

2006-07 VIRGINIA MEN'S BASKETBALL

2006-07 Schedule

VIRGINIA
3-0 OVERALL
0-0 ACC

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.....	3 p.m.
Nov. 29	at Purdue# (ESPN2)	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 3	NC STATE* (FSN).....	3:30 p.m.
Dec. 16	HAMPTON	2 p.m.
Dec. 19	Appalachian State^.....	4 p.m.
Dec. 20	Utah or UCF^	TBA
Dec. 21	TBD^	TBA
Dec. 28	AMERICAN.....	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 3	GONZAGA (ESPN2).....	9 p.m.
Jan. 7	STANFORD (FSN)	5 p.m.
Jan. 10	at North Carolina* (RLF Split).....	9 p.m.
Jan. 13	at Boston College* (RLF)	2 p.m.
Jan. 16	MARYLAND* (RLF Split)	8 p.m.
Jan. 21	WAKE FOREST* (RLF)	1 p.m.
Jan. 24	at NC State* (RLF Split).....	9 p.m.
Jan. 28	at Clemson* (RLF).....	1 p.m.
Feb. 1	DUKE* (ESPN)	9 p.m.
Feb. 3	MIAMI* (ESPN-U).....	8 p.m.
Feb. 6	at Maryland* (RSN).....	9 p.m.
Feb. 10	at Virginia Tech* (RLF Split).....	4 p.m.
Feb. 13	LONGWOOD.....	7 p.m.
Feb. 17	FLORIDA STATE* (RLF Split)	1 p.m.
Feb. 21	at Miami*	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 24	GEORGIA TECH* (ABC).....	3:30 p.m.
Mar. 1	VIRGINIA TECH* (ESPN).....	7 p.m.
Mar. 3	at Wake Forest* (RLF).....	1 p.m.
Mar. 8	ACC Tournament First Round	TBA
Mar. 9	ACC Tournament Quarterfinals	TBA
Mar. 10	ACC Tournament Semifinals	TBA
Mar. 11	ACC Tournament Final	TBA

#- ACC/Big Ten Challenge
 *- Atlantic Coast Conference Game
 ^- San Juan Shootout, Carolina, Puerto Rico

TV Key: FSN - Fox Sports Net; FSN-FL - Fox Sports Net Florida; FSNS - Fox Sports Net South; NESN - New England Sports Network; CSN - Comcast Sports Net; RLF - Raycom-Lincoln Financial Sports; RSN - Regional Sports Network, consists of Comcast Sports Net, Fox Sports Net Florida and Fox Sports Net South.

Times are Eastern Standard.
 All game times are subject to change.

UMES (0-2)
VS.
VIRGINIA (3-0)

NOVEMBER 26, 2006 • 3:00 P.M.
JOHN PAUL JONES ARENA (15,219)
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA.

TELEVISION

Today's game will not be televised.

RADIO

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

OFFICIALS

THE GAME

Virginia enters today's game against Maryland Eastern Shore with a 3-0 record. The Cavaliers are coming off an 81-64 win over UNC Asheville (Nov. 22) at the John Paul Jones Arena. UVa finished the 2005-06 season with a 15-15 record and tied for seventh in the Atlantic Coast Conference with a 7-9 mark.

Maryland Eastern Shore is 0-2 on the season. The Hawks are coming off an 82-59 loss at Navy (Nov. 21). UMES was 7-22 overall and finished MEAC play with a 4-14 mark last season.

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.

CAVALIERS OPEN SEASON STRONG

Virginia has opened the 2006-07 season with three consecutive victories for the sixth time in the last seven seasons. UVa won its season opener 93-90 over 10th-ranked Arizona (Nov. 12). The Cavaliers then registered an 85-66 win over



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Virginia's PROBABLE Starters

No.	Pos.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Ppg.	Rpg.	Apg.	Mpg	Notes
24	G/F	Mamadi Diane	6-5	197	So.	16.0	3.3	1.3	26.0	Career-high 25 pts vs. Arizona; ACC Player of the Week
30	F	Adrian Joseph	6-7	205	Jr.	9.3	4.7	1.7	25.0	Season-high 14 pts. vs. UNC Asheville
33	F	Jason Cain	6-10	225	Sr.	8.7	9.3	0.3	24.0	Has 7 career double-doubles
2	G	J.R. Reynolds	6-2 1/2	188	Sr.	15.0	3.0	3.7	28.0	2006-07 Preseason All-ACC Second Team
44	G	Sean Singletary	6-0	185	Jr.	19.0	4.0	7.0	33.7	2006-07 Preseason All-ACC First Team

Virginia's Key Reserves

11	F	Laurynas Mikalauskas	6-8	255	So.	4.3	1.7	1.0	12.3	Played for Lithuanian team this past summer
34	F/C	Ryan Pettinella	6-9	238	Jr.	2.3	2.0	0.0	10.0	Played at UPenn in 2003-04 and 2004-05
12	F	Jamil Tucker	6-8	230	Fr.	1.7	1.0	0.0	10.7	6 pts, 3 rebs., 2 blocks in exhibition game
1	F/G	Will Harris	6-6	230	Fr.	8.3	5.7	0.0	18.3	16 pts., 8 rebs. vs. Morgan State
45	G/F	Soloman Tat	6-5	220	Fr.	3.0	2.0	0.0	12.0	Missed last two games because of injury
21	C	Tunji Soroye	6-11	245	Jr.	--	--	--	--	Has missed first three games with an injury

Morgan State (Nov. 19) and an 81-64 victory over UNC Asheville (Nov. 22). All three wins came at the John Paul Jones Arena.

The Cavaliers have won nine consecutive season openers (10 straight home openers) and 18 of the last 20. Overall, UVa is 82-20 (.804) all-time in season openers.

UVa's three-point margin of victory over Arizona is its smallest in a season opener since a 90-86 win over Long Island (Nov. 22) to open the 2002-03 season.

Then 10th-ranked Arizona is the second highest ranked team Virginia has ever opened a season against – and the first ranked team it has ever beaten in a season opener. In 1963-64, the Cavaliers opened up against ninth-ranked Kentucky and lost 75-64 on Nov. 30, 1963 in Lexington, Ky.

THE SERIES VS. MARYLAND EASTERN SHORE

Today's game is the first meeting between Virginia and UMEC in men's basketball. The Hawks are the third of three opponents UVa will play for the first time this season. The Cavaliers defeated Morgan State 85-66 (Nov. 19) and UNC Asheville 81-64 (Nov. 22) in first time match-ups this season. UVa could also meet the University of Central Florida, Tennessee Tech, or Puerto Rico-Mayaquez for the first time in the San Juan Shootout Dec. 19-21 in Carolina, Puerto Rico.

VIRGINIA VS. THE MEAC

Maryland Eastern Shore is the second of three MEAC opponents Virginia will face this season. UVa defeated the MEAC's Morgan State 85-66 (Nov. 19) and also plays Hampton on Dec. 16.

The Cavaliers are a perfect 8-0 all-time against teams from the MEAC, including the win over Morgan State. Seven of the previous eight games against MEAC schools were played on Virginia's home floors (six at University Hall and one at John Paul Jones Arena). UVa's 102-56 win against Hampton on Dec. 10, 1999 at the Hampton Convocation Center is the Cavaliers' only away game against a MEAC opponent. Prior to the victory over Morgan State (Nov. 19), Virginia's 115-66 win over Howard on Nov. 21, 2001 was its most recent game against an opponent from the MEAC.

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

Virginia's average margin of victory over MEAC teams is 38.3 points per game, which includes a two-point win over Coppin State in December of 1993. The Cavaliers are averaging 98.0 points per game while holding their MEAC opponents to 59.8 points per game.

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 98-84 (7 yrs.)
 Record at Virginia 18-15 (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 1,333-1,034 (102 yrs.)
 University Hall..... 402-143 (41 yrs.)
 JPJ Arena..... 3-0 (first season)
 All-Time ACC Record 304-443 (55 yrs.)
 ACC Tourn. Record 30-52 (53 yrs.)
 NCAA Tourn. Record 21-15 (15 yrs.)
 NIT Record 15-10 (12 yrs.)

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HEAD COACH DAVE LEITAO

Dave Leitao is in his second season as the Cavaliers' head coach and has a record of 18-15. 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 98-84.

This is the first time Leitao has faced Maryland Eastern Shore as a head coach.

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

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

Dave Leitao Firsts at Virginia

Game – Liberty - Nov. 18, 2005 (79-44)
 Win – Liberty - Nov. 18, 2005 (79-44)
 ACC Win – Clemson - Jan. 7, 2006 (64-58)
 ACC Road Win – Virginia Tech - Jan. 15, 2006 (54-49)
 Ranked Win – #24 North Carolina - Jan. 19, 2006 (72-68)
 Top 10 Win – #10 Arizona - Nov. 12, 2006 (93-90)
 Top 15 Win – #11 Boston College - Feb. 21, 2006 (72-58)
 ACC Tournament Win – Virginia Tech - Mar. 9, 2006 (60-56)
 Postseason Appearance – 2006 NIT vs. Stanford - Mar. 14, 2006

UVA POSTS 81-64 WIN OVER UNC ASHEVILLE

Sean Singletary and J.R. Reynolds combined for 38 points and 12 assists to lead Virginia to an 81-64 victory over UNC Asheville (Nov. 22) at the John Paul Jones Arena.

Singletary led all players with 20 points and seven assists and also added four rebounds. Singletary was a perfect 12-12 from the free throw line. Reynolds made 7-14 attempts from the field, including two three-pointers, and both free throws en route to 18 points. He also added five assists, two rebounds and a pair of steals. Adrian Joseph was the third Cavalier to reach double digits in scoring as he had 14 points to go along with six rebounds. Jason Cain led all players with 10 rebounds.

Virginia jumped out to a 12-0 lead less than six minutes into the contest. UVa led by as many as 18 points during the first half and took a 38-22 lead at the intermission. UVa shot 48.3 percent (14-29) in the first half while holding the Bulldogs to 24.0 percent (6-25).

In the second half, the Cavaliers took their biggest lead of the contest, 50-28, with 14:25 to play. UNC Asheville slowly chipped away at Virginia's lead and trimmed the deficit to eight points on two occasions, including 64-56 with

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	



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5:51 remaining in the contest. Six consecutive points by J.R. Reynolds pushed UVa's advantage to 70-56 with 4:05 to play. The Bulldogs never got closer than 11 points the rest of the game.

UVa shot 43.3 percent (26-60) from the field in the game, but limited UNC Asheville to 30.5 percent (18-59) accuracy. The Cavaliers were an impressive 19-23 (82.6 percent) from the free throw line, while UNCA made 20-27 attempts (74.1 percent) from the charity stripe. UVa held a 47-35 advantage in rebounds.

Bryan Smithson led the Bulldogs with 16 points and four assists, while Donovan Jones tallied 14 points. Kenny George, a 7-6 center, blocked five shots in his first collegiate contest.

PLAYING FOUR AT HOME

UVa plays its first four games of the 2006-07 season at home at the John Paul Jones Arena. It marks the third time in the last four years UVa is playing its first four games at home. The Cavaliers opened the 2003-04 and 2004-05 seasons with four consecutive home games and in both of those seasons Virginia won all four games.

DIANE NAMED ACC PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Sophomore guard/forward Mamadi Diane was selected the Atlantic Coast Conference Men's Basketball Player of the Week on Nov. 13 after scoring a career-high 25 points in UVa's 93-90 win over 10th-ranked Arizona (Nov. 12) at the John Paul Jones Arena.

Diane made 8-9 attempts from the field, including 5-6 three-point attempts, and all four free throws in registering the career-best 25 points. He also grabbed four rebounds and had two assists and two steals in 28 minutes of playing time.

Diane's previous career high was 18 points against Northwestern on Nov. 30, 2005. He snapped a streak of 17 consecutive games without scoring in double figures. It was the first time Diane has led UVa in scoring (Sean Singletary also had 25 points) since he tallied 17 points in his college debut on Nov. 18, 2005 against Liberty. Diane became the first men's basketball player to score a point in John Paul Jones Arena history when he made a three-point field goal at the 19:34 mark of the first half.

SINGLETARY AND REYNOLDS NAMED TEAM CAPTAINS AGAIN

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

DOUBLE-DIGIT SCORING STREAK

J.R. Reynolds has scored in double figures in his last 27 games, which is the longest streak among ACC players. Reynolds' streak started with a 10-point performance against Gonzaga on Dec. 17, 2005.

THREE-POINT FIELD GOALS

J.R. Reynolds has made 163 three-point field goals in his career and is in fourth place on UVa's all-time three-point field goals list. John Crotty (1988-91) is third with 179 three-pointers.

SOROYE SURGERY

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

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

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)

his presence and look forward to having him back in action.”

The 6-11 Soroye has lettered twice for UVa and started 23 games for the Cavaliers during the 2005-06 season. He averaged 1.8 points and 3.5 rebounds a game last season, and led the team in blocked shots with 37 (1.23 bpg.).

HOT SHOOTING

Mamadi Diane is off to a great start shooting the basketball in the 2006-07 season. The sophomore has made 17-25 field goal attempts for 68.0 percent accuracy, including 8-14 (57.1 percent) three-point attempts. Diane scored a career-high 25 points against Arizona (Nov. 12) and tallied 15 points vs. Morgan State (Nov. 19). He had eight points in UVa’s win over UNC Asheville (Nov. 22).

Diane’s back-to-back double digit performance against Arizona and Morgan State marked just the third time he has scored in double figures in back-to-back games. Diane did it twice last season (Northwestern - 18, Georgia Tech - 14 and Loyola (Md.) - 11, UMBC - 16).

NAISMITH TROPHY

Sean Singletary is one of 50 men’s college basketball players named as preseason candidates for the Naismith Trophy presented by Cingular Wireless. The Atlanta Tipoff Club announced the list of candidates. The Naismith Trophy is presented to the men’s and women’s players of the year.

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

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

SINGLETARY FROM THE LINE

Sean Singletary is off to a great start from the free throw line. He is 27-28 from the line for 96.4 percent accuracy after making all 12 attempts from the charity stripe against UNC Asheville (Nov. 22). He began the season by connecting on 13-14 attempts from the line against Arizona (Nov. 12). Singletary was 2-2 from the line against Morgan State (Nov. 19).

Singletary has made his last 15 free throw attempts dating back to his final attempt against Arizona.

MORE FREE THROWS

UVa has made two more free throws (68) in the first three games than its three opponents (Arizona, Morgan State and UNC Asheville) have combined to take (66) in those three games. Virginia is 68-95 (71.6 percent) from the free throw line, while its three opponents are a combined 48-66 (72.7 percent).

UVA WINS EXHIBITION GAME

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

Junior Sean Singletary scored the first two buckets, helping the Cavaliers jump out to a quick 6-0 lead. After two Jaguar baskets, UVa went on a 12-0 run to go ahead 18-4. UVa built a 20-point advantage three times before closing out the stanza with a 21-point edge at halftime, 43-22.

In the second half, the ‘Hoos built upon their lead, going ahead by as many as 28 points, 57-29. Augusta State didn’t give up, closing out the game with a 16-10 run to come within 13 points, 76-63 during the final minute of play.

Junior Adrian Joseph came off the bench to pace UVa with 17 points, 12 of which he netted in the first half. He finished three-of-four from the line and notched a team-best four treys. Senior J.R. Reynolds followed with 16 points, while Singletary added 13 points and eight assists. Sophomore Mamadi Diane had 10 points, and senior Jason Cain grabbed a team-high 11 rebounds. Sophomore Laurynas Mikalauskas had 10 boards.

Daniel Dixon paced Augusta State with 16 points. Tyrekus Bowman was the only other Jaguar in double digits with 14 points.

Overall, Virginia out-rebounded Augusta State, 53-30.

THREE PLAYERS JOIN MEN’S BASKETBALL TEAM

Head coach Dave Leitao has added three players to the 2006-07 men’s basketball roster. Sophomores Damin Altizer and Bob McCormick, and freshman David Noel have joined the UVa team after going through a tryout process.

Altizer is a 5-11 guard from Millboro, Va. He lettered four times in basketball at Bath County High School and twice was honored as the team’s Most Valuable Player. He was an All-Pioneer District selection three times, earned All-Region honors twice and was an All-State selection as a high school senior.

McCormick is a 6-5 forward from Chicago, Ill. He was an All-Conference selection and team captain in basketball, baseball and soccer at Francis W. Parker High School. He earned third-team All-State honors as a high school senior and was the conference Player of the Year.

Noel is a 6-3 guard from Houston, Texas. He lettered once in basketball at Lamar High School and once at St. John’s High School where he was a team captain. He earned first-team All-Conference honors and was the team’s Most Valuable Player as a senior at St. John’s. He also lettered one year in football at Lamar.

THREE PLAYERS SIGN WITH UVA

Head coach Dave Leitao has announced the signing of three players to national letters of intent with the Cavaliers. The three players are 6-4 guard Mustapha Farrakhan of Harvey, Ill., 6-4 guard Jeff Jones of Wilmington, Del., 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



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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.”

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.

ACC/BIG TEN CHALLENGE

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

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

THE JOHN PAUL JONES ARENA

The 2006-07 season ushers in a new era for the Cavaliers as they play in their new basketball arena for the first time. The John Paul Jones Arena, which seats 15,219 fans, is located across the street from historic University Hall. The arena features an academic center and dining facility for all student-athletes, and practice courts, coaches office complexes, locker rooms, a weight room, training room, and equipment room for the men’s and women’s basketball programs.

PRESEASON HONORS

Guards Sean Singletary and J.R. Reynolds were selected to preseason All-Atlantic Coast Conference teams by media attending the ACC’s Operation Basketball event in Greensboro, N.C., in October. Singletary was a first-team selection and Reynolds was named to the second team. In addition, Singletary has been named a third-team All-America selection by *Street & Smith’s College Basketball 2006-07 Yearbook*, *Rivals.com*, and *Collegehoops.net*. *Collegeinsider.com* also named Singletary to its 16-player All-America team.

REMEMBERING U-HALL

While University Hall is no longer home to Virginia basketball, the memories of outstanding games in the building and the players who participated in them will remain forever.

The Cavaliers played Kentucky in the first game at U-Hall on Dec. 4, 1965 and lost to the Wildcats 99-73.

On March 5, 2006, the UVa men’s team played its final game in U-Hall after 41 seasons - a 71-70 loss to Maryland. During those 41 seasons, Virginia compiled an overall record of 402-143 in University Hall and a record of 179-112 against ACC opponents in the building. Last season, UVa won its 400th game in U-Hall by defeating in-state rival Virginia Tech 81-77 in overtime on Feb. 11. The Cavaliers’ final win at University Hall was a 72-58 victory over 11th-ranked Boston College on Feb. 21.

THE EARLY DAYS

Prior to beginning play in University Hall in the 1965-66 season, the Cavaliers had two other home courts – Fayerweather Gymnasium and Memorial Gymnasium.

While Fayerweather Gymnasium was constructed in 1893, the basketball team would not call it home until the program's first season in 1905-06. Under the tutelage of Henry H. "Pop" Lannigan, the only head coach of the Fayerweather era, Virginia men's basketball experienced no losing records while Fayerweather Gymnasium housed the program. The 1914-15 season even saw the Cavaliers go a perfect 17-0, still the only undefeated season in team history. While not every game listed as a home game between the 1905-06 and 1923-24 seasons was played in Fayerweather Gymnasium, the program did manage to have an impressive 193-60-1 record while calling Fayerweather Gymnasium home. Unfortunately, the highly successful years played in Fayerweather came to a close with a 37-24 loss to Fordham on Feb. 21, 1924.

On Jan. 10, 1925, the story continued in Memorial Gymnasium with Virginia's first victory in the building over Lynchburg. This facility was the home to 42 Cavalier men's basketball teams and six different head coaches. During this time, Virginia earned its first postseason appearance in 1941 under Gus Tebell and also joined the Atlantic Coast Conference in 1953. Memorial Gymnasium, commonly referred to as Mem Gym, was also the home of Buzzy Wilkinson, still the UVa and the ACC record holder for career scoring average with 28.6 points per game. By the time Mem Gym was replaced in 1965, the Cavaliers had registered a home record of 279-155. On Feb. 27, 1965, Virginia men's basketball bid Memorial Gymnasium goodbye with a 69-67 victory over ACC foe Clemson.

RETURNING STARTERS

Seven players who started games for Virginia during the 2005-06 season are on the Cavaliers' roster for 2006-07. Those players include guard J.R. Reynolds (30), guard Sean Singletary (29), forward Jason Cain (24), center Tunji Soroye (23), forward Adrian Joseph (19), forward Laurynas Mikalauskas (12) and forward/guard Mamadi Diane (11). The only player not returning who started a game for the Cavaliers last season is guard Billy Campbell who started twice.

BILL COURTNEY JOINS COACHING STAFF

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

Courtney joins Rob Lanier and Steve Seymour as assistant coaches on head coach Dave Leitao's staff. He is a native of

Springfield, Va., and a 1992 graduate of Bucknell University.

VIRGINIA PLAYERS IN INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

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

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

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

Mikalauskas played for the Lithuanian team that finished second to Russia in the Global Games at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Tex., in June. Among his top performances were a 19-point, five-rebound effort in a loss to Russia, and an 18-point, 11-rebound performance in a victory over Argentina.

All of Virginia's players will have the opportunity to play outside the continental United States when the Cavaliers compete in the San Juan Shootout (Dec. 19-21) in Puerto Rico.

CAVALIERS IN THE 2006 ACC STATISTICAL RANKINGS

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

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

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

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

