

# 2006-07 VIRGINIA MEN'S BASKETBALL

## 2006-07 Schedule

**VIRGINIA**  
**4-0 OVERALL**  
**0-0 ACC**

Nov. 4	AUGUSTA STATE (Exhib.) .....	W, 78-63
Nov. 12	#10 ARIZONA (FSNS/FSN-FL/NESN/CSN [in Va.]..	W, 93-90
Nov. 19	MORGAN STATE .....	W, 85-66
Nov. 22	UNC ASHEVILLE.....	W, 81-64
Nov. 26	MARYLAND EASTERN SHORE.....	W, 104-63
Nov. 29	at Purdue# (ESPN2) .....	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 3	NC STATE* (FSN).....	3:30 p.m.
Dec. 16	HAMPTON .....	2 p.m.
Dec. 19	Appalachian State^.....	4 p.m.
Dec. 20	Utah or UCF^ .....	TBA
Dec. 21	TBD^ .....	TBA
Dec. 28	AMERICAN.....	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 3	GONZAGA (ESPN2).....	9 p.m.
Jan. 7	STANFORD (FSN) .....	5 p.m.
Jan. 10	at North Carolina* (RLF Split).....	9 p.m.
Jan. 13	at Boston College* (RLF) .....	2 p.m.
Jan. 16	MARYLAND* (RLF Split) .....	8 p.m.
Jan. 21	WAKE FOREST* (RLF) .....	1 p.m.
Jan. 24	at NC State* (RLF Split).....	9 p.m.
Jan. 28	at Clemson* (RLF).....	1 p.m.
Feb. 1	DUKE* (ESPN) .....	9 p.m.
Feb. 3	MIAMI* (ESPN-U).....	8 p.m.
Feb. 6	at Maryland* (RSN).....	9 p.m.
Feb. 10	at Virginia Tech* (RLF Split).....	4 p.m.
Feb. 13	LONGWOOD.....	7 p.m.
Feb. 17	FLORIDA STATE* (RLF Split) .....	1 p.m.
Feb. 21	at Miami* .....	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 24	GEORGIA TECH* (ABC).....	3:30 p.m.
Mar. 1	VIRGINIA TECH* (ESPN).....	7 p.m.
Mar. 3	at Wake Forest* (RLF).....	1 p.m.
Mar. 8	ACC Tournament First Round .....	TBA
Mar. 9	ACC Tournament Quarterfinals .....	TBA
Mar. 10	ACC Tournament Semifinals .....	TBA
Mar. 11	ACC Tournament Final .....	TBA

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

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

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

## #25 VIRGINIA (4-0) VS. PURDUE (4-1)

**ACC/BIG TEN CHALLENGE**  
**NOVEMBER 29, 2006 • 7:30 P.M.**  
**MACKEY ARENA (14,123)**  
**WEST LAFAYETTE, IND.**

### TELEVISION

Tonight's game will be televised by ESPN2. Dave Pasch will handle the play-by-play. Len Elmore 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 game against Purdue with a 4-0 record after defeating Maryland Eastern Shore 104-63 (Nov. 26) at the John Paul Jones Arena. The Cavaliers are ranked 25th in The Associated Press Top 25 Poll released Nov. 27. UVa finished the 2005-06 season with a 15-15 record and tied for seventh in the Atlantic Coast Conference with a 7-9 mark.

Purdue is 4-1 on the season. The Boilermakers finished fifth in the EA-Sports Maui Invitational, including an 81-73 win over Depaul (Nov. 22). Last season, Purdue was 9-19 overall and finished Big Ten play with a 3-13 mark.

### 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.

### RANKED CAVALIERS

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

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# CAVALIER GAME NOTES

## Virginia's PROBABLE Starters

No.	Pos.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Ppg.	Rpg.	Apg.	Mpg	Notes
24	G/F	Mamadi Diane	6-5	197	So.	16.3	4.0	1.8	27.5	Career-high 25 pts vs. Arizona; ACC Player of the Week
33	F	Jason Cain	6-10	225	Sr.	12.0	9.0	0.5	24.0	Has 7 career double-doubles
34	F/C	Ryan Pettinella	6-9	238	Jr.	2.5	2.8	0.0	10.5	Played at UPenn in 2003-04 and 2004-05
2	G	J.R. Reynolds	6-2 1/2	188	Sr.	16.8	3.3	3.8	29.0	2006-07 Preseason All-ACC Second Team
44	G	Sean Singletary	6-0	185	Jr.	17.0	4.5	7.5	32.0	2006-07 Preseason All-ACC First Team

## Virginia's Key Reserves

30	F	Adrian Joseph	6-7	205	Jr.	9.3	4.7	1.7	25.0	Season-high 14 pts. vs. UNC Asheville; DNP vs. UMES
11	F	Laurynas Mikalauskas	6-8	255	So.	4.3	2.3	1.0	11.8	Played for Lithuanian team this past summer
12	F	Jamil Tucker	6-8	230	Fr.	3.3	2.0	0.0	12.3	Had career-highs of 8 pts and 5 rebs. vs. UMES
1	F/G	Will Harris	6-6	230	Fr.	7.3	5.0	0.8	18.8	16 pts., 8 rebs. vs. Morgan State
45	G/F	Soloman Tat	6-5	220	Fr.	3.0	2.0	0.0	12.0	Missed last three games because of injury
55	F/C	Jerome Meynsse	6-8	230	Fr.	3.7	4.0	0.0	12.3	Scored a career-high 9 points vs. UMES
21	C	Tunji Soroye	6-11	245	Jr.	--	--	--	--	Has missed first four games with an injury

## THE SERIES VS. PURDUE

Tonight's meeting is just the second between UVa and Purdue in men's basketball. The initial meeting took place in the 2000 ACC/Big Ten Challenge with Virginia winning 98-79 on Nov. 29 at University Hall in Charlottesville.

## THE ACC/BIG TEN CHALLENGE

Tonight's game against Purdue is part of the eighth annual ACC/Big Ten Challenge, a three-day series matching two of the nation's top basketball conferences. Over the past eight years, the ACC and Big Ten have dominated the Final Four with the two leagues providing 16 of the 32 Final Four teams during that span.

The Cavaliers are 4-2 in ACC/Big Ten Challenge matchups. Last season, Virginia picked up its third consecutive win in the series with a 72-57 victory over Northwestern (Nov. 30) in Charlottesville. In 2004-05, UVa defeated Northwestern 48-44 (Dec. 1) in Evanston, Ill. In 2003-04, UVa defeated Minnesota 86-78 (Dec. 3) at University Hall. In the 2002-03 season, Virginia fell at Michigan State 82-75 (Dec. 4). In 2001, Virginia's matchup against Michigan State (Nov. 28) in Richmond, Va., was halted with UVa leading 31-28 with 15:04 remaining in the second half due to slippery floor conditions (unseasonably warm temperature (70 degrees) combined with the ice surface under the playing court to produce condensation on the court). Virginia won its 2000 ACC/Big Ten Challenge game 98-79 over Purdue (Nov. 29) at University Hall. In the initial ACC/Big Ten meeting in 1999, Virginia fell to Minnesota 74-62 (Nov. 30) in Minneapolis.

The ACC has won the first seven ACC/Big Ten Challenges. Last season, the ACC won the Challenge 6-5. In 2004, the ACC won the Challenge 7-2, after winning the 2003 series by an identical 7-2 count. The ACC won by 5-4 margins in 1999, 2000 and 2002, and 5-3 in 2001. The ACC is 40-24 in the Challenge vs. the Big Ten entering this season's competition.

## PREVIOUS ACC CHALLENGE

Virginia was the only ACC school to win all three games in the ACC/Big East Challenge, held during the 1989-90 through 1991-92 seasons. In the ACC/Big East Challenge, UVa defeated Villanova (73-65 in 1989-90), Pittsburgh (84-80 in 1990-91) and Georgetown (76-66 in overtime in 1991-92).

## VIRGINIA VS. THE BIG TEN

Virginia is 16-15 all-time against the 11 current Big Ten schools. UVa is 2-0 vs. Northwestern, 1-0 vs. Purdue, 5-2 vs. Penn State, 4-1 vs. Minnesota, 1-1 vs. Wisconsin, 1-2 vs. Indiana and Michigan, 1-3 vs. Ohio State, 0-1 vs. Iowa and 0-3 vs. Michigan State. The Cavaliers have never faced Illinois. UVa's last two

## QUICK FACTS

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

## COACHING STAFF

Head Coach..... Dave Leitao  
 Career Record ..... 99-84 (7 yrs.)  
 Record at Virginia..... 19-15 (2 yrs.)  
 Assistant Coaches ..... Bill Courtney,  
 Rob Lanier, Steve Seymour  
 Director of Operations ..... Drew Diener  
 Asst. Dir. of Operations ... Oliver Winterbone  
 Strength Coach..... Shaun Brown  
 Athletic Trainer..... Jeff Boyer  
 First Season of Basketball ..... 1905-06  
 All-Time Record ..... 1,334-1,034 (102 yrs.)  
 University Hall..... 402-143 (41 yrs.)  
 JPJ Arena..... 4-0 (first season)  
 All-Time ACC Record ..... 304-443 (55 yrs.)  
 ACC Tourn. Record ..... 30-52 (53 yrs.)  
 NCAA Tourn. Record ..... 21-15 (15 yrs.)  
 NIT Record ..... 15-10 (12 yrs.)

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meeting against Big Ten schools have been against Northwestern - both in the ACC/Big Ten Challenge. The Cavaliers defeated Northwestern 72-57 (Nov. 30) last season and 48-44 (Dec. 1) during the 2004-05 season.

The last time the Cavaliers faced a Big Ten team in a game not associated with the ACC/Big Ten Challenge was in the 2002-03 season. UVa fell to then 19th-ranked Indiana 70-63 in the championship game of the Maui Invitational (Nov. 27).

## TALE OF THE TAPE

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

Virginia.....	Category.....	Purdue
90.8.....	Points.....	77.6
70.8.....	Points Allowed.....	67.6
+20.0.....	Scoring Margin.....	+10.0
48.3.....	Field Goal %.....	46.9
37.7.....	Field Goal % Defense.....	43.0
40.5.....	3 Point Field Goal %.....	36.4
35.6.....	3 Point Field Goal % Defense.....	34.3
74.6.....	Free Throw %.....	67.5
46.2.....	Rebounds.....	35.2
+15.8.....	Rebound Margin.....	+2.4
16.5.....	Assists.....	13.0
15.3.....	Turnovers.....	15.2
5.8.....	Steals.....	8.8
2.5.....	Blocked Shots.....	1.8

## CAVALIERS OPEN SEASON STRONG

Virginia has opened the 2006-07 season with four consecutive victories for the fifth time in the last seven seasons. UVa won its season opener 93-90 over 10th-ranked Arizona (Nov. 12). The Cavaliers then registered an 85-66 win over Morgan State (Nov. 19) and an 81-64 victory over UNC Asheville (Nov. 22). Virginia is coming off a 104-63 win over Maryland Eastern Shore (Nov. 26). All four wins came at the John Paul Jones Arena.

The last time UVa won its first five games of a season was in 2004-05. Virginia won its first six games that season.

## LEITAO LOOKING FOR 100

Virginia head coach Dave Leitao enters tonight's game against Purdue with 99 career victories. He sports a record of 99-84 as a head coach. Leitao registered his first career coaching win against Howard (78-62) on Dec. 3, 1994 while the head coach at Northeastern.

## HEAD COACH DAVE LEITAO

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

UVa advanced to the 2006 National Invitation Tournament, but fell in the opening round to Stanford 65-49

(Mar. 14). Virginia's appearance in the NIT marked the fourth consecutive postseason appearance by a Leitao-coached team. Leitao led DePaul to three straight postseason

School	Record	Years
Northeastern	22-35	'95, '96
DePaul	58-34	'03, '04, '05
Virginia	19-15	'06, '07
7 Seasons	99-84	

## 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
<b>8. Virginia</b>	<b>365</b>
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
<b>Sean Singletary, UVa</b>	<b>53</b>
Al Thornton, FSU	53
Josh McRoberts, Duke	52

### All-ACC Second Team

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

### ACC Player of the Year

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

### ACC Rookie of the Year

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



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bids, including the NCAA Tournament in 2004.

In seven seasons as a head coach, Leitao has a career record of 99-84.

This is the first time Leitao has faced Purdue 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.

## VIRGINIA ROLLS TO 104-63 WIN OVER UMES

J.R. Reynolds and Jason Cain both scored 22 points to lead the Cavaliers to a 104-63 victory over Maryland Eastern Shore (Nov. 26) at the John Paul Jones Arena. It is the most points UVa has scored in a game since Dec. 30, 2001 when the Cavaliers scored 112 points against Grambling.

Cain established a new career high with his 22 points and also led all players with eight rebounds. He was 8-10 from the field and 6-6 from the free throw line. Reynolds made 8-15 shots from the floor, including 4-8 from three-point range, and drained both free throws. Reynolds also added four rebounds and four assists. Mamadi Diane tallied 17 points, six rebounds, three assists and two steals, while Sean Singletary rounded out UVa's double figure scorers with 11 points. He tied his career high with nine assists and also added six rebounds and two steals.

UMES scored the opening basket and led 7-6 2:14 into the contest. A tip-in by Ryan Pettinella at the 17:06 mark gave UVa the lead for good, 8-7. The Cavaliers slowly built their lead to 20, 37-17, with 7:34 left in the opening half. Virginia took a 51-33 lead at the intermission.

The Hawks scored two of the first three baskets in the second half, but could not get closer than 20 points during the final half. UVa shot an impressive 59.4 percent (19-32) from the floor in the second stanza and outscored UMES 53-30.

UVa connected on 33-62 attempts from the field in the contest for 53.2 percent accuracy. The Cavaliers held UMES to 37.3 percent (25-67) shooting from the floor. Virginia was extremely accurate from the free throw line as the Cavaliers made 29-35 attempts for 82.9 percent. UVa outscored the Hawks 29-5 from the charity stripe and also held a 54-21 advantage in rebounds.

Corey Brown and Jesse Brooks led Maryland Eastern Shore with 21 and 20 points, respectively. Brown made five three-point field goals and also added four steals and three assists.

## 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

## 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:** 125,000 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)



## PLAYING FOUR AT HOME

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

## THE CENTURY MARK

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

## DIANE NAMED ACC PLAYER OF THE WEEK

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

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

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

## SINGLETARY AND REYNOLDS NAMED TEAM CAPTAINS AGAIN

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

## DOUBLE-DIGIT SCORING STREAK

J.R. Reynolds has scored in double figures in his last 28 games, which is the longest streak among ACC players. Reynolds' streak started with a 10-point performance against Gonzaga on Dec. 17, 2005.

## THREE-POINT FIELD GOALS

J.R. Reynolds has made 167 three-point field goals in his career and is in fourth place on UVa's all-time three-point field goals list. John Crotty (1988-91) is third with 179 three-pointers.

## CAIN'S CAREER HIGH

Jason Cain set a new career high for points in a game when he tallied 22 points in UVa's win over Maryland Eastern Shore (Nov. 26). Cain's previous career best was 16 points vs. Fordham

and UMBC last season. Cain tied his career high with 16 first-half points against UMES.

## SOROYE SURGERY

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

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

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

## HOT SHOOTING

Mamadi Diane is off to a great start shooting the basketball in the 2006-07 season. The sophomore has made 21-32 field goal attempts for 65.6 percent accuracy, including 10-18 (55.6 percent) three-point attempts. Diane scored a career-high 25 points against Arizona (Nov. 12) and tallied 15 points vs. Morgan State (Nov. 19). He had eight points in UVa's win over UNC Asheville (Nov. 22) and then posted 17 points against Maryland Eastern Shore.

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

## NAISMITH TROPHY

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

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

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

## SINGLETARY FROM THE LINE

Sean Singletary is off to a great start from the free throw line. He is 31-32 from the line for 96.9 percent accuracy after making all four attempts from the line against UMES (Nov. 26). Singletary connected on all 12 attempts from the charity stripe against UNC Asheville (Nov. 22). He began the season by making 13-14 attempts from the line against Arizona (Nov. 12). Singletary was 2-2 from the line against Morgan State (Nov. 19).

Singletary has made his last 19 free throw attempts dating back to his final try against Arizona.



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## MORE FREE THROWS

UVa has made 21 more free throws (97) in the first four games than its four opponents (Arizona, Morgan State, UNC Asheville and Maryland Eastern Shore) have combined to take (76) in those four games. Virginia is 97-130 (74.6 percent) from the free throw line, while its four opponents are a combined 53-76 (69.7 percent).

## CLOSING IN ON 900

Sean Singletary has scored 885 points in his career and needs just 15 points to reach the 900-point plateau.

## NEARLY TOP 10

Sean Singletary has handed out 264 assists during his career and is closing in on the 10th spot on UVa's all-time assists list. Billy Langloh (1974-77) holds the 10th place on Virginia's all-time assists list with 286.

## UVA WINS EXHIBITION GAME

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

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

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

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

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

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

## THREE PLAYERS JOIN MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM

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

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

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

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

## THREE PLAYERS SIGN WITH UVA

Head coach Dave Leitao has announced the signing of three players to national letters of intent with the Cavaliers. The three players are 6-4 guard Mustapha Farrakhan of Harvey, Ill., 6-4 guard Jeff Jones of Wilmington, Del., and 6-1 guard Sam Zeglinski of Philadelphia, Pa.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**CURTIS STAPLES' JERSEY RETIRED**

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

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

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

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

In addition to being Virginia's career leader in three-point field goals made, Staples holds UVa records for three-point field goals made in a season (130) and in a game (9). He also holds Virginia records for most three-point field goals made by a senior (130), junior (98), sophomore (82) and freshman (103). He led the Atlantic Coast Conference in three-point field goals made per game during each of his four seasons at Virginia.

Staples ranks ninth on Virginia's career scoring list with 1,757 points. He lettered four times for the Cavaliers and was a team captain as a senior during the 1997-98 season. Staples averaged a career-high 18.1 points a game during the 1997-98 season and earned third-team All-ACC honors.

**THE JOHN PAUL JONES ARENA**

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

**PRESEASON HONORS**

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

**REMEMBERING U-HALL**

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

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

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

**THE EARLY DAYS**

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

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

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





# CAVALIER GAME NOTES

## RETURNING STARTERS

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

## BILL COURTNEY JOINS COACHING STAFF

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

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

## VIRGINIA PLAYERS IN INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

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

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

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

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

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

## CAVALIERS IN THE 2006 ACC STATISTICAL RANKINGS

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

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

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

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



## 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.

