

# 2006-07 VIRGINIA MEN'S BASKETBALL

## 2006-07 Schedule

**VIRGINIA**  
**20-8 OVERALL**  
**11-4 ACC**

**H: 16-1, A: 3-5, N: 1-2**

Nov. 4	AUGUSTA STATE (Exhib.)	W, 78-63
Nov. 12	#10 ARIZONA (FSNS/FSN-FL/NESN/CSN [in Va.]..)	W, 93-90
Nov. 19	MORGAN STATE	W, 85-66
Nov. 22	UNC ASHEVILLE	W, 81-64
Nov. 26	MARYLAND EASTERN SHORE	W, 104-63
Nov. 29	at Purdue# (ESPN2)	L, 59-61
Dec. 3	NC STATE* (FSN)	W, 67-62
Dec. 16	HAMPTON	W, 91-69
Dec. 19	vs. Appalachian State^	L, 69-80
Dec. 20	vs. Utah^	L, 70-94
Dec. 21	vs. Puerto Rico-Mayaguez^	W, 59-52
Dec. 28	AMERICAN	W, 91-70
Jan. 3	GONZAGA (ESPN2)	W, 108-87
Jan. 7	STANFORD (FSN)	L, 75-76
Jan. 10	at #1 North Carolina* (RLF Split)	L, 69-79
Jan. 13	at Boston College* (RLF)	L, 73-78
Jan. 16	MARYLAND* (RLF Split)	W, 103-91
Jan. 21	WAKE FOREST* (RLF)	W, 88-76
Jan. 24	at NC State* (RLF Split)	W, 71-58
Jan. 28	at #19 Clemson* (RLF)	W, 64-63
Feb. 1	#8 DUKE* (ESPN)	W, 68-66 (OT)
Feb. 3	MIAMI* (ESPN-U)	W, 81-70
Feb. 6	at Maryland* (RSN)	W, 69-65
Feb. 10	at Virginia Tech* (RLF Split)	L, 57-84
Feb. 13	LONGWOOD	W, 90-49
Feb. 17	FLORIDA STATE* (RLF Split)	W, 73-70
Feb. 21	at Miami*	L, 60-68
Feb. 24	GEORGIA TECH* (ABC)	W, 75-69
Mar. 1	#21 VIRGINIA TECH* (ESPN)	W, 69-56
Mar. 3	at Wake Forest* (RLF)	1 p.m.
Mar. 8	ACC Tournament First Round – UVa has a bye	
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.

## RV/#25 VIRGINIA (20-8, 11-4) VS. WAKE FOREST (13-15, 4-11)

**MARCH 3, 2007 • 1:00 P.M.**

**LAWRENCE JOEL COLISUEM (14,665)  
 WINSTON-SALEM, N.C.**

### TELEVISION

Today's game will be televised by the Raycom-Lincoln Financial Network. Tim Brant will handle the play-by-play. Eddie Fogler 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 today's Atlantic Coast Conference regular season finale against Wake Forest with a 20-8 overall record and an 11-4 mark in the Atlantic Coast Conference. The Cavaliers, who are in the "Others Receiving Votes" portion of The Associated Press and 25th in the ESPN/USAToday Top 25 polls, are coming off a 69-56 win over No. 21 Virginia Tech (March 1) at the John Paul Jones Arena. The victory over the Hokies clinched at least a share of the ACC regular season title for Virginia, which has won 11 of its last 13 games.

Wake Forest is 13-15 overall and 4-11 in the ACC this season. The Demon Deacons have lost their last two games and are coming off a 73-66 loss at NC State (Feb. 28).

### 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 16-1 in the John Paul Jones Arena. The 16 victories at home are the most in the history of the UVa men's basketball program.

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CAVALIERS





## TOUGH TO SHOOT WELL VS. WAKE FOREST

Virginia has had a rough time on the offensive end against Wake Forest since the 1989-90 season (UVa is 16-21 vs. Wake Forest since 1989-90). The Cavaliers have shot 46 percent or better against Wake Forest just 11 times in the last 38 games. Nine of the 11 games resulted in Virginia wins with the two losses coming when UVa shot 52.0 percent (26-50) in a 75-71 loss (Feb. 23, 2003) in Winston-Salem and in 2003-04 when the Cavaliers shot 50.0 percent (31-62) in a 91-78 loss (Jan. 31) in Winston-Salem.

UVa's 52.7 percent (29-55) shooting from the field in the first meeting this season is its highest against Wake Forest since the 1995-96 season when the Cavaliers shot 60.5 percent (23-38) from the floor.

Virginia has shot 42.2 percent from the floor and averaged 68.1 points per game against Wake Forest since 1989-90.

Similarly, the Cavalier defense has been almost as stingy as Wake's. The Deacons have made 44.4 percent of their field goal attempts over the last 38 meetings and have averaged 70.9 points per game.

Wake Forest topped 50 percent shooting from the floor nine times since 1989-90. Last season, the Deacs shot 51.0 percent (25-49) from the floor and it marked the first time since the 1989-90 season they lost to UVa when shooting 50 percent or better from the field.

A breakdown of both teams' offensive performance since the 1989-90 season in wins and losses follows.

	UVa		WFU	
	FG%	PPG	FG%	PPG
Combined (38)	.422	68.1	.444	70.9
UVa wins (16)	.464	74.0	.411	66.9
UVa losses (22)	.392	63.7	.470	73.8

## EARLIER THIS SEASON VS. WAKE FOREST

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

Reynolds' also established career highs with his 12 field goals made and six three-pointers. Sean Singletary totaled 19 points, while Mamadi Diane and Jason Cain both added 10 points.

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

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

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

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

## 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	

## 2006-07 ACC Players of the Week

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



# CAVALIER GAME NOTES

## HEAD COACH DAVE LEITAO

Dave Leitao is in his second season as the Cavaliers' head coach and has a record of 35-23. In his first season at UVa in 2005-06, Virginia posted a 15-15 record and compiled a 7-9 mark in Atlantic Coast Conference play. Virginia tied for seventh in the ACC standings after being picked 12th in the ACC Preseason Media Poll.

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

In seven seasons as a head coach, Leitao has a career record of 115-92. 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.

With UVa's 75-69 win over Georgia Tech (Feb. 24), Leitao has registered at least one win over every ACC team. He has a record of 18-13 in ACC contests.

Leitao is 2-0 all-time against Wake Forest as a head coach.

Leitao has coached in 33 games against AP ranked teams and is 11-22, including 4-1 this season. Against top 10 AP teams, Leitao is 2-10. He earned his first victory over an AP top 10 team when UVa posted a 93-90 win over Arizona (Nov. 12). Virginia's 68-66 overtime win over eighth-ranked Duke (Feb. 1) marks the highest ranked opponent a Leitao coached team has defeated.

Leitao was 0-4 against ranked teams in two seasons at Northeastern, 5-11 vs. ranked opponents in three years at DePaul, and is 6-7 against ranked foes at UVa. Virginia's 72-58 win over 11th-ranked Boston College (Feb. 21, 2006) marked the highest ranked opponent a Leitao coached team had defeated until the wins over Arizona and Duke.

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 – No. 24 North Carolina - Jan. 19, 2006 (72-68)  
 Top 10 Win – No. 10 Arizona - Nov. 12, 2006 (93-90)  
 Top 15 Win – No. 11 Boston College - Feb. 21, 2006 (72-58)  
 Ranked ACC Road Win – No. 19 Clemson - Jan. 28, 2007 (64-63)  
 ACC Tournament Win – Virginia Tech - Mar. 9, 2006 (60-56)  
 Postseason Appearance – 2006 NIT vs. Stanford - Mar. 14, 2006

## VIRGINIA WINS ACC OPENER, MAINTAINS GOOD START

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.

Since the ACC season-opening win over NC State, the Cavaliers have won 10 of their last 14 conference games, including seven in a row at one point, to improve to 11-4 in the ACC. Prior to losing at Virginia Tech (Feb. 10), UVa was six games over .500 in the ACC for the first time since the 1994-95 season when the Cavaliers started ACC action with a 9-3 record. Virginia went on to an 11-3 ACC record before finishing the season with a 12-4 conference mark.

Virginia is currently 11-4 in the ACC this season and sits atop the conference standings. The Cavaliers are a game ahead of North Carolina and Virginia Tech in the conference standings. UVa can clinch the regular season title outright with a win over Wake Forest. The Cavaliers have not finished atop the ACC regular

## 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)

season standings by themselves since the 1980-81 season when they went 13-1 in league play. Virginia also earned a share of the top spot in conference play in 1994-95, 1982-83 and 1981-82.

UVa's 11 conference victories are its best ACC win total since the 1994-95 season when the Cavaliers were 12-4.

## WINNING STREAK

UVa had its seven-game ACC winning streak snapped in an 84-57 loss at Virginia Tech on Feb. 10. The seven-game winning streak was the longest ACC winning streak for the Cavaliers since they rattled off 11 consecutive conference victories in the 1981-82 season. UVa finished ACC play with a 12-2 record that season.

## TALE OF THE TAPE

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

Virginia .....	Category .....	Wake Forest
77.2 .....	Points.....	73.0
70.6 .....	Points Allowed .....	75.5
+6.6 .....	Scoring Margin .....	-2.5
43.9 .....	Field Goal % .....	45.3
40.7 .....	Field Goal % Defense.....	46.9
37.0 .....	3 Point Field Goal %.....	35.5
34.2 .....	3 Point Field Goal % Defense.....	35.2
73.1 .....	Free Throw % .....	63.0
39.4 .....	Rebounds.....	35.1
+5.1 .....	Rebound Margin .....	+0.3
13.3 .....	Assists .....	13.3
14.0 .....	Turnovers.....	15.9
4.9 .....	Steals.....	6.6
3.1 .....	Blocked Shots .....	3.2

## 8-0 AT HOME

The Cavaliers were a perfect 8-0 at home in ACC play and are the only ACC team with an unblemished conference record at home this season. It marks the first time Virginia has won eight ACC home games in a season (the ACC started playing a 16-game schedule in 1991-92). Prior to UVa this year, the last ACC teams to go 8-0 at home in league play were North Carolina and Wake Forest in 2004-05.

Virginia has been perfect at home in conference play twice before this year – 7-0 in back-to-back seasons in 1980-81 and 1981-82.

## 11 ACC WINS

With its 11 ACC victories, UVa has reached double figures in conference wins for just the fifth time since the start of ACC play in 1953-54.

The Cavaliers were 12-4 in 1994-95, 12-2 in both 1982-83 and 1981-82, and 13-1 in 1980-81.

## FIRST ROUND BYE

In addition to clinching at least a share of the regular season title, the Cavaliers have clinched a bye in the first round of the 2007 ACC Tournament which will be held March 8-11 in

Tampa, Fla. It is the first time UVa has ever received a bye in the ACC Tournament. The top four finishers in the regular season standings advance to the quarterfinals of the ACC Tournament.

## THREE CONSECUTIVE ROAD WINS

UVa won three consecutive ACC road games over NC State (Jan. 24), Clemson (Jan. 28) and Maryland (Feb. 6) before falling at Virginia Tech (Feb. 10). It marked the first time since the 1994-95 season Virginia won three straight ACC road games.

UVa opened the ACC season in 1994-95 with wins at Florida State (Jan. 4, 81-75) and NC State (Jan. 7, 76-65). The Cavaliers also defeated then No. 16 Duke 91-88 in double overtime in Durham on Jan. 14 for a third ACC road win in a row.

The last time Virginia won more than three ACC road games in a row was in the 1981-82 season when it won five straight. The Cavaliers defeated No. 18 Wake Forest (Jan. 27, 69-66), Duke (Jan. 30, 77-65), NC State (Feb. 10, 39-36), Clemson (Feb. 13, 56-54), and Georgia Tech (Feb. 15, 56-52). Virginia also had non-conference away wins over George Washington (Jan. 20, 80-54) and No. 17 Louisville (Jan. 24, 74-56) in its seven-game overall road winning streak.

Virginia won 15 consecutive games during this stretch of the 1981-82 season with eight coming away from home (one was a neutral court victory).

## NO REST ON SUNDAYS

The Cavaliers played their seventh and final regular season Sunday game against then 19th-ranked Clemson (Jan. 28). Virginia won six of its seven Sunday contests with its only setback coming against Stanford (Jan. 7).

UVa played three Sunday games in November – Arizona (Nov. 12), Morgan State (Nov. 19), and Maryland Eastern Shore (Nov. 26). The Cavaliers' lone Sunday contest in December was against NC State (Dec. 3), which marked the fourth consecutive week UVa had a Sunday game.

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

## SUCCESSFUL JANUARY AND FEBRUARY

UVa posted a 5-3 record in January and won its last four games of the month. The Cavaliers' five wins in January are the most since the 2001-02 season when Virginia was 5-4. The last time UVa had more than five wins in January was in 1999-00 when the Cavaliers were 7-2.

UVa also played well in the month of February. The Cavaliers won their first three games in February for the first time since the 1981-82 season when they started the month with seven consecutive victories. UVa finished February with a 6-2 record. It is UVa's best record in February since the 1994-95 season when it was 8-2.



# CAVALIER GAME NOTES

## HOME SWEET HOME

The Cavaliers have found tremendous success at home this season with a 16-1 record. With 16 home wins, the Cavaliers have set a new school record for home victories in a season.

UVa struggled away from the JPJA early in the season, but rebounded with three consecutive wins and is now 4-7 away from home. Included in Virginia's 4-7 mark is a 3-5 record on its opponents' home court.

## UVA ROLLS TO 69-56 WIN OVER VIRGINIA TECH

Virginia closed out an incredible inaugural season at the John Paul Jones Arena with a 69-56 victory (March 1) over in-state rival and 21st-ranked Virginia Tech. The win marked the final home appearance for seniors J.R. Reynolds and Jason Cain.

UVa used accurate long-range shooting and excellent defense to earn a season split and a point in the Commonwealth Challenge competition. The Cavaliers shot an impressive 62.5 percent (10-16) from three-point range while holding Virginia Tech to 36.2 percent (21-58) accuracy from the field. The Hokies made only 2-15 (13.3 percent) three-point attempts and were 0-10 in the second half.

Sean Singletary led Virginia with 17 points, six assists and five rebounds, while Reynolds and Mamadi Diane both tallied 13 points. Reynolds added six assists and four rebounds. He also played solid defense on Zabian Dowdell in the second half to hold him to four points (Dowdell had 13 in the first half). Cain led all players with nine rebounds and also scored eight points.

The Cavaliers got off to a great start, scoring 13 of the first 16 points in the game. UVa led by as many as 12 points, 17-5, in the opening half. The Hokies used a 13-0 run to turn an 11-point deficit into a two-point lead, 21-19, with 6:48 to play in the opening half. Virginia Tech took its biggest lead of the game, 23-20, with 5:37 left in the first half. UVa responded with a 10-1 spurt to grab a 30-24 edge with 2:44 left in the first half and led 36-28 at halftime.

Cain and Diane opened the second stanza with baskets to push UVa's advantage to 40-28. The Hokies pulled within 43-38 with 14:54 to play, but a Singletary jumper and a Diane three put UVa up 10, 48-38, with 13:20 left. Virginia Tech answered with four straight points to make the score 48-42, but Diane and Singletary responded with back-to-back threes and Singletary added two free throws to push the advantage to 56-42 with 11:01 left. Tech never got closer than seven points the rest of the game.

UVa shot 43.6 percent (24-55) from the field in the game and held a 38-35 edge in rebounds. Virginia Tech had only one steal in the contest and that came with only 2:57 remaining.

Dowdell was the only Virginia Tech player to reach double figures in scoring as he had 17 points, but only four in the second half.

## THREE DOUBLE DIGIT COMEBACKS THIS SEASON

The Cavaliers have notched three comeback victories this season after falling behind by double digits.

UVa trailed Duke (Feb. 1) by 13 points (34-21) with 3:29 remaining in the first half and eventually won 68-66 in overtime at the John Paul Jones Arena.

In the previous game at Clemson, UVa trailed the 19th-ranked Tigers 61-45 with 8:47 remaining in the contest and won 64-63 on Jan. 28. Virginia scored the final 15 points in the game.

In the season-opener against then 10th-ranked Arizona, UVa fell behind by 19 points (45-26) with 2:49 left in the first half (and trailed 49-36 at the half) and won 93-90 on Nov. 12.

Although it wasn't a double-digit comeback, UVa's rally to defeat Georgia Tech (Feb. 24) was impressive. Virginia trailed the Yellow Jackets by seven points (69-62) with 3:41 to play and scored the final 13 points of the game for a 75-69 victory.

## NOTABLE SECOND HALF COMEBACKS

Virginia's 16-point comeback against Clemson (Jan. 28) is one of several impressive second half comebacks the Cavaliers have had through the years. Below are four other impressive comebacks.

At Duke on Jan. 14, 1995 – Virginia trailed by 23 points (46-23) with 17:47 left in regulation and still trailed by 14 (64-50) with 6:41 left in regulation. UVa rallied to win 91-88 in double overtime. Duke was ranked 16th. Virginia actually came back to take two leads in regulation (69-68 with 1:38 remaining and 71-70 with 55 seconds left) before the game went to overtime.

At William & Mary on Jan. 29, 1970 – Virginia trailed by 22 points (63-41) with 12:21 left in regulation. UVa rallied to win 87-81 in overtime.

At home against Virginia Tech on Dec. 1, 2001 – Virginia trailed by 16 points (46-30) with 17:38 remaining in the game. UVa came back to win 69-61. Virginia was ranked 9th in The Associated Press poll.

At North Carolina, Feb. 3, 1981 – Virginia trailed by 16 points (51-35) with 11:53 left in the second half. UVa rallied to win 80-79 in overtime. North Carolina was ranked 11th and Virginia was ranked No. 1 in The AP poll.

## THE CENTURY MARK

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

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

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

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

## SINGLETERY 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.

## 40 POINTS

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

## 30 BACK-TO-BACK

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

## THREE CAVALIERS EARN ACC PLAYER OF THE WEEK AWARDS

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

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

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

## REYNOLDS NAMED ACC PLAYER OF THE WEEK

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

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

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

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

## SINGLETERY NAMED ACC PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Sean Singletary earned back-to-back ACC Player of the Week honors on Jan. 2 and Jan. 8. On Jan. 2, Singletary shared the

award with Duke's Josh McRoberts. He captured the award outright on Jan. 8.

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

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

In the Cavaliers' 76-75 loss to Stanford (Jan. 7), Singletary scored a game-high 24 points and had four rebounds. He was 6-14 from the field, including 3-6 from three-point range, and 9-10 from the free throw line. He also had two assists and one steal in 38 minutes of action.

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

## DIANE NAMED PLAYER OF THE WEEK

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

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

## BACK-TO-BACK RANKED WINS

UVa defeated No. 19 Clemson (64-63 – Jan. 28) and No. 8 Duke (68-66 in OT – Feb. 1), marking the first time the Cavaliers have registered back-to-back wins (in consecutive games) over Associated Press ranked teams since the 2003-04 season.

In 2003-04, Virginia knocked off No. 12 North Carolina 74-72 at home on Feb. 24, 2004 and No. 11 Wake Forest 84-82 on March 2, 2004 in Charlottesville.

Virginia's four wins over Associated Press ranked teams this season (No. 21 Virginia Tech - March 1, Clemson, Duke and No. 10 Arizona) mark the most victories over ranked teams in a season since 2002-03 when UVa was 4-6 vs. ranked teams. Virginia registered ranked wins over No. 15 Kentucky 75-61 - Nov. 26, No. 17 Wake Forest 85-75 - Jan. 23, No. 8 Maryland 86-78 - Feb. 6, and No. 13 Maryland 80-78 (ot) - March 9 in the 2002-03 season.

## 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.



# CAVALIER GAME NOTES

## LEADING THE ACC

Virginia has made 230 three-point field goals this season for an ACC-best average of 8.21 three-point field goals made per game.

In ACC contests, UVa is averaging an impressive 8.33 made three-pointers per game to lead the league.

The Cavaliers have four players who have made at least 30 three-pointers this season – Sean Singletary (73), J.R. Reynolds (52), Adrian Joseph (40) and Mamadi Diane (38).

Singletary is second in the ACC with 2.61 made threes per game, while Reynolds is ninth with 1.86 per game.

## FIELD GOAL DEFENSE

In ACC play, Virginia leads all teams in field goal percentage defense with a mark of 41.1 percent (372-906). North Carolina is second among all ACC schools in field goal percentage defense at 42.5 percent (389-915).

Overall, UVa is second in the conference in field goal percentage defense at 40.7 percent (688-1,692).

## SINGLE DIGITS

The Cavaliers posted back-to-back games in which they committed less than 10 turnovers – 8 vs. Duke (Feb. 1) and nine vs. Miami (Feb. 3). The streak ended vs. Maryland (Feb. 6) when UVa committed 20 turnovers.

It is the first time Virginia has had back-to-back games in single digits in turnovers since the beginning of the 2003-04 season. The Cavaliers had only nine turnovers against both Minnesota (Dec. 3) and VMI (Dec. 5). Interestingly enough there was only one day between those two games as well.

The last time UVa went three consecutive games committing nine or fewer turnovers was the final three games of the 1989-90 season. Virginia had seven turnovers in the ACC Championship game vs. Georgia Tech (Mar. 11), six miscues vs. Notre Dame (Mar. 16) and eight turnovers vs. Syracuse (Mar. 18) in the NCAA Tournament.

So far this season, UVa has five games with nine or fewer turnovers. The five games are below:

Opponent	Turnovers
NC State (Dec. 3)	9
Utah (Dec. 20)	7
Duke (Feb. 1)	8
Miami (Feb. 3)	9
Florida State (Feb. 17)	8

## THE FREE THROW LINE

Virginia's 39 made free throws against Maryland (Jan. 16) are one shy of the school record for made free throws in a game. The record of 40 was set on Feb. 22, 1955 vs. Duke. UVa was 40-54 from the line in that game. The 54 free throws attempted in the game vs. Duke are the most in a game by Virginia. The 49 free throw attempts vs. Maryland tie for the fifth most ever in a game.

## MORE THREE-POINTERS

In the first 10 games of the season, the Cavaliers made more three-pointers than their opponent only three times. Virginia has made more threes than 14 of its last 18 opponents. UVa holds a 161-117 edge in three-pointers over its opponents in the last 18 contests.

Virginia has made 230 three-pointers on the season and its opponents have combined for 205.

The Cavaliers' 230 three-pointers are the third most made in a season in school history. The single season school record is 239 made three-pointers in the 2002-03 season. UVa made 232 threes in the 1994-95 season.

## 18 THREE-POINTERS

The Cavaliers set the school record for made three-pointers in a game with 18 against Gonzaga (Jan. 3). UVa was 18-34 for 52.9 percent against the Bulldogs. The old mark was 15 vs. North Carolina (Feb. 14, 1990) and Hampton (Nov. 25, 1998). UVa made 12 three-point field goals in the first half, including its first four attempts and eight of its first nine attempts.

Virginia's 34 three-point attempts are the second most in a game. The school record for three-point attempts is 38 vs. Clemson on Jan. 15, 2000.

## HEATING UP

After shooting only 22.2 percent (8-36) from the field in three games in the San Juan Shootout, Sean Singletary has bounced back by shooting 107-247 (43.3 percent) in his last 18 outings. He had a pair of 9-16 (56.3 percent) shooting performances against American (Dec. 28) and Gonzaga (Jan. 3).

Singletary made just 1-11 three-point tries in Puerto Rico, but has bounced back by making 58-131 (44.3 percent) trifectas in the last 18 games. Singletary had made only 15 threes in the first 10 games of the season.

With 158 career three-point field goals, Singletary has moved into sixth place on UVa's all-time three-point field goals list. He needs four more three-pointers to move past Devin Smith (2003-05) into fifth place. John Crotty (1988-91) is fourth with 179 career three-pointers.

Singletary's 73 three-pointers this season are eighth-best on UVa's single season list. Roger Mason, Jr. (2001-02) is seventh with 81 threes.

## THREE-POINT FIELD GOALS

J.R. Reynolds has made 211 three-point field goals in his career and is in third place on UVa's all-time three-point field goals list. Harold Deane (1994-97) holds the second spot with 237 threes and Curtis Staples (1995-98) is UVa's all-time leader with 413.

Reynolds is currently the ACC's active leader with his 211 career three-pointers. NC State's Engin Atsur is second with 210, while Virginia Tech's Zabian Dowdell is third with 208.



## BETTERING LAST SEASON'S WINS

After only 22 games, Virginia bettered its overall and ACC win totals from a year ago. The Cavaliers are currently 20-8 overall and 11-4 in the ACC. Last season, UVa was 15-15 overall and 7-9 in the conference.

UVa has reached the 20-win mark for the first time since 2000-01 when the Cavaliers finished with a 20-9 record.

## SOROYE REBOUNDS

Over his last seven games, Tunji Soroye has pulled down 40 rebounds for an average of 5.7 per game. He has also blocked 14 shots in that same seven-game span for an average of 2.0 per game.

Soroye scored what proved to be the game-winning basket against Georgia Tech (Feb. 24) on a putback with 32 seconds left that gave UVa a 71-69 lead.

## DOUBLE-DOUBLES

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

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

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

## CAIN'S CAREER HIGH

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

Cain leads UVa in rebounding at 6.5 per game. He grabbed his 500th career rebound in UVa's win over Virginia Tech (March 1) and currently has 507 rebounds in his career.

## MOVING UP THE SCORING LIST

J.R. Reynolds is steadily climbing UVa's all-time scoring list. Reynolds has tallied 1,607 career points and is in 12th place. He needs 19 more points to move past Bob McCarty (1954-56) into 11th place. John Crotty (1988-91) is 10th with 1,646 points. Reynolds began the season in 37th place with 1,095 points.

With his 1,607 points, Reynolds leads all active players in the conference in scoring who have played their entire career in the ACC. Overall, he is third among active ACC players in scoring.

## SINGLETERY FROM THE LINE

Sean Singletary has been extremely accurate from the free throw line this season. He is 158-177 from the line for an impressive 89.3 percent (second in the ACC). He is ahead of the single season school record for free throw percentage of 88.4 percent (122-138) set by Roger Mason, Jr., in the 2000-01 season.

In his last outing, Singletary was 4-4 from the line against

Virginia Tech (March 1). He had an off night from the line vs. Miami (Feb. 3), making only 8-13 attempts. The five misses ties for the most he has missed in a game during his career (9-14 vs. Gonzaga - Dec. 17, 2005).

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

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

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

Arizona (Nov. 12)	13-14	92.9% (made last one)
Morgan State (Nov. 19)	2-2	100%
UNC Asheville (Nov. 22)	12-12	100%
Md. Eastern Shore (Nov. 26)	4-4	100%
Purdue (Nov. 29)	8-8	100%
NC State (Dec. 3)	2-2	100%
Hampton (Dec. 16)	14-16*	87.5% (made first 10)
Appalachian State (Dec. 19)	6-7	85.7%
Utah (Dec. 20)	6-6	100%
Puerto Rico-Mayaguez (Dec. 21)	3-4	75.0%
American (Dec. 28)	10-10	100%
Gonzaga (Jan. 3)	12-14	85.7% (made first 9)
Stanford (Jan. 7)	9-10	90.0% (made first 8)
North Carolina (Jan. 10)	1-1	100%
Boston College (Jan. 13)	0-0	0%
Maryland (Jan. 16)	12-14	85.7% (made last 3)
Wake Forest (Jan. 21)	6-6	100%
NC State (Jan. 24)	4-4	100%
Clemson (Jan. 28)	2-4	50.0% (made last two)
Duke (Feb. 1)	4-4	100%
Miami (Feb. 3)	8-13	61.5%
Maryland (Feb. 6)	1-1	100%
Virginia Tech (Feb. 10)	0-0	0%
Longwood (Feb. 13)	2-2	100%
Florida State (Feb. 17)	4-4	100%
Miami (Feb. 21)	2-4	50%
Georgia Tech (Feb. 24)	7-7	100%
Virginia Tech (Mar. 1)	4-4	100%

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

## ALMOST PERFECT FROM THE LINE

In 15 home games this season, Sean Singletary has missed only one free throw in the first half – he is 45-46. He made 38 consecutive first half free throws at home before missing his first attempt vs. Miami (Feb. 3). In the second half of home games (and overtime), Singletary is 80-92 (87.0 percent). In 11 games away from the John Paul Jones Arena, Singletary is 17-20 (85.0 percent) from the free throw line in the first half and 16-19 (84.2 percent) from the stripe in the second half.



## MIKALAUSKAS A PRESENCE

Laurynas Mikalauskas has become more of a presence for the Cavaliers in the low post in the last two months. Mikalauskas, who was plagued by two preseason ankle injuries, has scored 73 points (4.3 per game) in his last 17 games while shooting 56.9 percent (29-51) from the field. Mikalauskas did not play in UVa's wins over Georgia Tech (Feb. 24) and Virginia Tech (March 1). These are the first games he has not played in during his career. He averaged only 2.2 points a game in the first nine contests of the season.

Mikalauskas had started the last 12 games before coming off the bench against Longwood (Feb. 13), Florida State (Feb. 17) and Miami (Feb. 21). He scored a season-high 12 points on 6-7 shooting from the field against Longwood. Mikalauskas' previous season high was 10 points against UNC (Jan. 10). He was 4-5 from the field and 2-3 from the free throw line while playing a season-high 29 minutes vs. the Tar Heels. Mikalauskas matched his season high with 29 minutes against Boston College (Jan. 13) while scoring seven points.

On the season, Mikalauskas has made 35-65 (53.8 percent) field goal attempts and 16-31 (51.6 percent) in ACC play.

## MORE FROM THE LINE

J.R. Reynolds has made 382 free throws during his career (and attempted 480 for 79.6 percent accuracy) and has moved into a tie with Chris Williams (1999-02) for ninth place on UVa's all-time made free throws list. He needs to make 22 more free throws to move past John Crotty (1988-91) into eighth place.

After starting out the season 15-24 from the charity stripe, Reynolds has made 129 of his last 152 attempts for 84.9 percent accuracy. Reynolds' missed free throw in the first half against Duke (Feb. 1) snapped a streak of 24 consecutive made free throws dating back to the Maryland game (Jan. 16).

Over the last 13 games, Reynolds has made 75-86 free throws (87.2 percent). On the season, Reynolds is shooting 81.8 percent (144-176) from the free throw line (fifth in the ACC).

## 20 OR MORE POINTS

UVa's backcourt tandem of Sean Singletary and J.R. Reynolds have scored 20 or more points in the same game three times this season and five times overall. Against NC State (Jan. 24), Reynolds poured in 29 points, while Singletary had 27. Against American (Dec. 28), Singletary totaled 33 points and Reynolds had 26. Reynolds had 25 points vs. Georgia Tech (Feb. 24) while Singletary had 24.

The duo also did it twice last season – Western Kentucky (Jan. 2) – Reynolds 26, Singletary 20, and North Carolina (Mar. 10) – Reynolds 20, Singletary 29.

Singletary has scored 20 or more points in a game 11 times this season and 24 times during his career. He also has three 30-plus point games to his credit.

Reynolds has also scored 20 or more points in a game 11 times this season and 24 times in his career. Reynolds also has three 30-plus point games under his belt, including a 40-point

performance against Wake Forest (Jan. 21).

The duo have combined for 22 20-point games this season, tying for the most of any tandem in the ACC.

Over the last 18 games (since returning from Puerto Rico), Singletary and Reynolds have combined to score 721 points for an average of 40.1 points per game. Both players have scored in double figures in those 18 games – tying for the fourth best active streak in the ACC this season. Singletary has tallied 360 points for an average of 20.0 per game, while Reynolds has totaled 361 points for 20.1 points a game. The duo have combined for 15 20-plus point games, including two 30-plus contests by Singletary and a 40-point outburst by Reynolds.

Singletary and Reynolds are fourth and fifth in the ACC in scoring at 18.5 and 18.3 points per game, respectively. Singletary has scored 519 points this season, while Reynolds has 512 points this season.

## LIGHTING IT UP

J.R. Reynolds has been on a tear over the last 12 games. He has scored 253 points for an average of 21.1 points per game (scoring 17 or more points in nine of the 12 games). He is shooting 45.5 percent (80-176) from the field and 42.0 percent (29-69) from three-point range. In the same 12-game span, Reynolds has made 64-74 free throws for 86.5 percent accuracy.

Reynolds is second among all players in scoring in ACC contests this season with an average of 20.6 points per game.

## PETTINELLA RETURNS

Junior forward/center Ryan Pettinella returned to the Cavaliers' line-up Feb. 1 against Duke after missing the previous nine games with a knee injury. Pettinella entered the Duke game with 4:41 left in the first half and played five minutes.

Pettinella hurt his left knee during the first half of UVa's game against Puerto Rico-Mayaguez on Dec. 21.

In the 19 games he's played in, Pettinella has seven starts and is averaging 3.1 points and 2.8 rebounds in 11.3 minutes per game. He has made 25-37 (67.6 percent) of his field goal attempts this season.

## GOOD SHOOTING

Mamadi Diane has made drastic improvements in his field goal shooting percentage this season.

Diane is connecting on 45.8 percent (103-225) of his attempts from the floor in the 2006-07 season. Last season, Diane shot only 33.7 percent (65-193) from the field. Diane established a new career high for three-pointers made in a season in just 12 games. He is 38-104 from three-point range for 36.5 percent. In 2005-06, he made only 16-66 attempts from beyond the arc for 24.2 percent.

Diane is averaging 10.2 points per game this year after averaging only 6.0 points a game as a freshman last season.

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

made all four three-point attempts against Gonzaga (Jan. 3).

For the first time in his career, Diane scored in double figures in three consecutive games. He tallied 10 points at Clemson (Jan. 28), 14 points vs. Duke (Feb. 1) and 14 points against Miami (Feb. 3). He had his streak stopped with an eight-point performance vs. Maryland (Feb. 6). Diane has scored in double figures in back-to-back games only four times this season and six times in his career.

Diane's 10 points vs. Clemson (Jan. 28) marked just the fourth time in his career he has scored in double figures on an opponent's home floor. Earlier this season, Diane had 14 points at North Carolina (Jan. 10) and 17 points at Purdue (Nov. 29). Last season, he scored 14 points at Georgia Tech (Dec. 4, 2005).

## FREE THROW SHOOTING

UVa is shooting an impressive 73.1 percent (500-684) from the free throw line this season and is second in the ACC in free throw percentage. The Cavaliers have attempted 123 more free throws (684-561) than their opponents and have made 105 more (500-395).

UVa is averaging ACC bests of 24.4 attempts and 17.9 made free throws per game.

## 1000

Sean Singletary became the 41st Cavalier to reach the 1,000-point milestone in UVa's 91-70 win over American (Dec. 28). He entered the game needing 24 points to reach the 1,000-point plateau and his 1000th point came on a free throw with 6:11 remaining in the game.

Singletary has currently scored 1,336 points in his career and is in 22nd place on Virginia's career scoring list. He needs 21 more points to move past Elton Brown (2002-05) into 21st place. Mel Kennedy (1985-88) is 20th with 1,415 points.

Through games played March 1, Singletary is sixth among active ACC players with 1,336 points and is the league's top junior scorer.

## TOP 10

Sean Singletary has handed out 366 assists during his career and has moved into ninth place on UVa's all-time assists list (fifth among active ACC players). He needs four assists to move past Barry Parkhill (1971-73) into eighth place. Cory Alexander (1992-95) is seventh with 401 career assists.

Singletary has 132 assists this season for his third consecutive 100-assist season (113 in 2004-05 and 121 in 2005-06). He has also established a new career high with his 132 assists.

## TAT'S CAREER BEST

Solomon Tat set career highs in points, rebounds and minutes played against Virginia Tech (Feb. 10). He tallied eight points and six rebounds in 23 minutes of playing time. Tat's former career best in points was five vs. Clemson (Jan. 28). He had four rebounds vs. Clemson and Maryland (Jan. 16). Tat's previous career best for minutes played was 16, also against Clemson.

Tat did not play against Georgia Tech (Feb. 24) and Virginia Tech (March 1), marking the first time since the Puerto Rico-Mayaguez (Dec. 21) game Tat did not see action in a game.

## NATIONAL AWARDS

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 one of the finalists for the Bob Cousy Award and is one of 30 players named to the Wooden Award Midseason All-America Team.

## LOWE'S SENIOR CLASS AWARD

J.R. Reynolds is one of 10 men's finalists for the 2007 Lowe's Senior Class Award. The award is presented annually to an NCAA Division I male and female senior basketball player who excel both on and off the court.

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

The names of the 10 finalists will be placed on the official ballot for a nationwide vote during the NCAA Tournament in March. Fan balloting will be coupled with votes from coaches and media to determine the male and female recipients.

## TUCKER SETS CAREER HIGH

Jamil Tucker reached double figures in scoring for the first time in his career with a 12-point performance against Gonzaga (Jan. 3), including a career-best three three-point field goals. He equaled his career high with 12 points against Maryland (Jan. 16), including a trio of three-pointers. Against Miami (Feb. 21), Tucker tallied 11 points after scoring only two points in the previous nine games (including three games in which he did not play).

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

## REBOUNDING PROWESS

Virginia is averaging 39.4 rebounds per game this season, which is second among all ACC teams. The Cavaliers are fourth in the ACC in rebound margin with a mark of +5.1 per game (39.4 to 34.3).

UVa has been outrebounded eight times this season – by Utah 37-21, Gonzaga 38-36, North Carolina 47-34, Wake Forest (38-33), and Duke (34-33), as well as three of its last four opponents – Florida State (41-40), Miami 41-32 and Georgia Tech (35-27). After tying Arizona in rebounds (36) in its season opener, Virginia has outrebounded 11 of its last 27 opponents by 10 or more rebounds. Overall, UVa has outrebounded 18 of 28 opponents this season. The Cavaliers also tied Boston



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College with 36 rebounds apiece.

## UVA SEVENTH IN DIRECTOR'S CUP STANDINGS

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

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

California is first in the final fall Directors' Cup standings.

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

## FOUR PLAYERS SIGN WITH UVA

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

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

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

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

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

Scott averaged 21 points, 12 rebounds and four blocked shots a game as a senior at Deep Creek High School during the 2005-06 season. He was a first-team all-state selection, and was the player of the year in the Southeastern District and the

Eastern Region that season. He was also the most valuable player of the Southeastern District Tournament. Deep Creek finished the 2005-06 season with a record of 20-6 and won the Southeastern District Tournament.

Scott is currently attending Hargrave Military Academy.

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

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

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

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

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

## CURTIS STAPLES' JERSEY RETIRED

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

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

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

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

In addition to being Virginia's career leader in three-point field goals made, Staples holds UVA records for three-point field goals made in a season (130) and in a game (9). He also holds Virginia records for most three-point field goals made by a senior (130), junior (98), sophomore (82) and freshman (103). He led the ACC in three-point field goals made per game in each of his four seasons at Virginia and ranks ninth on UVA's career scoring list with 1,757 points.

## THE JOHN PAUL JONES ARENA

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

## PRESEASON HONORS

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

## 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, Texas, in June. Among his top performances were a 19-point, five-rebound effort in a loss to Russia, and an 18-point, 11-rebound performance in a victory over Argentina.



## 2006-07 Virginia Men's Basketball Additional Player Bios

### 15 Damin Altizer

G • 5-11, 162 • So.

Bath County High School • Millboro, Va.

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

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

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

### 35 Bob McCormick

F • 6-5, 214 • So.

Francis W. Parker High School • Chicago, Ill.

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

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

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

### 25 David Noel

G • 6-3, 195 • Fr.

St. John's High School • Houston, Texas

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

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

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