

2006-07 VIRGINIA MEN'S BASKETBALL

2006-07 Schedule

VIRGINIA
9-4 OVERALL
1-0 ACC

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

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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)..... | 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 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.

VIRGINIA (9-4, 1-0)

VS.

#1/#1 NORTH CAROLINA (14-1, 1-0)

JANUARY 10, 2007 • 9:00 P.M.

DEAN E. SMITH CENTER (21,800)

CHAPEL HILL, 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 top-ranked North Carolina with a 9-4 overall record and a 1-0 mark in the Atlantic Coast Conference. The Cavaliers had their three-game winning streak snapped with a 76-75 loss to Stanford (Jan. 7) at the John Paul Jones Arena.

North Carolina is 14-1 overall and 1-0 in the ACC. The Tar Heels are ranked No.1 in this week's Associated Press and *USA Today*/ESPN Top 25 polls. UNC has won 11 consecutive games, including an 84-58 win over Florida State (Jan. 7) in Chapel Hill in its last outing.

A NEW ERA

A new era of Virginia basketball began on Nov. 12 when the Cavaliers christened the John Paul Jones Arena with a 93-90 victory over Arizona. The arena, which officially opened in August of 2006, seats 15,219 for basketball games.

Virginia is 8-1 in the John Paul Jones Arena.

THE SERIES VS. NORTH CAROLINA

North Carolina leads the all-time series with the Cavaliers 120-48 in a rivalry that dates back to the 1910-11 season. UVa won the first meeting of the 2005-06 season 72-68 (Jan. 19)

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CAVALIER GAME NOTES

Virginia's PROBABLE Starters

| No. | Pos. | Name | Ht. | Wt. | Cl. | Ppg. | Rpg. | Apg. | Mpg | Notes |
|-----|------|----------------------|---------|-----|-----|------|------|------|------|---|
| 1 | F/G | Will Harris | 6-6 | 230 | Fr. | 5.3 | 4.8 | 0.8 | 18.1 | Made first career start vs. American (Dec. 28) |
| 24 | G/F | Mamadi Diane | 6-5 | 197 | So. | 11.1 | 3.9 | 1.4 | 27.1 | First career double-double vs. Hampton (10 pts, 11 rebs) |
| 11 | F | Laurynas Mikalauskas | 6-8 | 255 | So. | 3.2 | 1.2 | 0.4 | 11.3 | Made first start of season vs. Gonzaga (Jan. 3) |
| 2 | G | J.R. Reynolds | 6-2 1/2 | 188 | Sr. | 15.8 | 3.7 | 3.8 | 29.1 | Named to San Juan Shootout All-Tournament team |
| 44 | G | Sean Singletary | 6-0 | 185 | Jr. | 19.5 | 4.3 | 4.9 | 31.9 | Back-to-back 30 pt. games (33 vs. American, 37 vs. Gonzaga) |

Virginia's Key Reserves

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|----|-----|-----------------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|---|
| 30 | F | Adrian Joseph | 6-7 | 205 | Jr. | 8.8 | 4.7 | 1.5 | 26.9 | Career-high 10 rebounds vs. Purdue |
| 33 | F | Jason Cain | 6-10 | 225 | Sr. | 6.7 | 6.2 | 0.7 | 18.8 | Has 7 career double-doubles |
| 21 | C | Tunji Soroye | 6-11 | 245 | Jr. | 1.8 | 1.7 | 0.0 | 8.9 | Saw first game action of 2006-07 vs. Purdue (Nov. 29) |
| 12 | F | Jamil Tucker | 6-8 | 230 | Fr. | 3.7 | 2.2 | 0.2 | 10.9 | Career-high 12 pts (including 3 3-pters) vs. Gonzaga (Jan. 3) |
| 55 | F/C | Jerome Meynsse | 6-8 | 230 | Fr. | 1.9 | 2.1 | 0.1 | 9.3 | Scored a career-high 9 points vs. UMES |
| 34 | F/C | Ryan Pettinella | 6-9 | 238 | Jr. | 5.1 | 3.7 | 0.0 | 14.9 | Will miss tonight's game with a knee injury |
| 45 | G/F | Soloman Tat | 6-5 | 220 | Fr. | 3.0 | 1.0 | 1.7 | 10.3 | Played in last two games after missing 10 because of injury |

in University Hall, but UNC earned a split with a 99-54 win (Mar. 1) in Chapel Hill, and then took a 79-67 decision (Mar. 10) in the ACC Tournament.

UNC swept the 2004-05 series, winning 110-76 (Jan. 29) in Charlottesville – snapping UVa's five-game winning streak over the Tar Heels at U-Hall – and 85-61 (Feb. 16) in Chapel Hill. It was the first time since the 1998-99 season North Carolina swept the season series from UVa.

UVa swept the 2001-02 season series, winning 71-67 (Jan. 12) in Chapel Hill and 73-63 (Feb. 12) in Charlottesville. It marked the second time in three seasons UVa swept the season series from the Tar Heels. Virginia also swept the regular season series in 1999-00 for the first time since the 1980-81 season. (UNC, however, won the meeting in the 1981 NCAA Tournament's Final Four).

Despite losing six of the last eight meetings, the Cavaliers have won eight of the last 15 contests in the series and UVa's four-game winning streak during that stretch is its longest in the series since the early 1900s. The Cavaliers won five consecutive games against North Carolina from 1917-18 to 1919-20 (45-35 in 1917-18, 40-29 and 31-21 in 1918-19, 40-25 and 37-31 in 1919-20). UVa won the first eight games in the series from 1910-11 to 1915-16.

Virginia's victory in Chapel Hill in the 1999-00 season (90-76 – Feb. 20) was its first ever triumph at the Smith Center. The Cavaliers lost their previous 14 games in the Dean Dome. The win also snapped UVa's 18-game losing streak at UNC. Prior to 1999-00, the previous Virginia victory in Chapel Hill came on Feb. 3, 1981, when UVa posted an 80-79 overtime victory.

Despite Virginia's wins in 1999-00 and in 2001-02, the Tar Heels have dominated the series in games played in Chapel Hill, winning 61 of the 66 meetings. The Cavaliers are 2-19 at the Smith Center.

Virginia's wins in Chapel Hill occurred on: Feb. 24, 1911 – UVa 18, UNC 15; Jan. 25, 1973 – UVa 84, #3 UNC 78; Feb. 3, 1981 – UVa 80, #11 UNC 79 in overtime; Feb. 20, 2000 – UVa 90, UNC 76; and Jan. 12, 2002 – UVa 71, UNC 67.

North Carolina has won 15 of the last 24 games and 25 of the last 37 games between the two teams.

KEYS TO THE GAME

Virginia needs to shoot the ball well tonight to help its chances to win. Since the 1989-90 season, the Cavaliers are 14-26 against North Carolina, but are 9-2 when they out-shoot the Tar Heels. The Wahoos are 5-24 when the Tar Heels out-shoot them.

Here's a look at the two teams' overall field goal percentages since the 1989-90 season.

| | UNC | UVa |
|------------|------|------|
| Combined | .473 | .401 |
| UVa wins | .445 | .452 |
| UVa losses | .489 | .373 |

QUICK FACTS

Location Charlottesville, Va. 22904
 Founded.....1819, by Thomas Jefferson
 Enrollment.....20,399
 President..... John T. Casteen III
 Athletics Director..... Craig Littlepage
 Nicknames..... Cavaliers, Wahoos, 'Hoos
 Colors..... Blue & Orange
 Conference Atlantic Coast
 Home Court..... John Paul Jones Arena (15,219)
 Press Row Phone 434-296-5910

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach..... Dave Leitao
 Career Record 104-88 (7 yrs.)
 Record at Virginia..... 24-19 (2 yrs.)
 Assistant Coaches Bill Courtney,
 Rob Lanier, Steve Seymour
 Director of Operations Drew Diener
 Asst. Dir. of Operations ... Oliver Winterbone
 Strength Coach..... Shaun Brown
 Athletic Trainer..... Jeff Boyer
 First Season of Basketball 1905-06
 All-Time Record 1,339-1,038 (102 yrs.)
 University Hall..... 402-143 (41 yrs.)
 JPJ Arena..... 8-1 (first season)
 All-Time ACC Record..... 305-443 (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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VIRGINIA VS. NO. 1

This is the 27th time the Cavaliers have played the No. 1 team in the nation. They have not fared well against top-ranked teams, posting a 1-25 all-time record. Virginia's lone win over the No. 1 team was an 86-73 win over North Carolina in Charlottesville on January 30, 1986.

Virginia has faced North Carolina 10 times when the Tar Heels were ranked number one and are 1-9.

A look at Virginia's games against North Carolina when the Tar Heels were ranked No. 1 is below.

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Site</i> | <i>Result</i> |
|---------------|-------------|---------------|
| Feb. 11, 1957 | UVa | UNC, 68-59 |
| Jan. 9, 1982 | UNC | UNC, 65-60 |
| Mar. 7, 1982 | Greensboro | UNC, 47-45 |
| Feb. 10, 1983 | UNC | UNC, 64-63 |
| Jan. 18, 1984 | UNC | UNC, 69-66 |
| Feb. 9, 1984 | UVa | UNC, 85-72 |
| Jan. 30, 1986 | UVa | UVa, 86-73 |
| Mar. 13, 1993 | Charlotte | UNC, 74-56 |
| Jan. 10, 1998 | UNC | UNC, 81-73 |
| Feb. 11, 1998 | UVa | UNC, 60-45 |

UVA VS. RANKED TAR HEEL TEAMS

The Cavaliers have not fared well against ranked (AP Poll) North Carolina teams over the years. Virginia is 18-78 all-time against ranked UNC teams (11-59 vs. top 10 UNC teams).

SHOOTING LOTS OF THREE-POINTERS VS. THE TAR HEELS

Since the 1989-90 season, the Cavaliers attempted an average of 21.7 three-point field goals (866 in 40 games) per game against North Carolina. Virginia made 280 of those 866 attempts (32.3 percent) for 7.0 made threes per game. Since the 1988-89 season, the Cavaliers have attempted 20 or more threes in a game against the Tar Heels 28 times.

Three of Virginia's top six and five of the Cavaliers' top 11 games in terms of three-point field goals attempted have come against North Carolina (four are against Clemson, and one vs. both Gonzaga and Florida State). Prior to attempting a school-record 38 three-pointers against Clemson (Jan. 15, 2000), Virginia's 32 attempts against UNC on Feb. 14, 1990 and Mar. 7, 1997 marked the Cavaliers' all-time high for three-pointers attempted in a game.

Virginia's former school record of 15 three-point field goals made in a game was against North Carolina (Feb. 14, 1990). Virginia equaled the mark of 15 threes made in a game against Hampton on Nov. 25, 1998. Earlier this season, UVa set a new school record for three-pointers in a game with 18 vs. Gonzaga (Jan. 3).

LAST SEASON VS. NORTH CAROLINA

UVa split its two regular season games against North Carolina last season and then lost to the Tar Heels in the ACC Tournament. The Cavaliers took the first meeting against the then-24th ranked Tar Heels 72-68 (Jan. 19) at University Hall. North Carolina, ranked 13th at the time, earned a split in the regular season series with a 99-54 win (Mar. 1) in Chapel Hill. In the ACC Tournament, UVa fell to 10th-ranked North Carolina 79-67 (Mar. 10) in the quarterfinals in Greensboro, N.C.

In the first meeting, Sean Singletary and J.R. Reynolds combined for 34 points and Laurynas Mikalauskas came off the bench to add 10 points and five rebounds to lead Virginia to a 72-68 victory over the 2005 national champions at sold out University Hall.

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 | |

2006-07 ACC Players of the Week

Mamadi Diane - Nov. 12
 Sean Singletary - Jan. 2
 Sean Singletary - Jan. 9



CAVALIER GAME NOTES

Singletary paced the Cavaliers with 18 points to go along with four rebounds and four assists, while Reynolds tallied 16 points, six rebounds, two blocked shots and two assists. Mikalauskas, who reached double figures in scoring in an ACC game for the first time in his career, had a pair of tip-ins among his 10 points. Jason Cain blocked a career-high five shots and also added seven points and five rebounds.

Virginia took a 24-14 lead during the first half, but the Tar Heels outscored UVa 15-3 from that point to grab a 29-27 lead at halftime. In the second half, Virginia built its lead to as many as nine points five times with the last coming with 5:14 to play (63-54). The Tar Heels cut the deficit to three, 64-61, with 2:51 to go, but UVa made 8-10 attempts from the free throw line from that point to seal the victory.

Virginia only shot 37.9 percent (22-58) from the field, but held UNC to 36.2 percent (25-69) accuracy from the floor. The Cavaliers blocked a season-high 12 shots and committed only 10 turnovers. The Tar Heels held a 45-37 edge in rebounds.

Tyler Hansbrough led UNC with 18 points and 10 rebounds, while David Noel added 14 points and 10 boards.

In the second meeting, North Carolina jumped out to an early lead and raced to a 99-54 win (Mar. 1) in Chapel Hill, N.C. The 13th-ranked Tar Heels shot 59.3 percent (35-59) from the field and made 11-20 (55.0 percent) three-point field goal attempts.

The 45-point loss marked the largest margin of defeat for the Cavaliers in the series vs. North Carolina. UVa's previous largest margin of defeat to the Tar Heels was 44 points in a 108-64 loss on Feb. 6, 1968 in Chapel Hill.

Reynolds led UVa with 19 points and scored the 1,000th point of his career, while Singletary was the only other Cavalier to reach double figures with 14 points.

The Cavaliers led twice early in the contest and took their final lead, 7-5, on a Cain field goal with 17:33 left in the first half. North Carolina then embarked on an 18-2 run to take the lead for good, 23-9, with 12:57 left in the first half. The Tar Heels led by as many as 28 points during the opening half and took a 49-24 lead at halftime. Virginia never got closer than 21 points in the second half as UNC shot a sizzling 64.3 percent (18-28) from the field in the final stanza.

UVa shot only 32.4 percent (22-68) from the field for the game and connected on just 4-24 three-point field goal attempts (16.7 percent). North Carolina held a 45-28 edge in rebounds and made 18-25 (72.0 percent) of its free throw attempts. Virginia was 6-8 (75.0 percent) from the charity stripe. The Cavaliers committed only 12 turnovers in the game, while UNC had 10 miscues.

Noel led North Carolina with 26 points, while Reyshawn Terry added 17 points and seven rebounds.

Virginia's bid to upset 10th-ranked and second-seeded North Carolina in the quarterfinals of the ACC Tournament fell short as the Cavaliers lost 79-67 (Mar. 10) at the Greensboro Coliseum. UVa was within five points of the Tar Heels with just over two minutes to play, but couldn't get any closer.

Singletary led all scorers with 29 points and also pulled down a career-high 10 rebounds to register his first career double-double. Singletary made all 12 of his free throw attempts and also tallied a game-high five steals. Reynolds added 20 points, four rebounds, four assists and two steals.

The Cavaliers took an early 14-4 lead just over six minutes into the game, but North Carolina scored the next 11 points to take a 15-14 lead and extended the advantage to 24-16 with 8:14 left in the opening half. UVa tied the contest at 24-24, but the Tar Heels led 39-34 at the intermission.

After North Carolina scored the first six points of the second half, Virginia answered with the next six points to trim the deficit to 45-40 with 15:42 to play – the first of five times the Cavaliers pulled within five points during the second half. North Carolina built its lead back up to 10 points three times in the final

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)

nine minutes, and twice UVa was able to pull within five points. The second time occurred with 2:15 to play when Singletary made three straight free throws to make the score 69-64, but the Cavaliers never got any closer.

North Carolina shot 51.0 percent (25-49) from the field in the game, while UVa was able to shoot only 27.9 percent (17-61). The Cavaliers shot 89.7 percent (26-29) from the free throw line. UNC held a 43-36 advantage in rebounds. Virginia committed only nine turnovers in the game and came up with 10 steals on 15 Tar Heel miscues.

Terry led North Carolina with 24 points and seven rebounds. Hansbrough added 17 points and eight boards.

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.

The last time UVa won its first two ACC contests of the season was also in the 1994-95 season. The Cavaliers won their first four ACC games that season. After defeating FSU, UVa posted a 76-65 win at NC State (Jan. 7) in its second ACC game of the season. Virginia also registered wins over Clemson (Jan. 11) - 61-37, and Duke (Jan. 14) - 91-88 in double overtime to start out ACC play 4-0.

HEAD COACH DAVE LEITAO

Dave Leitao is in his second season as the Cavaliers' head coach and has a record of 24-19. 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.

| School | Record | Years |
|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Northeastern | 22-35 | '95, '96 |
| DePaul | 58-34 | '03, '04, '05 |
| <u>Virginia</u> | <u>24-19</u> | <u>'06, '07</u> |
| 7 Seasons | 104-88 | |

UVa advanced to the 2006 National Invitation Tournament, but fell in the opening round to Stanford 65-49 (Mar. 14). Virginia's appearance in the NIT marked the fourth consecutive postseason appearance by a Leitao-coached team. Leitao led DePaul to three straight postseason bids, including the NCAA Tournament in 2004.

In seven seasons as a head coach, Leitao has a career record of 104-88. 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 1-3 all-time against North Carolina 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

TALE OF THE TAPE

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

| | | |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| Virginia | Category | North Carolina |
| 80.9 | Points..... | 89.5 |
| 71.8 | Points Allowed | 64.7 |
| +9.1 | Scoring Margin | +24.8 |
| 44.8 | Field Goal % | 51.5 |
| 41.5 | Field Goal % Defense..... | 39.7 |
| 36.0 | 3 Point Field Goal %..... | 39.0 |
| 34.8 | 3 Point Field Goal % Defense..... | 32.6 |
| 73.0 | Free Throw % | 70.4 |
| 40.5 | Rebounds..... | 42.9 |
| +8.4 | Rebound Margin | +11.2 |
| 14.0 | Assists | 20.7 |
| 13.7 | Turnovers..... | 13.9 |
| 4.9 | Steals..... | 8.6 |
| 2.7 | Blocked Shots | 4.8 |

UVA DROPS LAST SECOND DECISION TO STANFORD

Stanford's Lawrence Hill hit a short jumper with one second remaining to lift the Cardinal to a 76-75 win over Virginia (Jan. 7) at the John Paul Jones Arena. The loss is the first for the Cavaliers at the JPJA.

J.R. Reynolds gave Virginia a 75-74 lead when he made one of two free throws with 9.4 seconds remaining, but Hill responded by making the game-winning shot.

Sean Singletary led the Cavaliers with a game-high 24 points and added four rebounds and two assists. Reynolds scored all 14 of his points in the final 12:03 of the game. Adrian Joseph tallied 12 points off the bench for UVa.

Stanford led by as many as six points, 30-24, with 2:30 left in the first half. Virginia closed out the first stanza with a 7-3 run to cut the deficit to two, 33-31, at the intermission.

The Cavaliers took their first lead since early in the first half with 14:41 to play when Singletary made a three-pointer



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to give UVa a 45-44 advantage. Stanford came back to take a 52-47 lead with 12:49 to go, but the Cavaliers responded with an 11-3 run to grab a 58-55 lead with 8:49 to go. Virginia took its biggest lead of the game, 63-59, with 6:58 to go when Reynolds made a pair of free throws.

The game was tied three times in the final 4:04, including 72-72 with 2:30 to play. Reynolds made two more free throws with 1:17 left to give UVa a 74-72 advantage. A tip-in by Stanford's Robin Lopez knotted the game at 74-74 with 42 seconds left.

Virginia shot 43.1 percent (22-51) from the field in the game, while the Cardinal were 27-59 for 45.8 percent from the floor. The Cavaliers had a season-low seven assists in the game. UVa held a 32-31 edge in rebounds.

All five Stanford starters scored in double figures with Robin Lopez leading the way with 15 points, six rebounds and two blocked shots. Hill added 13 points, including the game-winning basket.

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.

THE CENTURY MARK

The Cavaliers have reached the century mark twice this season. UVa scored 108 points against Gonzaga (Jan. 3) and it marked the most points Virginia has scored in a game since putting 112 points on the scoreboard against Grambling on Dec. 30, 2001. The Cavaliers scored 104 points in their win over Maryland Eastern Shore (Nov. 26), marking the first time since the Grambling game UVa surpassed the century mark. Virginia had gone 145 games without scoring 100 points.

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.

SINGLETARY NAMED ACC PLAYER OF THE WEEK

For the second consecutive week, Sean Singletary has been named the ACC's Player of the Week. 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 mark the first time since Bryant Stith in 1990 that a UVa player has won consecutive ACC weekly honors.

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

30 BACK-TO-BACK

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

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 their first four attempts and eight of their 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 24-46 (52.2 percent) in his last three outings. He had a pair of 9-16 (56.3 percent) shooting performances against American (Dec. 28) and Gonzaga (Jan. 3), and then made 6-14 (42.9 percent) attempts vs. Stanford (Jan. 7). He made just 1-11 three-point tries in Puerto Rico, but bounced back by making 15-27 (55.6 percent) trifectas in the last three games. Singletary had made only 15 threes in the first 10 games of the season.

Singletary is averaging 31.3 points per game in the last three outings and now leads the ACC in scoring at 19.5 points a game.

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 an 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 five assists (four in the first half) and two points. He played 11 minutes vs. Stanford (Jan. 7) and registered four points and two steals.

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 178 three-point field goals in his career and is in fourth place on UVa's all-time three-point field goals list. He needs one more three-pointer to tie John Crotty (1988-91) for third with 179. Harold Deane (1994-97) holds the second spot with 237 threes and Curtis Staples (1995-98) is UVa's all-time leader with 413.

DOUBLE-DOUBLES

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

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

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

CAIN'S CAREER HIGH

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

REBOUNDING CAREER HIGHS

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

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

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

SOROYE BACK FROM SURGERY

Junior center Tunji Soroye returned to game action against Purdue (Nov. 29). He had surgery on Nov. 9 to correct groin area discomfort and missed the first four games of the season. Soroye played 17 minutes against the Boilermakers and had two blocked shots, two turnovers and a defensive rebound. He started against NC State (Dec. 3) and had three points and a rebound in 11 minutes. Soroye, who has played in all nine games since returning

from the injury, is coming off a two-point, three-rebound, and one-steal performance against Stanford (Jan. 7).

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 1,301 career points (third among active ACC players) and is currently 22nd on the list. He needs 21 more points to move past Norman Nolan (1995-98) into 21st place. Elton Brown (2002-05) is 20th with 1,356 career points.

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

HOT SHOOTING

Mamadi Diane is off to a good start shooting the basketball in the 2006-07 season. The sophomore has made 52-104 field goal attempts for 50.0 percent accuracy, including 20-47 (42.6 percent) from three-point range. He is also 20-25 (80.0 percent) from the free throw line. Diane scored a career-high 25 points against Arizona (Nov. 12) and was honored as the ACC Player of the Week. He posted 17 points against both Maryland Eastern Shore (Nov. 26) and Purdue (Nov. 29). Diane notched his first career double-double with 10 points and a career-high 11 rebounds against Hampton (Dec. 16). He had 22 points and made all four three-point attempts against Gonzaga (Jan. 3).

Diane's 17 points against Purdue marked just the second time in his career he has scored in double figures on an opponent's 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. He also had back-to-back 17-point performances against Maryland Eastern Shore and Purdue earlier this season.

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



SINGLETARY FROM THE LINE

Sean Singletary is off to a great start from the free throw line. He is 101-109 from the line for 92.7 percent accuracy (1st in the ACC) after making 9-10 attempts vs. Stanford (Jan. 7).

Singletary had his streak of 39 consecutive free throws 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.

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

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

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| 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) |

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

MORE FREE THROWS

UVa has made 28 more free throws (276) in the first 13 games than its opponents have combined to take (248) in those 13 games. Virginia is 276-378 (73.0 percent) from the free throw line (2nd in the ACC), while its 13 opponents are a combined 179-248 (72.2 percent).

UVa is averaging 29.1 attempts and 21.2 made free throws per game. Both averages are tops in the ACC.

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 1,070 points in his career. He ranks seventh among active ACC players with 1,070 and is the league's top junior scorer.

TOP 10

Sean Singletary has handed out 298 assists during his career and has moved into 10th place on UVa's all-time assists list (fifth among active ACC players). Billy Langloh (1974-77) had held 10th place with 286 assists. Cornel Parker (1991-94) is ninth with 313 career assists.

NAISMITH TROPHY

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

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

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

TUCKER SETS NEW CAREER HIGH

Jamil Tucker reached double figures in scoring for the first time in his career with a 12-point performance against Gonzaga (Jan. 3), including a career-best three three-point field goals. Tucker also equaled his career best with five rebounds, the third time he has pulled down five boards in a game.

Tucker is averaging 7.5 points per game over the last four contests and has made 10-17 (58.8 percent) of his field goal attempts, including 6-11 (54.5 percent) three-point tries.

REBOUNDING PROWESS

Virginia is averaging an impressive 40.5 rebounds per game this season, which is third among all ACC teams. The Cavaliers are third in the ACC in rebound margin with a mark of +8.4 per game (40.5 to 32.1).

UVa has only been outrebounded twice this season – by Utah 37-21 and Gonzaga 38-36. After tying Arizona in rebounds (36) in its season opener, Virginia has outrebounded seven of its last 12 opponents by 10 or more rebounds.

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 in exhibition action on Nov. 4 in the team's first game at John Paul Jones Arena.

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

In the second half, the 'Hoos built upon their lead, going ahead by as many as 28 points, 57-29. Augusta State didn't give up, closing out the game with a 16-10 run to come within 13

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

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

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

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

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.



CAVALIER GAME NOTES

PRESEASON HONORS

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

REMEMBERING U-HALL

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

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

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

THE EARLY DAYS

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

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

On Jan. 10, 1925, the story continued in Memorial Gymnasium with Virginia's first victory in the building over Lynchburg. This facility was the home to 42 Cavalier men's basketball teams and six different head coaches. During this time, Virginia earned its first postseason appearance in 1941 under Gus Tebell and also joined the Atlantic Coast Conference in 1953. Memorial Gymnasium, commonly referred to as Mem Gym, was also the home of Buzzy Wilkinson, still the UVa and the ACC record holder for career scoring average

with 28.6 points per game. By the time Mem Gym was replaced in 1965, the Cavaliers had registered a home record of 279-155. On Feb. 27, 1965, Virginia men's basketball bid Memorial Gymnasium goodbye with a 69-67 victory over ACC foe Clemson.

RETURNING STARTERS

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

BILL COURTNEY JOINS COACHING STAFF

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

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

UVA PLAYERS IN INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

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

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

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

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

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.

