had an impressive 21 offensive rebounds.

Deron Washington and A.D. Vassallo had game-high totals of 22 points apiece to lead Virginia Tech. Washington also added 10 rebounds for a double-double.

THREE DOUBLE DIGIT COMEBACKS THIS SEASON

The Cavaliers have notched three comeback victories this season after falling behind by double digits, including two of the last five games.

UVa trailed Duke (Feb. 1) by 13 points (34-21) with 3:29 remaining in the first half and eventually won 68-66 in overtime at the John Paul Jones Arena.

In the previous game at Clemson, UVa trailed the 19th-ranked Tigers 61-45 with 8:47 remaining in the contest and won 64-63 on Jan. 28. Virginia scored the final 15 points in the game.

In the season-opener against then 10th-ranked Arizona, UVa fell behind by 19 points (45-26) with 2:49 left in the first half (and trailed 49-36 at the half) and won 93-90 on Nov. 12.

NOTABLE SECOND HALF COMEBACKS

Virginia's 16-point comeback against Clemson (Jan. 28) is one of several impressive second half comebacks the Cavaliers have had through the years. Below are four other impressive comebacks.

At Duke on Jan. 14, 1995 – Virginia trailed by 23 points (46-23) with 17:47 left in regulation and still trailed by 14 (64-50) with 6:41 left in regulation. UVa rallied to win 91-88 in double overtime. Duke was ranked 16th. Virginia actually came back to take two leads in regulation (69-68 with 1:38 remaining and 71-70 with 55 seconds left) before the game went to overtime.

At William & Mary on Jan. 29, 1970 – Virginia trailed by 22 points (63-41) with 12:21 left in regulation. UVa rallied to win 87-81 in overtime.



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At home against Virginia Tech on Dec. 1, 2001 – Virginia trailed by 16 points (46-30) with 17:38 remaining in the game. UVa came back to win 69-61. Virginia was ranked 9th in The Associated Press poll.

At North Carolina, Feb. 3, 1981 – Virginia trailed by 16 points (51-35) with 11:53 left in the second half. UVa rallied to win 80-79 in overtime. North Carolina was ranked 11th and Virginia was ranked No. 1 in The AP poll.

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.

SINGLETERY 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.

40 POINTS

J.R. Reynolds scored a career high and an ACC season-best 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.

SINGLETERY 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 three-pointers, and all four free throw attempts. He also had four rebounds, two assists and two steals in 28 minutes of playing time.

BACK-TO-BACK RANKED WINS

UVa defeated No. 19 Clemson (64-63 – Jan. 28) and No. 8 Duke (68-66 in OT – Feb. 1), marking the first time the Cavaliers have registered back-to-back wins (in consecutive games) over Associated Press ranked teams since the 2003-04 season.

In 2003-04, Virginia knocked off No. 12 North Carolina 74-72 at home on Feb. 24, 2004 and No. 11 Wake Forest 84-82 on March 2, 2004 in Charlottesville.

Virginia's three wins over Associated Press ranked teams this season (Clemson, Duke and No. 10 Arizona) mark the most victories over ranked teams in a season since 2003-04 when UVa was 3-6 vs. ranked teams. The third ranked win for the Cavaliers in 2003-04 was vs. No. 15 Georgia Tech – 82-80 at home on Feb, 14.

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.

LEADING THE ACC

Virginia has made 183 three-point field goals this season for an ACC-best average of 7.96 three-point field goals made per game.

In ACC contests, UVa is averaging an impressive 7.91 made three-pointers per game to lead the league.

The Cavaliers have four players who have made at least 30 three-pointers this season – Sean Singletary (58), J.R. Reynolds (42), Mamadi Diane (33), and Adrian Joseph (30).

Singletary is second in the ACC with 2.52 made threes per game, while Reynolds is ninth with 1.83 per game.

FIELD GOAL DEFENSE

In ACC play, Virginia is second in field goal percentage defense with a mark of 41.1 percent (276-671). North Carolina leads all ACC schools in field goal percentage defense at 40.5 percent (248-612).

SINGLE DIGITS

The Cavaliers posted back-to-back games in which they committed less than 10 turnovers – 8 vs. Duke (Feb. 1) and nine vs. Miami (Feb. 3). The streak ended vs. Maryland (Feb. 6) when UVa committed 20 turnovers.

It is the first time Virginia has had back-to-back games in single digits in turnovers since the beginning of the 2003-04 season. The Cavaliers had only nine turnovers against both Minnesota (Dec.3) and VMI (Dec. 5). Interestingly enough

there was only one day between those two games as well.

The last time UVa went three consecutive games committing nine or fewer turnovers was the final three games of the 1989-90 season. Virginia had seven turnovers in the ACC Championship game vs. Georgia Tech (Mar. 11), six miscues vs. Notre Dame (Mar. 16) and eight turnovers vs. Syracuse (Mar. 18) in the NCAA Tournament.

So far this season, UVa has four games with only nine or fewer turnovers.

THE FREE THROW LINE

Virginia's 39 made free throws against Maryland (Jan. 16) 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 10 of its last 13 opponents. UVa holds a 114-85 edge in three-pointers over its opponents in the last 13 contests.

Virginia has made 183 three-pointers on the season and its opponents have combined for 173.

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 76-160 (47.5 percent) in his last 13 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 43-91 (47.3 percent) trifectas in the last 13 games. Singletary had made only 15 threes in the first 10 games of the season.

With 143 career three-point field goals, Singletary has moved into eighth place on UVa's all-time three-point field goals list. He needs 14 more three-pointers to move past Donald Hand (1998-01) and Todd Billet (2003-04) into sixth place. Hand and Billet both made 156 three-pointers in their careers.



CAVALIER GAME NOTES

THREE-POINT FIELD GOALS

J.R. Reynolds has made 201 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 second behind Virginia Tech's Zabian Dowdell as the ACC's active leader in three-point field goals. Dowdell has 202 career threes, while NC State's Engin Atsur is third with 199.

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 first-half points against UMES.

BETTERING LAST SEASON'S WINS

After only 22 games, Virginia already bettered its overall and ACC win totals from a year ago. The Cavaliers are currently 16-7 overall and 8-3 in the ACC. Last season, UVa was 15-15 overall and 7-9 in the conference.

MOVING UP THE SCORING LIST

J.R. Reynolds is steadily climbing UVa's all-time scoring list. Reynolds has tallied 1,528 career points and is in 14th place. He needs 13 more points to move past Richard Morgan (1986-89) into 13th place. He needs 19 points to overtake Travis Watson's (2000-03) 12th-place total of 1,546 career points. Bob McCarty (1954-56) is 11th with 1,625 career points.

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

With his 1,528 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 few weeks. Mikalauskas, who was plagued by two preseason ankle injuries, has scored 61 points (4.4 per game) in the last 14 games while shooting 53.5 percent (23-43) from the field. He averaged only 2.2 points a game in the first nine contests of the season.

Mikalauskas has started the last 12 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 season-high 29 minutes vs. the Tar Heels. Mikalauskas matched his season high with 29 minutes against Boston College (Jan. 13) while scoring seven points.

On the season, Mikalauskas has made 29-57 (50.9 percent) field goal attempts and 16-30 (53.3 percent) in ACC play.

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. Against NC State (Jan. 24), 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 10 times this season and 23 times during his career. He also has three 30-plus point games to his credit.

Reynolds has also scored 20 or more points in a game 10 times this season and 23 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 20 20-point games this season, the most of any tandem in the ACC.

Over the last 13 games (since returning from Puerto Rico), Singletary and Reynolds have combined to score 546 points for an average of 42.0 points per game. Singletary has tallied 264 points for an average of 20.3 per game, while Reynolds has totaled 282 points for 21.7 points a game. The duo have combined for 13 20-plus point games, including two 30-plus contests by Singletary and a 40-point outburst by Reynolds.

Reynolds is third in the ACC in scoring at 18.8 points per game, while Singletary is fifth at 18.4 points per outing. Reynolds has scored just 10 more points than Singletary this season (433 to 423).

ALMOST PERFECT FROM THE LINE

In 13 home games this season, Sean Singletary has missed only one free throw in the first half – he is 41-42. He made 38 consecutive first half free throws at home before missing his first attempt vs. Miami (Feb. 3). In the second half of home games (and overtime), Singletary is 67-79 (84.8 percent). Fatigue? Maybe, but maybe not. In 10 games away from the John Paul Jones Arena, Singletary is 16-19 (84.2 percent) from the free throw line in the first half and 15-16 (93.8 percent) from the stripe in the second half.

LIGHTING IT UP

J.R. Reynolds has been on a tear over the last seven games. He has scored 174 points for an average of 24.9 points per game (scoring 18 or more points in all seven games). He is shooting 49.6 percent (56-113) from the field and 43.2 percent (19-44) from three-point range. In the same seven-game span, Reynolds has made 43-47 free throws for 91.5 percent accuracy.

Reynolds is second among all players in scoring in ACC contests this season with an average of 21.9 points per game.

SINGLETARY FROM THE LINE

Sean Singletary has been extremely accurate from the free throw line this season. He is 139-156 from the line for an impressive 89.1 percent (second in the ACC). Singletary has gone to the line only once in the last two games (1-1 vs. Maryland - Feb. 6 and 0-0 vs. Virginia Tech - Feb. 10). He had an off night from the line vs. Miami (Feb. 3), making only 8-13 attempts. The five misses ties for the most he has missed in a game during his career (9-14 vs. Gonzaga - Dec. 17, 2005).

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)	13-14	92.9% (made last one)
Morgan State (Nov. 19)	2-2	100%
UNC Asheville (Nov. 22)	12-12	100%
Md. Eastern Shore (Nov. 26)	4-4	100%
Purdue (Nov. 29)	8-8	100%
NC State (Dec. 3)	2-2	100%
Hampton (Dec. 16)	14-16*	87.5% (made first 10)
Appalachian State (Dec. 19)	6-7	85.7%
Utah (Dec. 20)	6-6	100%
Puerto Rico-Mayaguez (Dec. 21)	3-4	75.0%
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)	1-1	100%
Boston College (Jan. 13)	0-0	0%
Maryland (Jan. 16)	12-14	85.7% (made last 3)
Wake Forest (Jan. 21)	6-6	100%
NC State (Jan. 24)	4-4	100%
Clemson (Jan. 28)	2-4	50.0% (made last two)
Duke (Feb. 1)	4-4	100%
Miami (Feb. 3)	8-13	61.5%
Maryland (Feb. 6)	1-1	100%
Virginia Tech (Feb. 10)	0-0	0%

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

MORE FROM THE LINE

J.R. Reynolds has made 361 free throws during his career (and attempted 453 for 79.7 percent accuracy) and has moved into 10th place on UVa's all-time made free throws list. Chris Williams (1999-02) is ninth with 382 made free throws.

After starting out the season 15-24 from the charity stripe, Reynolds has made 108 of his last 125 attempts for 86.4 percent accuracy. Reynolds' missed free throw in the first half against Duke (Feb. 1) snapped a streak of 24 consecutive made free throws dating back to the Maryland game (Jan. 16).

Over the last eight games, Reynolds has made 54-59 free throws (91.5 percent). On the season, Reynolds is shooting 82.6 percent (123-149) from the free throw line (fifth in the ACC).

PETTINELLA RETURNS

Junior forward/center Ryan Pettinella returned to the Cavaliers' line-up Feb. 1 against Duke after missing the previous nine games with a knee injury. Pettinella entered the Duke game with 4:41 left in the first half and played five minutes. He logged six minutes against Miami (Feb. 3) and two minutes vs. Maryland (Feb. 6). Against Virginia Tech (Feb. 10), he played 14 minutes and pulled down four rebounds.

Pettinella hurt his left knee during the first half of UVa's game against Puerto Rico-Mayaguez on Dec. 21.

In the 14 games he played in, Pettinella has seven starts and is averaging 3.7 points and 2.9 rebounds in 12.6 minutes per game. He has made 22-32 (68.8 percent) of his field goal attempts this season.

GOOD SHOOTING

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

Diane is connecting on 45.7 percent (90-197) 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 33-93 from three-point range for 35.5 percent. In 2005-06, he made only 16-66 attempts from beyond the arc for 24.2 percent.

Diane is averaging 10.8 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).

For the first time in his career, Diane has scored in double figures in three consecutive games. He tallied 10 points at Clemson (Jan. 28), 14 points vs. Duke (Feb. 1) and 14 points against Miami (Feb. 3). He had his streak stopped with an eight-point performance vs. Maryland (Feb. 6). Diane has scored in double figures in back-to-back games only four times this season and six times in his career.



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Diane's 10 points vs. Clemson (Jan. 28) marked just the fourth time in his career he has scored in double figures on an opponent's home floor. Earlier this season, Diane had 14 points at North Carolina (Jan. 10) and 17 points at Purdue (Nov. 29). Last season, he scored 14 points at Georgia Tech (Dec. 4, 2005).

FREE THROW SHOOTING

UVa is shooting an impressive 73.6 percent (434-590) from the free throw line this season and is second in the ACC in free throw percentage. The Cavaliers have attempted 112 more free throws (590-478) than their opponents and have made 95 more (434-339).

UVa is averaging ACC bests of 25.7 attempts and 18.9 made free throws per game.

1000

Sean Singletary became the 41st 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 1,240 points in his career and is tied with Billy Langloh (1974-77) for 27th place on Virginia's career scoring list. He needs two more points to move past Tom Sheehy (1984-87) and five points to jump up to 25th place, past Marc Iavaroni (1975-78). Tony Laquintano (1960-62) is 24th with 1,263 career points, while Cory Alexander (1992-95) is 23rd with 1,286 points.

Through games played Feb. 11, Singletary is sixth among active ACC players with 1,240 points and is the league's top junior scorer.

TOP 10

Sean Singletary has handed out 342 assists during his career and has moved into ninth place on UVa's all-time assists list (fifth among active ACC players). He needs 28 assists to move past Barry Parkhill (1971-73) into eighth place. Cory Alexander (1992-95) is seventh with 401 career assists.

Singletary has 108 assists this season for his third consecutive 100-assist season (113 in 2004-05 and 121 in 2005-06).

TAT'S CAREER BEST

Solomon Tat set career highs in points, rebounds and minutes played against Virginia Tech (Feb. 10). He tallied eight points and six rebounds in 23 minutes of playing time. Tat's former career best in points was five vs. Clemson (Jan. 28). He had four rebounds vs. Clemson and Maryland (Jan. 16). Tat's previous career best for minutes played was 16, also against Clemson.

NATIONAL AWARDS

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 one of the finalists for the Bob Cousy Award and is one of 30 players named to the Wooden Award Midseason 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 2001-02 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 this month 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).

REBOUNDING PROWESS

Virginia is averaging 39.7 rebounds per game this season, which is second among all ACC teams. The Cavaliers are also second in the ACC in rebound margin with a mark of +6.1 per game (39.7 to 33.6).

UVa has only been outrebounded five times this season – by Utah 37-21, Gonzaga 38-36, North Carolina 47-34, Wake Forest (38-33) and Duke (34-33). After tying Arizona in rebounds (36) in its season opener, Virginia has outrebounded 10 of its last 22 opponents by 10 or more rebounds. Overall, UVa has outrebounded 16 of 23 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 semi-finals 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, second-team all-state and second-team all-city honors for the 2005-06 season.

Zeglinski has started for the William Penn Charter School each of the last three seasons. Current Virginia player Sean Singletary is a graduate of the William Penn Charter School and as a high school freshman Zeglinski played on the same team with Singletary.

"Sammy is the consummate floor general," Leitao said. "He's a guy that combines a high level of basketball skill with probably as unique a mind for the game as you'll ever see."

CURTIS STAPLES' JERSEY RETIRED

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

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

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

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

In addition to being Virginia's career leader in three-point field goals made, Staples holds UVa records for three-point field goals made in a season (130) and in a game (9). He also holds Virginia records for most three-point field goals made by a senior (130), junior (98), sophomore (82) and freshman (103). He led the 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.



CAVALIER GAME NOTES

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.

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

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.

