



Coach Bobby Cremins will try to fire up Tech fans this season

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the Cavaliers will not have to face nearly as many hostile crowds this year, with only 11 away games.

Outside of the ACC, Louisville's Freedom Hall is the only opponent's arena into which Virginia will have to venture. The other non-conference games are scheduled either at a neutral site, New Orleans for the Sugar Bowl Classic and Richmond for Virginia Tech, or in the friendly confines of University Hall in Charlottesville.

Those friendly confines are the subject of some debate in Charlottesville. University Hall, a 24 year-old facility with an ACC-low seating capacity of 8,200, could use an upgrade or be replaced by a new arena.

Contrasted with Duke's Cameron Indoor Stadium, a comparably cozy venue, University Hall cannot match the type of atmosphere which has given Cameron the nickname of "The Zoo."

Cameron's reputation is derived from the crazy, face-painted students who sit close to the court on all sides. Similar to Chapel Hill's relatively quiet Smith Center, University Hall's seats are distributed so that, rather than students, the more reserved athletic contributors sit closest to the floor.

Many of these season ticket holders do not attend every game. Although Virginia technically sold out nine home games last season, the arena was actually full for only the UNC game.

Attendance and enthusiasm should improve if the Cavaliers can return to their winning ways, but with a strong ACC, University Hall could be very quiet and the Cavaliers could have a long winter ahead of them.

Cavalier Attitudes: Virginia's current arena, 24-year-old University Hall, seats only 8,200 — fewest among ACC facilities. . . . There are players from 10 different states on the Cavs' 13-man roster. . . . Forward Matt Blundin's 12 percent field goal percentage was the worst in the ACC for 1988. . . . Forward Jeff Daniels 33 percent free throw percentage earned him the distinction of being the worst foul shooter in the ACC. . . . Daniel also managed the statistical oddity of having more rebounds than points (72-51). . . . Virginia plays its first eight games at home. . . . Anthony Oliver's "official" home town, listed as Calypso, is actually a town named after the sea nymph in Homer's Odyssey.

Cavaliers Alphabetical Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Hgt.	Wgt.	Year	Hometown
42	*Brent Blair	C-F	6-10	219	Sr.	Ankeny, Iowa
34	**Bill Batts	F-C	6-8	204	Jr.	South Euclid, Ohio
30	*Matt Blundin	F	6-7	226	So.	Milmonk Park, Pa.
31	**Mark Cooke	F-G	6-4	206	Jr.	Martinsville, Va.
22	*John Crotty	G	6-1	174	So.	Spring Lake, N.J.
32	Brent Dabbs	F-C	6-10	220	Jr.	Peekskill, N.Y.
44	**Jeff Daniel	C-F	6-9	200	Jr.	Indianapolis, Ind.
24	*Dirk Katstra	G-F	6-5	201	So.	Stilwell, Kan.
11	**Richard Morgan	G	6-3	204	Sr.	Salem, Va.
10	Anthony Oliver	G	6-3	180	Fr.	Faison, N.C.
20	Bryant Stith	G-F	6-6	185	Fr.	Freeman, Va.
12	*Kenny Turner	F	6-6	215	So.	Indianapolis, Ind.
21	Curtis Williams	F	6-7	225	Jr.	Easton, Mass.

*Denotes Letters Won

Head Coach

Terry Holland (Davidson, 1964)

Assistants

Dave Odom (Guilford, 1965)

Jeff Jones (Virginia, 1982)

Tom Perrin (Vermont, 1979)

Craig Littlepage (Pennsylvania, 1973)



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scorer, but he's a great rebounder and a heck of an athlete," Cremins said. "He might be a reserve player up front, but I wouldn't hesitate to put Hammonds, Brittan and McNeil in the game at the same time."

Cremins is confident about the all-important bench play for the upcoming campaign.

"In the ACC you have to have good depth to be able to compete day in and day out," Cremins said. "This year, we have guys that can come off the bench and really contribute something to our team."

Spelling that big front line will be two senior forwards, 6-7 Anthony Sherrod (4.2 ppg) and 6-10 Willie Reese, as well as 6-5 David Whitmore, a redshirt sophomore who missed last season with knee problems.

Thus, Cremins is optimistic as he and the Ramblin' Wreck pursue their sixth consecutive winning season and fifth consecutive NCAA tournament bid.

"We could really be a good team," Cremins said. "We could be an exciting team because we have some talent. I feel good about the recruiting. I felt we needed big, strong rebounders and we got them."

"With our personnel, we can run or we can set up a half-court offense and beat you that way. Depending on who we play, we can dictate the tempo in a way that will work to our advantage."

If the Georgia Tech returning starters stay healthy and the juco transfers adjust well to the demands of NCAA competition, Hammonds will not be forced to be the Michael Jordan of the Ramblin' Wreck and the Yellow Jackets could do some stinging in the ACC.

Tech-Nology: Five of the last six ACC rookies of the year have come from Tech: Mark Price (1983), Bruce Dalrymple (1984), Duane Ferrell (1985), Hammonds (1986) and Scott (1988). . . . The Yellow Jackets defense limited opponents to 30 percent three-point accuracy last year — the lowest mark by an ACC team since the troika was instituted for the 1987 season. . . . Tech effectively avoided foul trouble in 1988, committing a league-low 16.3 fouls per game. . . . They also reached the line less frequently than any other team in the league — once every 12.8 minutes of play. . . . Scott gained 59.3 percent of his points on three-

pointers. . . . Tech meets Notre Dame this year for the first time since 1972. . . . The Yellow Jackets won more than 90 percent of games that they led at the half, the best mark in the ACC last year. . . . Brown, a native of Leicester, England, played for England's national team (a la Steve Bucknall) last year. By signing with Tech, Brown gives the team more foreign-born players than any other ACC school, as he was preceded by Yvon Joseph and Antoine Ford, both Haitian natives. . . . This year's coup of juco players by Cremins may remind Tech fans of a certain twosome from the juco ranks in the Ramblin' Wreck's finest season to date, 1985 — "The Haitian Creation" Joseph and Scott "Elvis" Petway. . . . Once again, Cremins has recruited a coach's son, as Bolanis' father used to coach at William and Mary in the mid-1970s. Bolanis bears an uncanny resemblance to former Duke star Mark Alarie, but they say he can stick the three-pointer, much like his teammate, Scott. . . . Hammonds is an interesting character study. He is a laid-back country boy from rural Florida who enjoys going to tractor pulls.

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