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gal, both experienced players, in passing situations.

Virginia features a solid running game, returning their top six rushers. The duo of Marcus Wilson (692 yards) and Durwin Greggs (436 yards) will continue to be a threat. Most impressive is senior Kevin Morgan, who last year rushed for 489 yards and caught 118 yards worth of passes despite being sidelined for three games with a bad knee.

Four starters return to a line that should give Moore plenty of time to find his receivers downfield. Sophomore hopeful Paul Collins will fill in for graduated All-ACC tackle Chris Minear, while backup center Trevor Ryals takes over for the team's other graduate, guard John Fetsko.

The returning starters include Tim Morris at center, Tim O'Connor at tackle and co-captain Roy Brown at guard.

Defensively Virginia shapes up to be one of the best in the ACC, with a secondary that rivals some of the top programs in the nation. The Cavaliers return three starters to that secondary, which frustrated coaches and quarterbacks all season long.

Cornerback Keith McMeans returns to Charlottesville after leading the nation in interceptions with nine, six in the last four games. Keep in mind that was only his freshman year. He will be joined by Kevin Cook, who pulled down a mere eight interceptions.

At free safety will be sophomore Tony Covington, who hit for 40 tackles - 31 unassisted - and broke up nine passes, a team high. Redshirt freshman Tyrone Lewis looks to take over at strong safety for Darryl Hammond, Virginia's leading tackler last season.

The line suffered some tough losses to graduation. All-ACC end Sean Scott, the hero of the All-American Bowl, will be sorely missed. While tackle Eric Hairston chose not to

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The Cavalier kicking team will be strong, thanks to placekicker Mark Inderlied. The senior was 13-of-19 for field goals last year, and he didn't miss one of his 29 extra point attempts.

While not known for their football prowess, the Cavaliers are once again ready to prove to the conference that they're more than just a lacrosse school. If Moore can stay healthy and keep putting the ball into the hands of Ford, than the Cavaliers will find themselves bowl-bound once again.



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return for his fifth season, 6-5, 270pound Billy Keys returns after a year on academic probation to take his place.

Also returning along the line are starting noseguard Ron Carey and tackle Elton Toliver. Sophomores Joe Hall and Chris Stearns, who saw limited time last season, will step up to fill in the holes in the line. Defensive end Ray Savage will once again threaten both quarterbacks and receivers with his speed and power.

The defensive backfield features three big linebackers with the experience and ability to pick apart opposing offenses. Jeff Lageman led the team in tackling with with 89 stops, including 63 unassisted hits.

David Griggs showed a great deal of talent in the seven games he played before being knocked out for the season with a knee injury. He still finished as the team's third leading tackler. Phil Thomas, who filled in for Griggs, will be a valuable backup throughout the year.

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