

2006-07 VIRGINIA MEN'S BASKETBALL

2006-07 Schedule

VIRGINIA
11-6 OVERALL
3-2 ACC

H: 10-1, 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)	W, 103-91
Jan. 21	WAKE FOREST* (RLF)	W, 88-76
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 (11-6, 3-2)
VS.
NC STATE (11-7, 1-4)

JANUARY 24, 2007 • 9:00 P.M.
RBC CENTER (19,722)
RALEIGH, N.C.

TELEVISION

Tonight's game will be televised by Raycom-Lincoln Financial (RLF). Tim Brando will handle the play-by-play. Billy Packer 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 NC State with an 11-6 overall record and a 3-2 mark in the Atlantic Coast Conference. The Cavaliers have won their last two games, including an 88-76 victory over Wake Forest (Jan. 21) at the John Paul Jones Arena.

NC State is 11-7 overall and 1-4 in the ACC. The Wolfpack has won one of its last four games and is coming off a 79-56 loss to Duke (Jan. 20) at home.

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 10-1 in the John Paul Jones Arena.

THE SERIES VS. NC STATE

NC State leads the overall series with Virginia 78-52 (dating back to 1912-13). UVa won the first meeting of the 2006-07 season 67-62 on Dec. 3 at the John Paul Jones Arena.

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 los-

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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.	7.4	6.5	0.8	19.9	Has 8 career double-doubles, two this season
24	G/F	Mamadi Diane	6-5	197	So.	11.7	3.8	1.4	27.5	Career high 26 points vs. Maryland (Jan. 16)
11	F	Laurynas Mikalauskas	6-8	255	So.	3.9	1.8	0.4	14.2	Season-high 10 points vs. North Carolina (Jan. 10)
2	G	J.R. Reynolds	6-2 1/2	188	Sr.	17.6	3.8	4.2	30.5	Named ACC Player of the Week on Jan. 22
44	G	Sean Singletary	6-0	185	Jr.	19.0	3.9	5.3	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.	4.2	4.2	0.6	16.0	Made first career start vs. American (Dec. 28)
30	F	Adrian Joseph	6-7	205	Jr.	8.0	4.4	1.3	24.6	Career-high 10 rebounds vs. Purdue
21	C	Tunji Soroye	6-11	245	Jr.	1.3	1.8	0.0	8.7	Saw first game action of 2006-07 vs. Purdue (Nov. 29)
12	F	Jamil Tucker	6-8	230	Fr.	4.0	2.5	0.1	11.6	Career-high 12 pts vs. Gonzaga (Jan. 3) and Maryland (Jan. 16)
55	F/C	Jerome Meynsse	6-8	230	Fr.	1.7	1.9	0.1	8.7	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.	2.1	1.6	0.7	8.3	Played in last six games after missing 10 because of injury

ing 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 three times in the last 12 meetings, the Cavaliers have won 18 of 32 contests against NCSU in the last 16 seasons. Since 1980, the Cavaliers are 35-24 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 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 have not found their trips to NC State very hospitable over the years, as they have won only 17 of 57 games all-time against the Wolfpack in Raleigh. UVa lost its first five games at the RBC Center (formerly the Entertainment and Sports Arena) – 65-62 – Jan. 12, 2000, 90-80 – Feb. 7, 2001, 85-68 – Feb. 6, 2002, 75-63 – Jan. 5, 2003, and 86-69 – Dec. 28, 2003) – before the 64-62 win (Feb. 5) in 2004-05. The victory also snapped a seven game road losing streak to NC State. Prior to the 2004-05 season, UVa's last win in Raleigh was a 55-46 triumph on Feb. 19, 1997. The Cavaliers are 1-6 all-time at the RBC Center. Virginia was only 15-30 all-time in Reynolds Coliseum (including games in the ACC Tournament) against the Wolfpack. In games in Raleigh since 1979-80, UVa is 12-14.

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, 42 of the 64 games have been decided by less than 10 points. UVa is 29-13 (.690) in those games.

Virginia's last 11 wins (going back 12 seasons) over the Wolfpack have been by a combined 50 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 four by five points.

It's curious to note in the long history of the series going back to the first meeting 95 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.

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 106-90 (7 yrs.)
 Record at Virginia..... 26-21 (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 1,341-1,040 (102 yrs.)
 University Hall..... 402-143 (41 yrs.)
 JPJ Arena..... 10-1 (first season)
 All-Time ACC Record 307-445 (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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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 18 years and one of the keys to the Cavaliers' success is field goal percentage defense. Since the 1989-90 season, Virginia has won 20 of 36 contests. In the 20 wins, UVa has held NC State below 45 percent field goal shooting 16 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 44.8 percent from the field and averaged 71.5 points per game against Virginia over the last 18 seasons. In wins over UVa, NC State has shot 51.6 percent from the floor and averaged 79.2 points, compared to 40.0 percent shooting and 65.4 points per game in losses to Virginia.

In the last 14 meetings (10 NCSU wins), NC State shot 50.4 percent (363-720) from the field, including a trio of 60+ percent contests. Only three times in the last 14 games have the Cavaliers held NC State under 45 percent shooting – 41.8 percent (23-55), 40.0 percent (18-45) and 41.8 percent (23-55).

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

		FG%	Pts./G
UVa Wins since 1989-90	20	40.0	65.4
UVa Losses since 1989-90	16	51.6	79.2
Overall since 1989-90	36	44.8	71.5

EARLIER THIS SEASON VS. NC STATE

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

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

UVa took a 27-26 lead at the intermission, but the Wolfpack opened the second half with an 8-1 run to take a 34-28 lead with 16:40 to play. It marked the first of 16 lead changes in the second half. Harris scored seven of UVa's next nine points to help the Cavaliers retake the lead, 37-35 with 14:09 to go. Neither team led by more than three points over the final 14 minutes until a pair of Singletary free throws with five seconds left made the final score 67-62. Reynolds scored all 13 of his second half points over the final 7:12 of the contest.

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

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

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

2006-07 ACC Preseason Media Poll

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

(first place votes)

2006-07 Preseason All-ACC Teams

All-ACC First Team

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

All-ACC Second Team

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

ACC Player of the Year

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

ACC Rookie of the Year

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

2006-07 ACC Players of the Week

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



CAVALIER GAME NOTES

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 then top-ranked North Carolina (Jan. 10) in Chapel Hill and 78-73 to Boston College (Jan. 13) in Chestnut Hill, Mass. The Cavaliers improved to 2-2 in the ACC with a 103-91 win over Maryland (Jan. 16) at home.

HEAD COACH DAVE LEITAO

Dave Leitao is in his second season as the Cavaliers' head coach and has a record of 26-21. 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.

School	Record	Years
Northeastern	22-35	'95, '96
DePaul	58-34	'03, '04, '05
<u>Virginia</u>	<u>26-21</u>	<u>'06, '07</u>
7 Seasons	106-90	

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 106-90. 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 1-1 all-time against NC State 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

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.

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
81.5	Points	73.7
74.0	Points Allowed	70.6
+7.5	Scoring Margin	+3.1
45.2	Field Goal %	49.9
41.1	Field Goal % Defense	43.2
36.9	3 Point Field Goal %	33.9
34.4	3 Point Field Goal % Defense	36.5
73.5	Free Throw %	72.6
39.8	Rebounds	33.3
+6.1	Rebound Margin	-0.9
14.4	Assists	15.7
14.8	Turnovers	14.7
4.9	Steals	5.9
2.6	Blocked Shots	3.4

NO REST ON SUNDAYS

The Cavaliers have seven Sunday games this season and thus far the Cavaliers are 5-1 on Sunday. UVa played three Sunday games in November – Arizona (Nov. 12), Morgan State (Nov. 19), and Maryland Eastern Shore (Nov. 26). The Cavaliers' lone Sunday contest in December was against NC State (Dec. 3), which marked the fourth consecutive week UVa had a Sunday game.

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

The Clemson contest is the only away Sunday game for UVa this season.

MIAMI GAME AT 8 P.M.

UVa's home game against Miami on Feb. 3 will begin at 8 p.m. All preseason information (tickets, schedule cards, media guide) has the game listed as a 7 p.m. start, but ESPN-U will televise the game necessitating the tip time change to 8 p.m.

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 10-1 at home this season and 1-5 away from JPJA, including a 0-3 mark on its opponents' home court.

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.

REYNOLDS LEADS UVA TO WIN OVER WAKE

J.R. Reynolds scored a career-high 40 points to lead Virginia to an 88-76 victory over Wake Forest (Jan. 21) at the John Paul Jones Arena. Reynolds connected on 12-18 field goal attempts, including 6-8 three-pointers, and made all 10 free throw attempts.

Reynolds' also established career highs with his 12 field

goals made and six three-pointers. Sean Singletary added 19 points, while Mamadi Diane and Jason Cain both added 10 points.

After Cain opened the game with a jumper, Reynolds and Singletary combined to score the next 24 Cavalier points to help UVa build a 26-19 lead with 8:34 remaining in the first half. Wake Forest came back to take a 29-27 lead with 3:18 to go in the first stanza. Four free throws each by Reynolds and Singletary gave the Cavaliers the lead for good, 35-33, with 1:25 to go. A Reynolds three-pointer and a Singletary jumper gave UVa a 40-38 halftime lead. Reynolds and Singletary combined to score the final 13 points of the first half for Virginia and 37 of the Cavaliers' 40 first half points.

Virginia opened the second half with a 12-2 run to grab a 52-40 advantage with just under 18 minutes to play. The Demon Deacons then used a 7-2 spurt to pull within seven, 54-47 with 13:50 to go. UVa answered with a Reynolds layup and back-to-back jumpers by Diane and Adrian Joseph to extend the lead to 13, 60-47, with 12:32 remaining. Wake was only able to trim the deficit to single digits once, 71-63 with 5:04 left, but Reynolds immediately answered with a three-pointer.

UVa was an impressive 29-55 (52.7 percent) from the field in the game, including 58.6 percent (17-29) in the second half. The Cavaliers also connected on 11-22 three-point attempts and made 19-22 (86.4 percent) free throw attempts. Wake Forest shot only 39.4 percent (26-66) from the floor. Both teams had 17 turnovers in the contest and the Deacs held a 38-33 edge in rebounds.

Jamie Skeen came off the bench to lead Wake with 14 points and eight rebounds. Ishmael Smith added 13 points.

THE CENTURY MARK

The Cavaliers have reached the century mark three times this season. Virginia reached triple digits for the third time this season on Jan. 16 when it scored 103 points against Maryland. It marked the first time UVa has reached the century mark in an ACC game since Jan. 27, 2001 when it scored 104 points in a win at Clemson (104-76).

UVa scored 108 points against Gonzaga (Jan. 3) and it marked the most points Virginia has scored in a game since putting 112 points on the scoreboard against Grambling on Dec. 30, 2001.

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

The last time UVa scored 100 or more points three times in a season was in 2001-02. In the 2000-01 season, the Cavaliers scored 100 or more points four times.

40 POINTS

J.R. Reynolds scored a career high and an ACC season-best 40 points against Wake Forest (Jan. 21). It marked the first time a UVa player has scored 40 or more points in a game since Devin Smith on Dec. 6, 2004 vs. Iowa State. Reynolds' 40 points are the most scored by a UVa player at home since Donald Hand had 41 vs. NC State on Feb. 14, 1999.



CAVALIER GAME NOTES

30 BACK-TO-BACK

With 37 points against Gonzaga (Jan. 3), Sean Singletary scored 30-plus points in back-to-back games (33 vs. American – Dec. 30). It is the first time a UVa player has scored 30 points in back-to-back games since 1998 when Norman Nolan had 31 points vs. Wake Forest (Jan. 4, 1998) and 30 points vs. Liberty (Jan. 7, 1998).

THREE CAVALIERS EARN ACC PLAYER OF THE WEEK AWARDS

Three different Cavaliers have been selected as Atlantic Coast Conference players of the week this season.

Mamadi Diane earned the honor Nov. 13. Sean Singletary was the recipient on back-to-back weeks on Jan. 2 and Jan. 8. J.R. Reynolds garnered the honor on Jan. 22.

It is the first time three different Cavaliers have earned the honor in the same season since 1982-83 when Jimmy Miller, Ralph Sampson (three times) and Othell Wilson (twice) received the award.

REYNOLDS NAMED ACC PLAYER OF THE WEEK

J.R. Reynolds was named the ACC Player of the Week Jan. 22 for his play in the Cavaliers' victories over Maryland (Jan. 16) and Wake Forest (Jan. 21) at the John Paul Jones Arena.

Reynolds scored 57 points, had nine rebounds and eight assists in the Cavaliers' two conference victories. He was 15-31 (48.4 percent) from the field, including 6-13 (46.2 percent) from three-point range, and 21-22 (95.5 percent) from the free throw line.

In UVa's 103-91 victory over Maryland, Reynolds scored 17 points, had seven rebounds and four assists in 34 minutes.

In Virginia's 88-76 win over Wake Forest, Reynolds scored a career-high 40 points, had four assists and two rebounds in 33 minutes. His 40 points are the most scored in a game by a player in the ACC this season. He scored 20 points in each half against the Demon Deacons. Reynolds was 12-18 from the field, including 6-8 from three-point range, and he made all 10 of his free throw attempts in the game.

SINGLETARY NAMED ACC PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Sean Singletary earned back-to-back ACC Player of the Week honors on Jan. 2 and Jan. 8. On Jan. 2, Singletary shared the award with Duke's Josh McRoberts. He captured the award outright on Jan. 8.

The back-to-back player of the week awards for Singletary marked the first time since Bryant Stith in 1990 that a UVa player won that award in consecutive weeks.

Singletary scored 61 points and had nine rebounds in games against Gonzaga and Stanford. In Virginia's 108-87 win over Gonzaga (Jan. 3), Singletary scored a career-high 37 points and had five rebounds. He was 9-16 from the field, including 7-12 from three-point range, and 12-14 from the free throw line. His seven three-pointers are a career high. Singletary also had three steals and two assists in 25 minutes of playing time.

In the Cavaliers' 76-75 loss to Stanford (Jan. 7), Singletary scored a game-high 24 points and had four rebounds. He was

6-14 from the field, including 3-6 from three-point range, and 9-10 from the free throw line. He also had two assists and one steal in a season-high 38 minutes of action.

It marked the third time Singletary was named the ACC Player of the Week during his career as he garnered the honor once in the 2005-06 season in addition to the back-to-back awards this season. He was named the ACC Rookie of the Week five times during the 2004-05 season.

DIANE NAMED PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Mamadi Diane was named ACC Player of the Week Nov. 13 after scoring a then career-high 25 points against Arizona (Nov. 12).

Diane made 8-9 attempts from the field, including 5-6 three-pointers, and all four free throw attempts. He also had four rebounds, two assists and two steals in 28 minutes of playing time.

LEADING THE ACC

Virginia has made 141 three-point field goals this season for an ACC-best average of 8.3 three-point field goals made per game.

The Cavaliers have four players who have made more than 20 three-pointers this season – Sean Singletary (43), J.R. Reynolds (29), Mamadi Diane (28), and Adrian Joseph (23). Only Singletary ranks in the top 10 among all ACC players in made threes per game – 2.53 (fourth).

THE FREE THROW LINE

UVa's 39 made free throws against Maryland are one shy of the school record for made free throws in a game. The record of 40 was set on Feb. 22, 1955 vs. Duke. UVa was 40-54 from the line in that game. The 54 free throws attempted in the game vs. Duke are the most in a game by Virginia. The 49 free throw attempts vs. Maryland tie for the fifth most ever in a game.

MORE THREE-POINTERS

In the first 10 games of the season, the Cavaliers made more three-pointers than their opponent only three times. Virginia has made more threes than six of its last seven opponents. UVa holds a 72-46 edge in three-pointers over its opponents in the last seven contests.

Virginia has made 141 three-pointers on the season and its opponents have combined for 134.

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 43-87 (49.4 percent) in his last seven outings. He had a pair of 9-16 (56.3 percent) shooting performances against American (Dec. 28) and Gonzaga (Jan. 3).

Singletary made just 1-11 three-point tries in Puerto Rico, but has bounced back by making 28-55 (50.9 percent) trifectas in the last seven 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 six games and is averaging 2.1 points, 1.6 rebounds and 0.7 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 188 three-point field goals in his career and is in third place on UVa's all-time three-point field goals list. Harold Deane (1994-97) holds the second spot with 237 threes and Curtis Staples (1995-98) is UVa's all-time leader with 413.

Reynolds is currently third among active ACC players with his 188 career three-pointers. He is just two behind NC State's Engin Atsur for second place.

CAIN RETURNS TO STARTING LINEUP

Jason Cain returned to UVa's starting lineup against North Carolina (Jan. 10) and remained in the starting five for the last four games. 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. Against Maryland (Jan. 16), Cain registered his second double-double of the season with 13 points and a career-high tying 16 rebounds - which is also a John Paul Jones Arena record. He had 10 points, four rebounds and three assists vs. Wake Forest (Jan. 21).

DOUBLE-DOUBLES

Mamadi Diane and Ryan Pettinella registered their first career double-doubles against Hampton (Dec. 16).

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

Pettinella posted career bests of 14 points and 10 rebounds. His former career high of 10 points came against Villanova and Brown during the 2004-05 season when he played at UPenn. His previous career high in rebounds was also at UPenn when he had nine against Quinnipiac during the 2004-05 season.

CAIN'S CAREER HIGH

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

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 13 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 1,394 career points and is currently 20th on the list. He needs 22 more points to move past Mel Kennedy (1985-88) into 19th place. Lee Raker (1978-81) is 18th with 1,423 career points and Jim Connelly (1965-67) is 17th with 1,426 career points.

Reynolds began the season in 37th place with 1,095 points. With his 1,394 points, Reynolds leads all active players in the conference in scoring who have played their entire career in the ACC. Overall, he is third among active ACC players in scoring.



CAVALIER GAME NOTES

MIKALAUSKAS A PRESENCE

Laurynas Mikalauskas has become more of a presence for the Cavaliers in the low post in the last couple of weeks. Mikalauskas, who was plagued by two preseason ankle injuries, has scored 47 points (5.9 per game) in the last eight games while shooting 58.6 percent (17-29) from the field.

Mikalauskas has started the last six games and had a season-high 10 points against UNC (Jan. 10). He was 4-5 from the field and 2-3 from the free throw line while playing a season-high 29 minutes vs. the Tar Heels. Mikalauskas matched his season high with 29 minutes against Boston College (Jan. 13) while scoring seven points.

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 eight times this season and 21 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 six times this season and 19 times in his career. Reynolds also has three 30-plus point games under his belt, including a 40-point performance against Wake Forest (Jan. 21).

The duo have combined for 14 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 48.0 percent (71-148) of his attempts from the floor in the 2006-07 season. Last season, Diane shot only 33.7 percent (65-193) from the field. Diane established a new career high for three-pointers made in a season in just 12 games. He is 28-69 from three-point range for 40.6 percent. In 2005-06, he made only 16-66 attempts from beyond the arc for 24.2 percent.

Diane is averaging 11.7 points per game this year after averaging only 6.0 points a game as a freshman last season.

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

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. He is coming off back-to-back double figure scoring performances vs. Maryland (26) and Wake Forest (10). Diane has never scored in double figures in three consecutive games.

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

SINGLETARY FROM THE LINE

Sean Singletary is off to a great start from the free throw line. He is 120-130 from the line for 92.3 percent accuracy (1st in the ACC and sixth in Division I through games played Jan. 21). Singletary made all six attempts from the line against Wake Forest (Jan. 21).

He is second among all Division I players in made free throws per game with an average of 7.1. Rice's Morris Almond leads all players with an average of 9.1 made free throws per game (155 in 17 games).

Singletary had his streak of 39 consecutive free throws made snapped after making his first 10 attempts against Hampton (Dec. 16). Singletary's 39 consecutive free throws made are believed to be the third longest streak in school history. Roger Mason, Jr. made 45 straight free throws in the 2000-01 season and Jeff Lamp holds the school mark with 48 consecutive free throws made in the 1979-80 season.

Six times this season, Singletary has attempted and made at least 10 free throws.

Here's a look at Singletary's free throw shooting this season.

Arizona (Nov. 12)	13-14	92.9% (made last one)
Morgan State (Nov. 19)	2-2	100%
UNC Asheville (Nov. 22)	12-12	100%
Md. Eastern Shore (Nov. 26)	4-4	100%
Purdue (Nov. 29)	8-8	100%
NC State (Dec. 3)	2-2	100%
Hampton (Dec. 16)	14-16*	87.5% (made first 10)
Appalachian State (Dec. 19)	6-7	85.7%
Utah (Dec. 20)	6-6	100%
Puerto Rico-Mayaguez (Dec. 21)	3-4	75.0%
American (Dec. 28)	10-10	100%
Gonzaga (Jan. 3)	12-14	85.7% (made first 9)
Stanford (Jan. 7)	9-10	90.0% (made first 8)
North Carolina (Jan. 10)	1-1	100%
Boston College (Jan. 13)	0-0	0%
Maryland (Jan. 16)	12-14	85.7%
Wake Forest (Jan. 21)	6-6	100%

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

PERFECT FROM THE LINE

In 11 home games this season, Sean Singletary has not missed a free throw - he is 36-36. In the second half of home games, Singletary is 60-68. Fatigue? Maybe, but maybe not. In six games away from the John Paul Jones Arena, Singletary is 13-14 from the free throw line in the first half and 11-12 from the stripe in the second half.

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 seven 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.

FREE THROW SHOOTING

UVa is shooting an impressive 73.5 percent (352-479) from the free throw line this season and is second in the ACC in free throw percentage. The Cavaliers have attempted 99 more free throws (479-380) than their opponents and have made 82 more (352-270).

UVa is averaging ACC bests of 28.2 attempts and 20.7 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 1,140 points in his career (36th all-time at UVa). He needs 11 points to move past Paul Adkins (1958-60) into 35th place. Olden Polynice (1984-86) is 34th with 1,151 points, Chip Conner (1962-64) is 33rd with 1,157 points and Joe Noertker (1947-50) is 32nd with 1,177 points.

Singletary is tied for fifth (with FSU's Al Thornton) among active ACC players with 1,140 points and is the league's top junior scorer.

TOP 10

Sean Singletary has handed out 324 assists during his career and has moved into ninth place on UVa's all-time assists list (fifth among active ACC players). He needs 46 assists to move past Barry Parkhill (1971-73) into eighth place. Cory Alexander (1992-95) is seventh with 401 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.

LOWE'S SENIOR CLASS AWARD

J.R. Reynolds is one of the top 30 men's candidates for the 2007 Lowe's Senior Class Award. The award is presented annually to an NCAA Division I male and female senior basketball player who excel both on and off the court.

An acronym for Celebrating Loyalty and Achievement for Staying in School, the award was launched during the 2001-02 season to honor the attributes of college basketball seniors who remain committed to their university and pursue the many rewards that a senior season can bring.

From the list of 30 nominees for each gender, a national media committee will select 10 finalists in February for the Lowe's Senior CLASS Award. The names of the 10 finalists will be placed on the official ballot for a nationwide vote during the NCAA Tournament in March. Fan balloting will be coupled with votes from coaches and media to determine the male and female recipients.

TUCKER SETS 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. He equaled his career high with 12 points against Maryland (Jan. 16), including a trio of three-pointers.

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

Tucker is averaging 6.3 points per game (50 points) over the last eight contests and has made 16-31 (51.6 percent) of his field goal attempts, including 10-18 (55.6 percent) three-point tries.

REBOUNDING PROWESS

Virginia is averaging 39.8 rebounds per game this season, which is third among all ACC teams. The Cavaliers are fourth in the ACC in rebound margin with a mark of +6.1 per game (39.8 to 33.8).

UVa has only been outrebounded four times this season – by Utah 37-21, Gonzaga 38-36, North Carolina 47-34 and Wake Forest (38-33). After tying Arizona in rebounds (36) in its season opener, Virginia has outrebounded eight of its last 16 opponents by 10 or more rebounds. Overall, UVa has outrebounded 11 of 17 opponents this season. The Cavaliers also tied Boston College with 36 rebounds apiece.

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.



CAVALIER GAME NOTES

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.

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.

UVA SEVENTH IN DIRECTOR'S CUP STANDINGS

The Virginia athletics program is seventh following the release of the 2007 U.S. Sports Academy Directors' Cup final fall sports standings. Thanks to strong showings by five programs in NCAA Championship competition last fall, the Cavaliers compiled 303 points and are the second highest ranked ACC school in the poll.

The ranking equals the second best showing in the Directors' Cup by the Cavaliers at the conclusion of the fall sports championships. Virginia was ranked sixth in 1997-98 when both the field hockey and men's soccer teams reached the Final Fours of their respective sport. In 1995-96 UVa also stood in seventh place in the Directors' Cup's final fall results.

California is first in the final fall Directors' Cup standings for the first time in the 13-year history of the program. The Golden Bears earned 364.5 overall points highlighted by the national championship in men's water polo. Stanford, the 12-time defending Directors' Cup champion, is second with 334 points. Duke, the top-ranked ACC program, is third at 316. UCLA and Wisconsin are tied for fourth with 309 points and Colorado is one point ahead of the Cavaliers in sixth place at 304. Wake Forest is the only other ACC school ranked in the top-10. The Demon Deacons are eighth with 300 points.

Virginia's fall athletics season was highlighted by the men's soccer team's run to the College Cup where it lost in the semi-finals to UCLA. Using the Directors' Cup scoring system, the Cavaliers were credited with a third-place finish. The UVa field hockey team was fifth in this year's NCAA Tournament, women's soccer placed ninth and the Cavalier men's and women's cross country teams both turned in 14th-place performances.

FOUR PLAYERS SIGN WITH UVA

Head coach Dave Leitao has announced the signing of four players with the Cavaliers. The four players are 6-4 guard Mustapha Farrakhan of Harvey, Ill., 6-4 guard Jeff Jones of Wilmington, Del., 6-8 forward Mike Scott of Chesapeake, Va., and 6-1 guard Sam Zeglinski of Philadelphia, Pa.

Farrakhan averaged 17.1 points, 4.3 rebounds and 3.6 assists a game as a junior last season at Thornton Township High School. He earned all-conference and all-area honors, and was an honorable mention all-state selection.

"Mustapha will bring great skill to our backcourt," Leitao said. "He will be a factor because he's smart, tough and a fearless competitor. We look forward to him contributing from both guard spots. Along with his outstanding ability, he really loves Virginia and the ACC."

Jones averaged 21.9 points, five rebounds and three assists a game for Monsignor Bonner High School (Drexel Hill, Pa.) as a junior last season. He earned first-team AAA All-State honors and was the Pennsylvania AAA State Player of the Year for the 2005-06 season. He was a first-team all-conference selection each of the last two seasons and led the conference in scoring each of those seasons.

"To add a guy that has the skill level Jeff does is something that we really needed," Leitao said. "Just watching our team now, we're lacking enough skill guys in the backcourt. Mustapha, Jeff and Sammy will bring a significant amount of skill to our team."

Scott averaged 21 points, 12 rebounds and four blocked shots a game as a senior at Deep Creek High School during the 2005-06 season. He was a first-team all-state selection, and was the player of the year in the Southeastern District and the Eastern Region that season. He was also the most valuable player of the Southeastern District Tournament. Deep Creek finished the 2005-06 season with a record of 20-6 and won the Southeastern District Tournament.

Scott is currently attending Hargrave Military Academy.

"One of the things we're trying to do is to be multi-dimensional and diverse as a team and with our players," Leitao said. "Mike is somebody who fits that mold. He's athletic and can play with his back to the basket. He has a really good touch and the ability to score in the post, which is something that we need. He can face up and has a developing skill package to make perimeter shots.

"Mike's just a really good young man. I think he'll accept learning and all the things that we're doing here."

Zeglinski averaged 19 points, five assists and three steals a game as a junior at the William Penn Charter School last season. He earned first-team All-Inter-Academic League, second-team all-state and second-team all-city honors for the 2005-06 season.

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

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

CURTIS STAPLES' JERSEY RETIRED

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

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

career three-point field goals made list.

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

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

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

time 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.

UVA PLAYERS IN INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

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

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

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

Mikalaukas 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.



2006-07 Virginia Men's Basketball Additional Player Bios

15 Damin Altizer

G • 5-11, 162 • So.

Bath County High School • Millboro, Va.

WORTH NOTING: Joined the team as a walk-on prior to the 2006-07 season ... twice honored as the team's most valuable player at Bath County High School ... was an All-Pioneer District selection three times, earned all-region honors twice and was an all-state selection as a high school senior.

HIGH SCHOOL: Lettered four times in basketball at Bath County High School and scored 1,188 career points ... twice was honored as the team's most valuable player ... was an All-Pioneer District selection three times, earned all-region honors twice and was an all-state selection as a high school senior ... averaged 21 points, seven assists, six rebounds and five steals a game his senior season at Bath County ... averaged 15 points, five assists and four steals a game as a junior.

PERSONAL: Damin Hayes Altizer ... born Feb. 13, 1987 ... son of Brenda and Tim Altizer ... has a younger brother, Cody ... enjoys the outdoors ... member of the BETA Club for three years in high school ... graduated third in his class at Bath County High School.

35 Bob McCormick

F • 6-5, 214 • So.

Francis W. Parker High School • Chicago, Ill.

WORTH NOTING: Joined the team as a walk-on prior to the 2006-07 season ... all-conference selection and team captain in basketball, baseball and soccer in high school.

HIGH SCHOOL: All-conference selection and team captain in basketball, baseball and soccer at Francis W. Parker High School ... earned third-team all-state honors in basketball and was the conference player of the year as a senior.

PERSONAL: Robert Andrew McCormick ... born July 15, 1986, in Chicago, Ill. ... son of Laura and Jim McCormick ... has four siblings ... has served as a Big Brother.

25 David Noel

G • 6-3, 195 • Fr.

St. John's High School • Houston, Texas

WORTH NOTING: Joined the team as a walk-on prior to the 2006-07 season ... earned first-team all-conference honors and was the team's most valuable player as a senior at St. John's High School.

HIGH SCHOOL: Lettered once in basketball at Lamar High School and once at St. John's High School where he was a team captain ... earned first-team all-conference honors and was the team's most valuable player as a senior at St. John's ... also lettered one year in football at Lamar.

PERSONAL: David Bobbitt Noel ... born July 6, 1987, in Houston, Texas ... son of Karen and Bobbitt Noel ... has a younger brother, John ... member of the National Honor Society in high school ... National Commended Merit Scholar.

