

2006-07 VIRGINIA MEN'S BASKETBALL

2006-07 Schedule

VIRGINIA
4-1 OVERALL
0-0 ACC

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

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

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

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

#25 VIRGINIA (4-1) VS. NC STATE (5-0)

DECEMBER 3, 2006 • 3:30 P.M.
JOHN PAUL JONES ARENA (15,219)
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA.

TELEVISION

Today's game will be televised by Fox Sports Net (FSN). Tim Brando will handle the play-by-play. Dan Bonner is the analyst. Jenn Hildreth is the sideline reporter.

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 Atlantic Coast Conference opener with a 4-1 record. The Cavaliers fell to Purdue 61-59 (Nov. 29) in West Lafayette, Ind., in the ACC/Big Ten Challenge. UVa is ranked 25th in The Associated Press Top 25 Poll released Nov. 27. 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.

NC State is a perfect 5-0 on the season. The Wolfpack is coming off a 74-67 win over Michigan (Nov. 27) in Raleigh in the ACC/Big Ten Challenge. The Wolfpack finished the 2005-06 season with a 22-10 overall record and a 10-6 mark in the ACC.

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.



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CAVALIER GAME NOTES

Virginia's PROBABLE Starters

No.	Pos.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Ppg.	Rpg.	Apg.	Mpg	Notes
24	G/F	Mamadi Diane	6-5	197	So.	16.4	3.6	2.0	29.6	Career-high 25 pts vs. Arizona; ACC Player of the Week
33	F	Jason Cain	6-10	225	Sr.	10.4	7.6	0.6	21.8	Has 7 career double-doubles
34	F/C	Ryan Pettinella	6-9	238	Jr.	2.8	3.0	0.0	11.6	Played at UPenn in 2003-04 and 2004-05
2	G	J.R. Reynolds	6-2 1/2	188	Sr.	14.8	4.4	4.0	30.0	2006-07 Preseason All-ACC Second Team
44	G	Sean Singletary	6-0	185	Jr.	17.8	4.8	6.6	32.4	2006-07 Preseason All-ACC First Team

Virginia's Key Reserves

30	F	Adrian Joseph	6-7	205	Jr.	8.5	6.0	1.3	26.3	Career-high 10 rebounds vs. Purdue
11	F	Laurynas Mikalauskas	6-8	255	So.	3.4	1.8	0.8	10.2	Played for Lithuanian team this past summer
12	F	Jamil Tucker	6-8	230	Fr.	2.6	1.6	0.0	10.6	Had career-highs of 8 pts and 5 rebs. vs. UMES
1	F/G	Will Harris	6-6	230	Fr.	5.8	4.2	0.6	16.8	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 four games because of injury
55	F/C	Jerome Meynsse	6-8	230	Fr.	3.7	4.0	0.0	12.3	Scored a career-high 9 points vs. UMES
21	C	Tunji Soroye	6-11	245	Jr.	0.0	1.0	0.0	17.0	Saw first game action of 2006-07 vs. Purdue

RANKED CAVALIERS

Virginia is ranked 25th in the nation in this week's Associated Press Top 25 poll. The ranking is the first for the Cavaliers since Dec. 27, 2004, when they were ranked No. 25 in both The Associated Press and ESPN/USAToday polls.

UVA FALLS TO 4-3 IN ACC/BIG TEN CHALLENGE

With its 61-59 loss to Purdue on Wednesday (Nov. 29), Virginia fell to 4-3 in the ACC/Big Ten Challenge. The ACC won the series for the eighth consecutive year as ACC schools won eight of 11 contests. The ACC's cumulative record in the Challenge is 48-27.

THE SERIES VS. NC STATE

NC State leads the overall series with Virginia 78-51 (dating back to 1912-13). The Wolfpack won the only meeting between the two teams last season 66-64 (Feb. 1) in Raleigh. The two teams split a pair of meetings in 2004-05 with the home team losing both times. The Wolfpack gained the split with an 82-72 win (Mar. 2) at University Hall. In the first meeting, the Cavaliers stopped a two-game slide to NC State with a 64-62 win (Feb. 5) in Raleigh. It also halted a seven-game losing streak at NC State.

In 2003-04, the Wolfpack took an 86-69 decision (Dec. 28) in Raleigh and also posted a 79-63 win (Feb. 7) over UVa in Charlottesville.

Despite winning only twice in the last 11 meetings, the Cavaliers have won 17 of 31 contests against NCSU in the last 15 seasons. Since 1980, the Cavaliers are 34-24 in all games against the Wolfpack.

The two teams have split the regular season series six times in the last nine seasons (NCSU, however, has won all both ACC Tournament matchups during the same span - 2000 and 2002). When NC State swept the 2001-02 regular season series, it marked the Wolfpack's first sweep over UVa since winning both matchups (by a combined seven points) in 1988. Virginia has swept the season series six times since then, but the last time UVa swept the season series was in the 1996-97 season.

The Cavaliers won 23 of the last 28 games between the two teams at University Hall. UVa had its 13-game home winning streak over the Wolfpack snapped in the 2001-02 season (81-74 - Jan. 5). UVa also lost to the Wolfpack 79-63 (Feb. 7) in the 2003-04 season in Charlottesville and 82-72 (Mar. 2) in the 2004-05 season. State's previous two wins in Charlottesville during that stretch came in 1985 and 1988 by a combined margin of three points.

Virginia was 25-14 against the Wolfpack at University Hall and is 31-23 all-time in Charlottesville.

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 99-85 (7 yrs.)
 Record at Virginia..... 19-16 (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 1,334-1,035 (102 yrs.)
 University Hall..... 402-143 (41 yrs.)
 JPJ Arena..... 4-0 (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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VIRGINIA IN ACC OPENERS

Virginia is 19-34 all-time in Atlantic Coast Conference season openers. The Cavaliers are 16-20 all-time vs. unranked ACC teams in conference openers. UVa is 13-16 in home ACC openers and 6-18 on the road. The Cavaliers have lost their last 11 ACC openers. Virginia's last win in an ACC opener was an 81-75 victory (Jan. 4) at Florida State in the 1994-95 season.

Today's game is the fifth time UVa opens the ACC season against NC State. It is the second time Virginia is hosting the Wolfpack in an ACC opener. In the 2001-02 season (the first of three consecutive seasons the two teams met to start league play), Virginia fell to the Wolfpack 81-74 in Charlottesville on Jan. 5, 2002.

Virginia is 5-4 vs. Wake Forest, 3-2 vs. Florida State, 1-1 vs. Georgia Tech, 1-0 vs. South Carolina, 8-13 vs. Duke, 1-7 vs. Maryland, 0-2 vs. North Carolina, 0-4 vs. NC State, and 0-1 vs. Clemson all-time in ACC openers.

EARLY ACC OPENER

Today's game against NC State is the earliest ACC opener for the Cavaliers since the 1998-99 season (it is also the first ACC matchup of the 2006-07 season - the second straight year UVa has opened the ACC slate). In the 1998-99 campaign, Virginia tipped off ACC play on Dec. 1 against Florida State and fell 72-69 at University Hall. UVa has played two other ACC openers on Dec. 1 - Georgia Tech in 1979-80 and Maryland in 1956-57.

CAVALIERS AND WOLFPACK BATTLE TO WIRE

The history of the series between these two schools since the late 1970s is one marked by many closely contested games. Since 1978, 41 of the 63 games have been decided by less than 10 points. UVa is 28-13 (.683) in those games.

Virginia's last 10 wins (going back 11 seasons) over the Wolfpack have been by a combined 45 points (4.5/g).

Since 1978, four games have been decided by one point, seven by two points, seven by three points, three by four points and three by five points.

It's curious to note in the long history of the series going back to the first meeting 94 years ago that only three games have gone to overtime. Virginia has been victorious in all three overtime contests. UVa won the first overtime game 81-73 in 1977-78 and won 84-82 in double overtime in 1995-96. In the most recent overtime affair, the Cavaliers won 82-79 in 1998-99. During one stretch (1985-1988) nine consecutive games were decided by nine points or less.

In a bit of an aberration, 11 of the last 14 NC State wins in the series have been by double digits—67-54 in 1994, 74-55 in 1998, 82-72 in 1999, 76-65 in 2000, 90-80 in 2001, 85-68 and 92-72 in 2002, 75-63 in 2003, 86-69 and 79-63 in 2004, and 82-72 last season. The exceptions were a 65-62 Wolfpack win on Jan. 12, 2000, an 81-74 win on Jan. 5, 2002, and a 66-64 NCSU win on Feb. 1, 2006.

FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE IS KEY TO WINS OVER 'PACK

Virginia has had the upper hand in the series versus NC State over the last 17 years and one of the keys to the Cavaliers' success is field goal percentage defense. Since the 1989-90 season, Virginia has won 19 of 35 contests. In the 19 wins, UVa has held NC State below 45 percent field goal shooting 15 times and under 40 percent nine times. In the Wolfpack's 16 victories, they have shot 51.6 percent from the floor, including 61.0 percent (25-41) in the 2000 ACC Tournament (Mar. 10) and 60.4 percent (29-48) in the 2002 ACC Tournament (Mar. 8). The lowest NCSU has shot in a victory over the Cavaliers since 1989-90 was 46.9 percent (23-49) in a 75-63 win (Jan. 5) in Raleigh during the 2002-03 season.

The Wolfpack shot 44.9 percent from the field and averaged 71.8 points per

2006-07 ACC Preseason Media Poll

<i>Team</i>	<i>Points</i>
1. North Carolina (59)	741
2. Duke (2)	660
3. Boston College (1)	619
4. Georgia Tech	531
5. Florida State	410
6. Virginia Tech	385
7. Maryland	375
8. Virginia	365
9. Clemson	281
10. Wake Forest	177
11. Miami	173
12. NC State	119
(first place votes)	

2006-07 Preseason All-ACC Teams

All-ACC First Team

Tyler Hansbrough, UNC	62
Jared Dudley, BC	58
Sean Singletary, UVa	53
Al Thornton, FSU	53
Josh McRoberts, Duke	52

All-ACC Second Team

Anthony Morrow, GT	7
Coleman Collins, VT	6
Reyshawn Terry, UNC	4
J.R. Reynolds, UVa	4
Zabian Dowdell, VT	2

ACC Player of the Year

Tyler Hansbrough, UNC	48
Al Thornton, FSU	4
Josh McRoberts, Duke	4
Sean Singletary, UVa	3
Jared Dudley, BC	3

ACC Rookie of the Year

Thaddeus Young, GT	24
Ty Lawson, UNC	15
Javaris Crittenton, GT	4
Wayne Ellington, UNC	2
six others with 1 vote	



CAVALIER GAME NOTES

game against Virginia over the last 17 seasons. In wins over UVa, NC State has shot 51.6 percent from the floor and averaged 79.2 points, compared to 39.9 percent shooting and 65.5 points per game in losses to Virginia.

In the last 13 meetings (10 NCSU wins), NC State shot 51.1 percent (340-665) from the field, including a trio of 60+ percent contests. Only twice in the last 13 games have the Cavaliers held NC State under 45 percent shooting – 41.8 percent (23-55), and 40.0 percent (18-45).

A look at NC State's field goal shooting and points scored against Virginia since the 1989-90 season follows.

Year	Site	FGM	FGA	Pct.	Pts.	Winner
1989-90	NCSU	33	62	53.2	84	NCSU
	UVa	26	69	37.7	71	UVa
1990-91	UVa	27	59	45.8	72	UVa
	NCSU	28	58	48.3	83	NCSU
1991-92	NCSU	24	66	36.4	69	UVa
	UVa	26	62	41.9	68	UVa
1992-93	NCSU	19	64	29.7	56	UVa
	UVa	28	62	45.2	66	UVa
1993-94	UVa	21	68	30.9	58	UVa
	NCSU	25	53	47.2	67	NCSU
1994-95	NCSU	24	65	36.9	65	UVa
	UVa	24	62	38.7	55	UVa
1995-96	UVa	25	77	32.5	69	UVa
	NCSU	26	61	42.6	82	UVa
1996-97	UVa	20	44	45.5	50	UVa
	NCSU	15	39	38.5	46	UVa
1997-98	UVa	17	49	34.7	56	UVa
	NCSU	25	50	50.0	74	NCSU
1998-99	NCSU	29	50	58.0	82	NCSU
	UVa	25	59	42.4	79	UVa
1999-00	NCSU	25	52	48.1	65	NCSU
	UVa	30	68	44.1	82	UVa
	ACC	25	41	61.0	76	NCSU
2000-01	UVa	30	49	61.2	81	UVa
	NCSU	30	53	56.6	90	NCSU
2001-02	UVa	28	57	49.1	81	NCSU
	NCSU	27	53	50.9	85	NCSU
	ACC	29	48	60.4	92	NCSU
2002-03	NCSU	23	49	46.9	75	NCSU
	UVa	23	55	41.8	58	UVa
2003-04	NCSU	30	59	50.8	86	NCSU
	UVa	26	51	51.0	79	NCSU
2004-05	NCSU	18	45	40.0	62	UVa
	UVa	24	51	47.1	82	NCSU
2005-06	NCSU	27	54	50.0	66	NCSU
UVa Wins since 1989-90			(19)	39.9	65.5	
UVa Losses since 1989-90			(16)	51.6	79.2	
Overall since 1989-90			(35)	44.9	71.8	

CAVALIERS OPEN SEASON STRONG

Virginia opened the 2006-07 season with four consecutive victories for the fifth time in the last seven seasons. UVa won its season opener 93-90 over 10th-ranked Arizona (Nov. 12) and then registered an 85-66 win over Morgan State (Nov. 19). UVa also defeated UNC Asheville 81-64 (Nov. 22) and Maryland Eastern Shore 104-63 (Nov. 26). All four wins came at the John Paul Jones Arena. Virginia had its four-game winning streak snapped with a 61-59 loss at Purdue (Nov. 29).

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 NC State in the 2006-07 season.

Virginia	Category	NC State
84.4	Points.....	79.0
68.8	Points Allowed	67.6
+15.6	Scoring Margin	+11.4
46.4	Field Goal %	51.9
37.9	Field Goal % Defense.....	42.5
38.7	3 Point Field Goal %.....	33.7
34.4	3 Point Field Goal % Defense.....	36.6
73.9	Free Throw %	62.7
44.8	Rebounds.....	35.8
+13.2	Rebound Margin	+3.8
15.6	Assists	18.2
15.2	Turnovers.....	12.4
5.6	Steals.....	6.0
2.4	Blocked Shots	2.4

LEITAO LOOKING FOR 100

Virginia head coach Dave Leitao enters today's game against NC State with 99 career victories. He sports a record of 99-85 as a head coach. Leitao registered his first career coaching win against Howard (78-62) on Dec. 3, 1994 while the head coach at Northeastern.

HEAD COACH DAVE LEITAO

Dave Leitao is in his second season as the Cavaliers' head coach and has a record of 19-16. In his first season at UVa in 2005-06, Virginia posted a 15-15 record and compiled a 7-9 mark in Atlantic Coast Conference play. Virginia tied for seventh in the ACC standings after being picked 12th in the ACC Preseason Media Poll.

School	Record	Years
Northeastern	22-35	'95, '96
DePaul	58-34	'03, '04, '05
Virginia	19-16	'06, '07
7 Seasons	99-85	

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 99-85.

Leitao is 0-1 all-time against NC State 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

LAST SEASON VS. NC STATE

The Cavaliers rallied from a 12-point first-half deficit and took a four-point lead late in the game, but 18th-ranked NC State battled back and prevailed 66-64 (Feb. 1) at the RBC Center in Raleigh. It was the only meeting between the two teams last season.

For the second consecutive game, Virginia got off to a slow start and trailed NC State 14-2 in the opening minutes of the game. The Cavaliers fought their way back into the game and closed out the first half with a 6-0 run to trim the deficit to 29-26.

UVa tied the game at 32-32 on an Adrian Joseph dunk at the 18:12 mark. With 9:01 left, J.R. Reynolds buried a three-pointer to start a 7-0 Cavalier run that gave UVa a 55-52 lead. Sean Singletary followed Reynolds' three with a layup and Mamadi Diane closed out the spurt with a jumper at the 7:18 mark. Virginia took its biggest lead of the contest, 61-57, with 3:37 left on a layup by Laurynas Mikalauskas. With the Wolfpack trailing by three, 62-59, Ilian Evtimov's three-pointer with 2:08 to play began a 7-0 NC State run that led to a 66-62 lead. A tip-in by Joseph with four seconds remaining brought UVa within two, 66-64. After a missed Wolfpack free throw, Singletary's desperation three-pointer bounced off the back of the rim as time expired.

Reynolds led the Cavaliers with 16 points and added five rebounds and five assists. Singletary tallied 13 points and five assists, while Mikalauskas registered 10 points. Jason Cain notched his fifth double figure rebounding performance of the season with 10 and had seven points and blocked three shots.

The Cavaliers shot 40.9 percent (27-66) from the field and made only 2-21 three-point attempts (9.5 percent). NC State shot 50.0 percent (27-54) from the floor. UVa held a 38-32 edge in rebounds, including a 12-4 advantage on the offensive glass. Virginia also equaled its season-low with only eight turnovers (NC State had 11 turnovers).

Tony Bethel and Cedric Simmons led the Wolfpack with 16 and 15 points, respectively.



CAVALIER GAME NOTES

UVA FALLS TO PURDUE IN ACC/BIG TEN CHALLENGE

Purdue's Tarrance Crump hit a running floater with one second remaining to break a 59-59 tie and lift the Boilermakers to a 61-59 victory (Nov. 29) over Virginia in the ACC/Big Ten Challenge in West Lafayette, Ind.

During the second half, Virginia turned a nine-point deficit into a five-point lead, only to see Purdue make three key three-pointers down the stretch to pull out the victory. The Boilermakers opened up a 39-30 lead with 15:42 remaining in the game, but UVa used a 15-4 run to take a 45-43 edge with 10:31 to play. The Cavaliers built their lead to five on two occasions, including 55-50 with 6:50 left in the game. Purdue then went on a 9-2 run on the strength of three three-point field goals to take a 59-57 lead with 1:32 to go.

Sean Singletary tied the game at 59-59 with 29 seconds left when he made a pair of free throws, but Crump answered with his game-winning shot with just one second remaining.

Virginia led by as many as seven points (17-10) midway through the first half, but Purdue rallied to take a 26-23 half-time advantage.

Singletary led all players with 21 points, including three three-point field goals, and he also made all eight of his free throw attempts. Singletary also had six rebounds, three assists and a steal. Mamadi Diane was the only other Cavalier to score in double figures as he had 17 points on 7-11 shooting from the field, including a 3-6 effort from beyond the arch. He also added three assists, three steals and two rebounds. Adrian Joseph pulled down a career-high 10 rebounds and tallied six points, while J.R. Reynolds also notched a career best in rebounds with nine. He also had five assists, but saw his 28-game double figure scoring streak end as he totaled only seven points.

Neither team shot the ball well from the field. UVa was 21-55 for 38.2 percent accuracy from the floor, while Purdue was 22-57 for 38.6 percent. The Cavaliers held a 39-36 advantage in rebounds, but committed 15 turnovers to Purdue's 11.

Carl Landry led the Boilermakers with 19 points and eight rebounds. David Teague added 14 points, including four three-pointers, and eight rebounds.

PLAYING FOUR AT HOME

UVa played its first four games of the 2006-07 season at home at the John Paul Jones Arena. It marked the third time in the last four years UVa opened the season with four home games. The Cavaliers also began the 2003-04 and 2004-05 seasons with four consecutive home games and, just like this season, Virginia won all four games.

THE CENTURY MARK

The Cavaliers scored 104 points in their win over Maryland Eastern Shore (Nov. 26). It is the first time since Dec. 30, 2001 UVa has surpassed the century mark in a game. Virginia had gone 145 games without scoring 100 points.

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 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.

THREE-POINT FIELD GOALS

J.R. Reynolds has made 168 three-point field goals in his career and is in fourth place on UVa's all-time three-point field goals list. John Crotty (1988-91) is third with 179 three-pointers.

CAIN'S CAREER HIGH

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

REBOUNDING CAREER HIGHS

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

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

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

SOROYE BACK FROM SURGERY

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

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 28-43 field goal attempts for 65.1 percent accuracy, including 13-24 (54.2 percent) three-pointers. He is also 13-14 (92.9 percent) from the free throw line. Diane scored a career-high 25 points against Arizona (Nov. 12) and tallied 15 points vs. Morgan State (Nov. 19). He had eight points in UVa's win over UNC Asheville (Nov. 22) and then posted 17 points against both Maryland Eastern Shore and Purdue.

Diane's 17 points against Purdue marked just the second time in his career he has scored in double figures on an opponents' home floor. Last season at Georgia Tech (Dec. 4) he scored 14 points.

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

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 39-40 from the line for 97.5 percent accuracy after making all eight attempts vs. Purdue (Nov. 29). Singletary made all four attempts from the line against UMEs (Nov. 26) and was a perfect 12-12 from the charity stripe against UNC Asheville (Nov. 22). He began the season by making 13-14 attempts from the line against Arizona (Nov. 12). Singletary was 2-2 from the line against Morgan State (Nov. 19).

Singletary has made his last 27 free throw attempts dating back to his final try against Arizona.

MORE FREE THROWS

UVa has made 12 more free throws (105) in the first five games than its five opponents have combined to take (93) in those five games. Virginia is 105-142 (73.9 percent) from the free throw line, while its five opponents are a combined 62-93 (66.7 percent).

OVER 900

Sean Singletary reached the 900-point plateau in UVa's loss to Purdue (Nov. 29). Singletary has scored 906 points in his career.

NEARLY TOP 10

Sean Singletary has handed out 267 assists during his career and is closing in on the 10th spot on UVa's all-time assists list. Billy Langloh (1974-77) holds 10th place on Virginia's all-time assists list with 286.

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 Mikaluskas 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 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.

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.

VIRGINIA 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, 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).



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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.