

2006-07 VIRGINIA MEN'S BASKETBALL

2006-07 Schedule

VIRGINIA
9-6 OVERALL
1-2 ACC

H: 8-1, A: 0-3, N: 1-2

Nov. 4	AUGUSTA STATE (Exhib.)	W, 78-63
Nov. 12	#10 ARIZONA (FSNS/FSN-FL/NESN/CSN [in Va.]..	W, 93-90
Nov. 19	MORGAN STATE	W, 85-66
Nov. 22	UNC ASHEVILLE.....	W, 81-64
Nov. 26	MARYLAND EASTERN SHORE.....	W, 104-63
Nov. 29	at Purdue# (ESPN2)	L, 59-61
Dec. 3	NC STATE* (FSN).....	W, 67-62
Dec. 16	HAMPTON	W, 91-69
Dec. 19	vs. Appalachian State^	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)	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 (9-6, 1-2)
VS.
MARYLAND (15-3, 1-2)

JANUARY 16, 2007 • 8:00 P.M.
JOHN PAUL JONES ARENA (15,219)
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA.

TELEVISION

Tonight's game will be televised by Raycom-Lincoln Financial (RLF). Steve Martin will handle the play-by-play. Dan Bonner is the analyst.

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 tonight's conference game against Maryland with a 9-6 overall record and a 1-2 mark in the Atlantic Coast Conference. The Cavaliers have lost their last three games and are coming off a 78-73 loss to Boston College (Jan. 13) in Chestnut Hill, Mass.

Maryland is 15-3 overall and 1-2 in the ACC. The Terrapins are coming off a 92-87 win over Clemson (Jan. 13) in College Park, Md.

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 8-1 in the John Paul Jones Arena.

THE SERIES VS. MARYLAND

Maryland leads the series with Virginia 101-64 in a rivalry that dates back to the 1912-13 season. UVa has lost the last six meetings in the series and nine of the last 11. Last season, Maryland won the first matchup 76-65 (Feb. 7) in College



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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.	6.9	6.0	0.7	19.0	Has 7 career double-doubles
24	G/F	Mamadi Diane	6-5	197	So.	10.9	4.0	1.3	26.7	First career double-double vs. Hampton (10 pts, 11 rebs)
11	F	Laurynas Mikalauskas	6-8	255	So.	3.9	1.2	0.3	13.7	Season-high 10 points vs. North Carolina (Jan. 10)
2	G	J.R. Reynolds	6-2 1/2	188	Sr.	16.1	3.7	4.2	30.1	Named to San Juan Shootout All-Tournament team
44	G	Sean Singletary	6-0	185	Jr.	18.6	4.1	5.1	31.9	Back-to-back 30 pt. games (33 vs. American, 37 vs. Gonzaga)

Virginia's Key Reserves

1	F/G	Will Harris	6-6	230	Fr.	4.6	4.3	0.7	16.6	Made first career start vs. American (Dec. 28)
30	F	Adrian Joseph	6-7	205	Jr.	8.6	4.5	1.3	25.7	Career-high 10 rebounds vs. Purdue
21	C	Tunji Soroye	6-11	245	Jr.	1.5	1.7	0.0	9.0	Saw first game action of 2006-07 vs. Purdue (Nov. 29)
12	F	Jamil Tucker	6-8	230	Fr.	3.7	2.5	0.1	11.4	Career-high 12 pts (including 3 3-pters) vs. Gonzaga (Jan. 3)
55	F/C	Jerome Meynsse	6-8	230	Fr.	1.9	2.1	0.1	9.3	Scored a career-high 9 points vs. UMES
34	F/C	Ryan Pettinella	6-9	238	Jr.	5.1	3.7	0.0	14.9	Will miss tonight's game with a knee injury
45	G/F	Soloman Tat	6-5	220	Fr.	3.0	1.4	1.0	9.4	Played in last four games after missing 10 because of injury

Park and earned a sweep with a 71-70 win (Mar. 5) in Charlottesville in the final game at University Hall. Virginia also lost both contests in the 2004-05 season. In the first meeting of the 2004-05 season, UVa fell 82-68 (Jan. 19) in College Park and the Cavaliers lost 92-89 in double overtime (Feb. 19) in Charlottesville.

UVa's last win in the series was an 80-78 overtime victory (Mar. 9) in Charlottesville during the 2002-03 season. Virginia snapped a three-game losing streak (and a nine-game slide at Maryland) with an 86-78 victory (Feb. 6) at Comcast Center in the first meeting of the 2002-03 season. It marked the Cavaliers' first season sweep of Maryland since the 1992-93 campaign.

Virginia has lost 19 of the last 26 contests in the series with Maryland since winning five consecutive games between 1992-1994.

This is the 60th consecutive season the Cavaliers and Terrapins have met (since 1947-48). Maryland is Virginia's second-oldest opponent in terms of consecutive seasons met. They have played 127 games in that span. (Virginia's oldest opponent in terms of consecutive seasons played is Virginia Tech—71 straight seasons).

UVa won eight of the last 15 games between the two teams at University Hall and 12 of the final 21. Virginia is 40-39 all-time on its home court against Maryland, including a 23-18 record at University Hall.

Five of the Cavaliers' last six wins over the Terrapins (1995, 1997, 2000, 2001 and 2003) occurred at University Hall.

A NAILBITER COULD BE IN THE OFFING

The recent series with Maryland has featured quite a few close games. Since 1987, 26 of 41 games have been decided by nine points or less, with Virginia winning 12 of the close games. In the last 20 years there have also been five overtime games, with Virginia winning three of the five games.

A breakdown of the close games in the series since the 1986-87 season is below:

1 point - 1	2 points - 6	3 points - 1	4 points - 3	5 points - 2
6 points - 3	7 points - 5	8 points - 3	9 points - 2	

LAST SEASON VS. MARYLAND

The Terrapins swept the season series from Virginia last season, winning 76-65 at home (Feb. 7) and 71-70 in Charlottesville (Mar. 5).

In the first meeting, UVa got off to a great start and led by as many as 14 points, but got into second half foul trouble and fell to Maryland 76-65 at Comcast Center.

Virginia jumped out to a 13-0 lead and also led 20-6 in the early minutes of the game. Maryland cut UVa's lead down to three on two occasions, including 30-27 with 2:09 remaining in the first half. The Cavaliers closed out the half with an 8-3 run to build their lead to eight, 38-30.

The Cavaliers extended their lead to 11 points early in the second stanza

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	104-90 (7 yrs.)
Record at Virginia.....	24-21 (2 yrs.)
Assistant Coaches	Bill Courtney, Rob Lanier, Steve Seymour
Director of Operations	Drew Diener
Asst. Dir. of Operations ...	Oliver Winterbone
Strength Coach.....	Shaun Brown
Athletic Trainer.....	Jeff Boyer
First Season of Basketball	1905-06
All-Time Record	1,339-1,040 (102 yrs.)
University Hall.....	402-143 (41 yrs.)
JPJ Arena.....	8-1 (first season)
All-Time ACC Record.....	305-445 (56 yrs.)
ACC Tourn. Record	30-52 (53 yrs.)
NCAA Tourn. Record	21-15 (15 yrs.)
NIT Record	15-10 (12 yrs.)

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when J.R. Reynolds made a three-pointer at the 18:14 mark. Maryland trimmed UVa's lead to five, 43-38, with 15:06 to play, but the Cavaliers built the advantage back to nine (51-42) on Reynolds' three-pointer with 10:36 to go.

Virginia's fortunes started to fade right after Reynolds made the three as he was whistled for his fourth personal foul. The Terps scored 11 consecutive points to take their first lead of the game, 53-51, with 7:38 to play. Sean Singletary, who played the final 8:19 with four fouls, gave UVa its last lead of the game, 58-56, with a three-pointer at the 5:23 mark. Singletary's two free throws with 3:09 left knotted the game at 60-60, but Maryland scored the next 11 points to pull out the victory.

Reynolds and Singletary led UVa with 18 points apiece. Jason Cain notched his sixth double-double with 11 points and 13 rebounds.

The Cavaliers shot only 34.4 percent (21-61) from the field in the game, but made 14-16 free throws (87.5 percent). Maryland was 25-64 from the floor for 39.1 percent and made 21-24 free throws (87.5 percent). UVa held a 44-37 edge in rebounds, but committed 16 turnovers while forcing only eight Maryland miscues.

D.J. Strawberry led the Terrapins with 19 points, while Ekene Ibekwe registered 14 points and 15 rebounds.

In the second match-up, Maryland spoiled UVa's "Last Ball in U-Hall" celebration with a 71-70 victory. Virginia erased an 18-point second half deficit and took a two-point edge, but the Terps regained the lead and held on for the victory.

Reynolds was the only Cavalier to score in double figures and he netted a game and season-high 30 points. Cain added nine points and a game-high 11 rebounds. Mamadi Diane also tallied nine points for UVa.

The Terrapins shot 53.8 percent (14-26) from the field in the first half to take a 36-27 lead at the intermission. The Cavaliers made their first two shots from the field, including a game-opening three-pointer by Billy Campbell who was inserted into the starting lineup on Senior Day. UVa made only seven of their next 28 attempts from the floor in the first half and shot 30.0 percent (9-30) in the opening stanza.

Maryland extended its lead to 18 points on two occasions in the second half, including 52-34 with 14:57 left in the game. With the Terps leading 57-42 with 12:42 to go, UVa went on a 20-5 run to tie the game at 62-62 with 5:57 to play. Reynolds scored 10 points during the spurt.

UVa took a 66-64 lead on Singletary's jumper with 3:52 to play, but two Nik Caner-Medley free throws tied the game at 66-66 with 3:11 to go. Reynolds traded a basket for two Caner-Medley free throws to knot the game at 68-68. With 2:09 left, Reynolds made two free throws to give the Cavaliers a 70-68 advantage. Maryland's Mike Jones made a three-pointer with 1:13 to play to give the Terps the lead for good 71-70. Reynolds was closely guarded when his three-pointer was off the mark at the buzzer.

UVa shot only 36.5 percent (23-63) from the field in the game, while Maryland shot 49.0 percent (25-51) from the floor. The Cavaliers held a 40-33 edge in rebounds, including an 18-8 margin on the offensive glass. Both teams committed 12 turnovers, and Maryland also blocked nine shots.

Caner-Medley led Maryland with 16 points. Ekene Ibekwe and Jones both had 13 points.

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.

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

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. 12
 Sean Singletary - Jan. 2
 Sean Singletary - Jan. 9



CAVALIER GAME NOTES

HEAD COACH DAVE LEITAO

Dave Leitao is in his second season as the Cavaliers' head coach and has a record of 24-21. 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 104-90. Leitao registered his 100th career win vs. NC State (Dec. 3). He earned his first career coaching win against Howard (78-62) on Dec. 3, 1994 while the head coach at Northeastern.

Leitao is 0-2 all-time against Maryland as a head coach.

Leitao has coached in 30 games against AP ranked teams and is 8-22. Against top 10 AP teams, Leitao is 1-10. He earned his first victory over an AP top 10 team when UVa posted a 93-90 win over Arizona (Nov. 12). Leitao was 0-4 against ranked teams in two seasons at Northeastern, 5-11 vs. ranked opponents in three years at DePaul, and is 3-7 against ranked foes at UVa. Virginia's 72-58 win over 11th-ranked Boston College (Feb. 21, 2006) marked the highest ranked opponent a Leitao coached team had defeated until the win over Arizona.

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

HOME SWEET HOME

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

Virginia is 8-1 at home this season and 1-5 away from JPJA, including a 0-3 mark on its opponents' home court.

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.

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.

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)

TALE OF THE TAPE

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

Virginia	Category	Maryland
79.6	Points.....	81.1
72.7	Points Allowed	63.9
+6.9	Scoring Margin	+17.2
44.8	Field Goal %	48.3
41.0	Field Goal % Defense.....	35.8
36.4	3 Point Field Goal %.....	39.8
33.6	3 Point Field Goal % Defense.....	29.0
72.1	Free Throw %	71.6
39.7	Rebounds.....	40.4
+6.4	Rebound Margin	+3.2
14.0	Assists	17.5
14.3	Turnovers.....	17.4
4.8	Steals.....	8.3
2.5	Blocked Shots	8.0

VIRGINIA LOSE TO BOSTON COLLEGE 78-73

Virginia made six more field goals, including eight more three-pointers than Boston College, but the Eagles outscored UVA 35-10 from the free throw line to register a 78-73 victory (Jan. 13) over the Cavaliers at the Conte Forum in Chestnut Hill, Mass.

Boston College was an impressive 35-45 from the free throw line for 77.8 percent accuracy, while UVA made just 10-19 attempts from the stripe for 52.6 percent. The disparity from the free throw line more than offset the Cavaliers 26-20 edge in field goals made, including an 11-3 advantage in three-pointers. Virginia also outshot the Eagles 45.6 percent (26-57) to 38.5 percent (20-52) from the floor.

J.R. Reynolds paced the Cavaliers with 21 points, seven assists and four rebounds. Sean Singletary tallied 12 points, five rebounds and five assists, while Adrian Joseph added 11 points. The trio combined to make 10 of UVA's 11 three-point field goals.

Virginia got off to a great start, holding the Eagles scoreless for nearly six and a half minutes while building a 9-0 lead. Boston College scored the next nine points to tie the game at 9-9 at the 11:32 mark. UVA responded with a 7-0 run to take a 16-9 lead. Virginia never trailed in the first half and took a 33-29 halftime lead.

The Cavaliers held the lead for the first portion of the second half as well. UVA took a 39-33 lead with 17:29 to go on a jumper by Reynolds. The Eagles came back to tie the game at 39-39 and then again at 41-41 on a pair of free throws by Sean Williams at the 14:58 mark. The free throws began a 23-6 run that culminated in a 62-47 BC advantage with 7:30 left in the game. Williams' jumper with 14:06 to play gave BC its first lead as well as the lead for good, 43-41. The Cavaliers battled back to cut the deficit to five, 73-68, on a pair of Mamadi Diane free throws with 1:14 to go. Virginia had a chance to come within three with 53 seconds left, but Diane missed a pair of free throws.

Both teams had 36 rebounds in the contest. UVA committed 19 turnovers in the game while forcing only 11 BC miscues.

Jared Dudley registered a double-double, leading all players with 22 points and 11 rebounds. Williams added 19 points, seven rebounds and three blocked shots. Sean Marshall contributed 15 points, including all three of BC's three-pointers.

THE CENTURY MARK

The Cavaliers have reached the century mark twice this season. 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), marking the first time since the Grambling game UVA surpassed the century mark. Virginia had gone 145 games without scoring 100 points.

SINGLETERARY 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.

30 BACK-TO-BACK

With the 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).

LEADING THE ACC

Virginia has made 122 three-point field goals this season for an ACC-best average of 8.1 three-point field goals made per game.

The Cavaliers have four players who have made more than 20 three-pointers this season – Sean Singletary (37), Mamadi Diane (24), J.R. Reynolds (23) and Adrian Joseph (23). Only Singletary ranks in the top 10 among all ACC players in made threes per game – 2.47 (fourth).



CAVALIER GAME NOTES

OUTSHOOTING THE OPPONENT

UVa has outshot its last two opponents from the field, holding both below 40 percent accuracy (North Carolina – 37.9 percent and Boston College – 38.5 percent), but still lost. Both opponents held a huge advantage from the free throw line to make up for the field goal percentage deficit.

North Carolina outscored UVa 26-8 from the charity stripe and Boston College held an even bigger 35-10 advantage.

It the last two games, Virginia's two opponents have combined to make 61-86 free throw attempts while the Cavaliers are only 18-30 from the line in those two games.

Prior to the last two games, UVa had made 276 free throws, while its opponents had only 248 attempts for a difference of plus 28. Currently, UVa has made 294 free throws and its opponents have attempted 334 for a difference of minus 40.

UVa had been 7-0 this season when outshooting its opponent from the field and now stands at 7-2.

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 each of its last five opponents. UVa holds a 53-27 edge in three-pointers over its opponents in the last five contests.

Virginia has made 122 three-pointers on the season and its opponents have combined for 115.

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 33-67 (49.3 percent) in his last five outings. He had a pair of 9-16 (56.3 percent) shooting performances against American (Dec. 28) and Gonzaga (Jan. 3), and then made 6-14 (42.9 percent) attempts vs. Stanford (Jan. 7). Singletary was 5-11 (45.5 percent) from the field against North Carolina (Jan. 10) and 4-10 (40.0 percent) from the floor vs. Boston College (Jan. 13).

Singletary made just 1-11 three-point tries in Puerto Rico, but has bounced back by making 22-43 (51.2 percent) trifectas in the last five games. Singletary had made only 15 threes in the first 10 games of the season.

NEARLY PERFECT

UVa was an impressive 27-28 (96.4 percent) from the free throw line in its 91-70 win over American (Dec. 28). The 27-28 performance is the best "non-perfect" performance from the free throw line in school history. UVa's previous best "non-perfect" effort was 24-25 (96 percent) vs. Marquette on Nov. 26, 1988.

UVa made its final 13 free throws against American and connected on its first 10 free throws vs. Gonzaga (Jan. 3) for an impressive streak of 23 consecutive free throws made.

TAT BACK

After missing 10 consecutive games with a groin injury, Solomon Tat returned to game action against Gonzaga (Jan. 3). He entered the contest at the 5:49 mark of the first half. Tat played eight minutes and had a career-high five assists (four in the first half) and two points.

He has appeared in UVa's last four games and is averaging 3.0 points, 1.4 rebounds and 1.0 assists per game for the season.

Tat played 12 minutes in the season-opener vs. Arizona (Nov. 12) and had three points and two rebounds.

THREE-POINT FIELD GOALS

J.R. Reynolds has made 182 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.

CAIN RETURNS TO STARTING LINEUP

Jason Cain returned to UVa's starting lineup against North Carolina (Jan. 10) and remained in the starting five vs. Boston College (Jan. 13). Cain started the first 10 games of the season before coming off the bench against American (Dec. 28), Gonzaga (Jan. 3) and Stanford (Jan. 7). Cain had eight points and eight rebounds in 28 minutes against North Carolina. He also scored eight points vs. Boston College and had two rebounds and two blocked shots.

DOUBLE-DOUBLES

Mamadi Diane and Ryan Pettinella registered their first career double-doubles against Hampton.

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

Pettinella posted career bests of 14 points and 10 rebounds. His former career high of 10 points came against Villanova 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.

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. Soroye has played in all 11 games since returning from the injury.

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.).

MOVING UP THE SCORING LIST

J.R. Reynolds is steadily climbing UVa's all-time scoring list. Reynolds has tallied 1,337 career points (third among active ACC players) and is currently 21st on the list. He needs 20 more points to move past Elton Brown (2002-05) into 20th place. Mel Kennedy (1985-88) is 19th with 1,415 career points.

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

MIKALAUSKAS A PRESENCE

Laurynas Mikaluskas has become more of a presence for the Cavaliers in the low post in the last couple of weeks. Mikaluskas, who was plagued by two preseason ankle injuries, has scored 39 points (6.5 per game) in the last six games while shooting 60.9 percent (14-23) from the field.

Mikaluskas has started the last four 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. Mikaluskas matched his season high with 29 minutes against Boston College (Jan. 13) while scoring seven points.

20 OR MORE POINTS

Against American (Dec. 28), Sean Singletary (33) and J.R. Reynolds (26) both scored 20 or more points, marking just the third time the duo have both scored 20 or more points in the same game. They 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 seven times this season and 20 times during his career. He also has three 30-plus point games to his credit.

Reynolds has scored 20 or more points in a game five times

this season and 18 times in his career. Reynolds also has a pair of 30-plus point games under his belt.

The duo have combined for 12 20-point games this season, the most of any tandem in the ACC.

GOOD SHOOTING

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

Diane is connecting on 46.8 percent (58-124) 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 has already established a new career high for three-pointers made in a season with 24. He is 24-58 from three-point range for 41.4 percent. In 2005-06, he made only 16-66 attempts from beyond the arc for 24.2 percent.

Diane is averaging 10.9 points per game this year after averaging only 6.0 points a game as a freshman last season.

Diane scored a career-high 25 points against Arizona (Nov. 12) and was honored as the ACC Player of the Week. He posted 17 points against both Maryland Eastern Shore (Nov. 26) and Purdue (Nov. 29). Diane notched his first career double-double with 10 points and a career-high 11 rebounds against Hampton (Dec. 16). He had 22 points and made all four three-point attempts against Gonzaga (Jan. 3).

Diane's 14 points against North Carolina (Jan. 10) marked just the third time in his career he has scored in double figures on an opponent's home floor. He had 17 points at Purdue earlier this season and scored 14 points at Georgia Tech (Dec. 4, 2005) last season.

Diane's back-to-back double digit performance against Arizona and Morgan State marked just the third time he scored in double figures in back-to-back games in his career. He also had back-to-back 17-point performances against Maryland Eastern Shore and Purdue earlier this season.

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

PETTINELLA OUT

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

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

SINGLETARY FROM THE LINE

Sean Singletary is off to a great start from the free throw line. He is 102-110 from the line for 92.7 percent accuracy (1st in the ACC). Singletary did not attempt a free throw against Boston College (Jan. 13), marking the first time this season he has not gone to the free throw line.

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



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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.

Five 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%

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

FREE THROW SHOOTING

UVa is shooting an impressive 72.1 percent (294-408) from the free throw line this season and is second in the ACC in free throw percentage. The Cavaliers are fifth in the ACC in rebound margin with a mark of +6.4 per game (39.7 to 33.3).

UVa is averaging 27.2 attempts and 19.6 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 1,096 points in his career (38th all-time at UVa). He needs nine points to move past Adam Hall (1999-02) into 37th place. Devin Smith (2003-05) is 36th with 1,131 points.

Singletary ranks seventh among active ACC players with 1,096 points and is the league's top junior scorer.

TOP 10

Sean Singletary has handed out 310 assists during his career and has moved into 10th place on UVa's all-time assists list (fifth among active ACC players). He needs just four assists to move past Cornel Parker (1991-94) into ninth place. Barry Parkhill (1971-73) is eighth with 369 career assists.

NAISMITH TROPHY

Sean Singletary is one of 50 men's college basketball players named as preseason candidates for the Naismith

Trophy presented by Cingular Wireless. The Atlanta Tipoff Club announced the list of candidates. The Naismith Trophy is presented to the men's and women's players of the year.

The Top 50 list was compiled by the Atlanta Tipoff Club's Board of Selectors, comprised of leading basketball journalists, coaches and administrators from around the country. The board based its preseason criteria on player performances from last season and expectations for the 2006-07 season.

Singletary is also on the "Watch List" for the Bob Cousy Award and is one of the Top 50 preseason candidates for the 2006-07 Wooden Award All-America Team.

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

Tucker is averaging 6.3 points per game (38 points) over the last six contests and has made 13-24 (54.2 percent) of his field goal attempts, including 7-13 (53.8 percent) three-point tries.

REBOUNDING PROWESS

UVa has only been outrebounded three times this season – by Utah 37-21, Gonzaga 38-36 and North Carolina 47-34. After tying Arizona in rebounds (36) in its season opener, Virginia has outrebounded seven of its last 14 opponents by 10 or more rebounds. Overall, UVa has outrebounded 10 of 15 opponents this season. The Cavaliers also tied Boston College with 36 rebounds apiece.

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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.

UVA WINS EXHIBITION GAME

Virginia captured a 78-63 win over Augusta State (Nov. 4) in exhibition action in the team's first game at John Paul Jones Arena.

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



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points, 76-63 during the final minute of play.

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. J.R. Reynolds followed with 16 points, while Singletary added 13 points and eight assists. Mamadi Diane had 10 points, and Jason Cain grabbed a team-high 11 rebounds. 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.

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 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 Mikaluskas (12) and forward/guard Mamadi Diane (11). The only player not returning who started a game for the Cavaliers last season is guard Billy Campbell who started twice.

BILL COURTNEY JOINS COACHING STAFF

Bill Courtney joined the Virginia men's basketball coaching staff in July of 2006. Prior to joining the UVa staff, Courtney was an assistant coach at Providence for one year. He was a member of Jim Larranaga's (former Virginia assistant coach) coaching staff at George Mason for eight years (1997-2005). He was the associate head coach at George Mason from 2002 until his departure for Providence. Courtney served as an assistant coach on Larranaga's staff at Bowling Green for one year (1996-97) before moving to George Mason with Larranaga prior to the 1997-98 season. He began his collegiate coaching career at American University where he was an assistant coach in 1995-96.

Courtney joins Rob Lanier and Steve Seymour as assistant coaches on head coach Dave Leitao's staff. He is a native of Springfield, Va., and a 1992 graduate of Bucknell University.

UVA PLAYERS IN INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

Guard J.R. Reynolds and forward Laurynas Mikaluskas gained valuable experience playing against international competition during the spring and summer of 2006.

Reynolds averaged 12.7 points a game with a traveling team of college players during a trip to Nassau in the Bahamas in May. The team won all seven games on the trip, including two victories over the Bahamian National Team, and Reynolds led the team in scoring in two of the games. He led the team with 18 points in a victory over the Bahamian National Team in the final game of the trip. He scored 23 points to lead the team in another game, the most points he scored during the trip.

A benefit for Reynolds that should also turn out to be a benefit for the 2006-07 Virginia team was that he got to play a lot of point guard during the trip. That experience should improve his versatility in the Cavaliers' backcourt this season.

Mikaluskas played for the Lithuanian team that finished second to Russia in the Global Games at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, 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.

