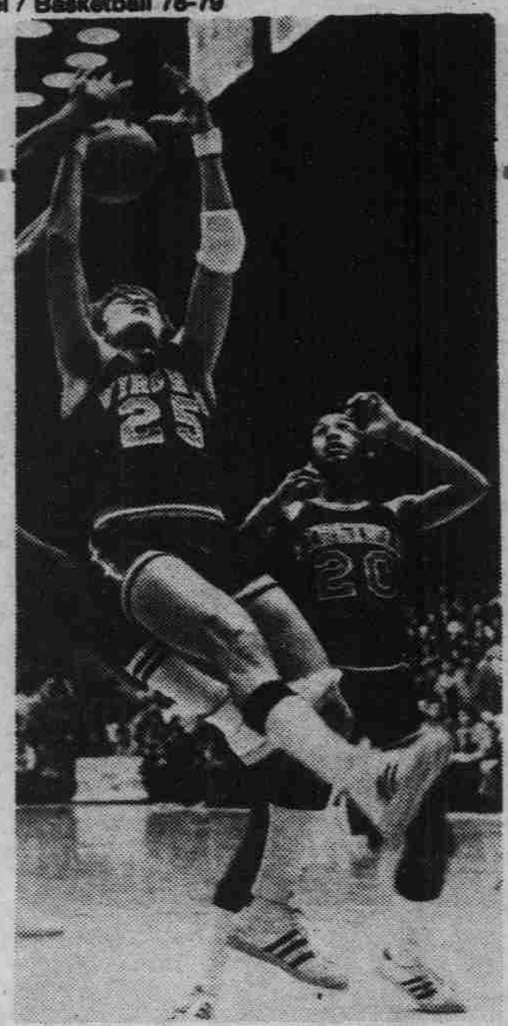

Lamp rebounds, Stokes looks on

'Hoos on first? It's possible, but Cavaliers, Lamp need consistency

Virginia is picked to finish fifth in the ACC this season. But if smooth sophomore Jeff Lamp and his mates can improve each game—and the Cavs can find a replacement for Marc Iavaroni's board work—the Wahoos might make a run for the title.

by BILL FIELDS

Will the Virginia Cavaliers play well for an entire year, not just in spurts?

Will Jeff Lamp make Cavalier fans forget who Barry Parkhill was?

Will University Hall fans actually see a fast break now and then?

The answers to those three questions might be yes, yes and yes, which would make coach Terry Holland, Jeff Lamp and all the Wahoos hoot and holler.

If the answers are no, no and no, the three parties involved will do some crying instead. More than likely, though, the answers will be: perhaps, in time and probably, depending on those basketball intangibles no one can predict.

Virginia was picked by ACC sportswriters and broadcasters to finish fifth in the league this season, which means that the media doesn't think Virginia can perform well wire-to-wire. Sports writers have been wrong before.

Sophomore Lamp, a 6-foot-5 guard, averaged 17.3 points his rookie season and looks like the man who Holland will again need to pace the Cavaliers' scoring and get the big points when needed. Lamp was bothered by tendinitis in his ankles last season, but if he's healthy the whole year, look out.

Whether he'll become as flashy and prolific a scorer as Parkhill was in the early 1970s is uncertain, but he has two things going for him: Lamp is almost identical to Parkhill in body build; he is already the darling of the Virginia crowds after just one year — just like Parkhill was.

And question three — will Virginia consciously try to run the fast break more and become more than the ACC's lowest scoring team?

"I think we'll be running a little more, getting the ball up and down the floor more," says Bobby Stokes, this year's team captain.

Meanwhile, Holland said during preseason the point guard position, which Stokes plays, is not settled yet. "I just don't know how we'll handle the point guard situation," he said. "It's still somewhat a problem."

The biggest problem Holland has, however, remains question one. Can Virginia play well the entire season? "One of our big strengths is that we've got players back who have competed in the ACC," Holland said. "I think we'll be a better team than last year."

The Cavaliers finished 6-6 in the ACC and 20-8 overall last season and return eight players who have seen lots of playing time, plus three freshmen.

Lamp will start at big guard, with Stokes and senior Tommy Hicks fighting for the playmaker position. 6-3 freshman Jeff Jones will compete for backcourt playing time, along with returnees Garland Jefferson and Jeff Klein.

At center, Holland lost Marc Iavaroni, but has 6-9 Steve Castellan and 6-10 Otis Fulton, who is back after a year's absence. Freshman Peter MacBeth, also 6-9, will help out in the middle.

Sophmore Lee Raker appears to have the small forward spot taken care of, with 6-6 Mike Owens able to play the small spot if Virginia wants a big lineup. Otherwise, Owens should play the other forward position, with MacBeth, Fulton, Terry Gates and frosh Dean Carpenter behind him.

Like any coach worth his pay, Terry Holland would like to be at the top of the ACC, not in the middle of the race. But the Cavs aren't likely to be in the cellar, either. If Holland's style of play — patient, precise and cagy — receives a few good bounces along the way, the Cavs could finish closer to the top. ■

Player	G	Field Goals M	Field Goals A	Field Goals Pct.	Free Throws M	Free Throws A	Free Throws Pct.	Rebounds No.	Rebounds Avg.	Points No.	Points Avg.
Jeff Lamp	28	156	382	.408	173	205	.844	124	4.4	485	17.3
Mike Owens	27	111	205	.542	74	97	.763	152	5.6	296	11.0
Lee Raker	27	113	227	.498	60	86	.698	81	3.0	286	10.6
Marc Iavaroni	27	97	188	.516	81	119	.681	174	6.4	275	10.2
Steve Castellan	28	85	173	.491	46	66	.697	221	7.9	216	7.7
David Koesters	27	61	123	.496	33	41	.805	32	1.2	155	5.7
Bobby Stokes	28	48	97	.495	60	86	.698	50	1.8	156	5.6
Tommy Hicks	28	22	61	.361	24	38	.632	27	1.0	68	2.4
Jeff Klein	9	6	13	.462	4	5	.800	4	0.5	16	1.8
Garland Jefferson	20	13	30	.433	2	4	.500	18	0.9	28	1.4
Ed Schellick	16	3	12	.250	10	11	.909	14	0.9	16	1.0
Tommy Briscoe	14	3	7	.429	5	7	.714	0	0.0	11	0.8
TOTALS	28	718	1518	.473	572	785	.748	983	35.1	2012	71.9
Opponents	28	752	1631	.461	370	543	.681	927	33.1	1874	66.9

No.	Name	Hgt.	Wgt	Age	Class	Hometown
12	Dean Carpenter	6-9	205	18	Fr.	New Orleans, La.
44	Terry Gates	6-8	230	20	So.	Louisville, Va.
23	JEFF KLEIN	6-5	185	19	So.	Stow, Ohio
42	Peter MacBeth	6-9	220	18	Fr.	Marietta, Ga.
45	MIKE OWENS	6-6	210	20	Jr.	Kensington, Md.
25	LEE RAKER	6-5	190	19	So.	Louisville, Ky.
55	STEVE CASTELLAN	6-9	222	21	Sr.	Cheverly, Md.
31	OTIS FULTON	6-10	240	21	Jr.	Richmond, Va.
10	TOMMY HICKS	6-2	170	22	Fr.	Huntington, NY.
11	GARLAND JEFFERSON	6-3	180	20	Jr.	Covington, Va.
24	Jeff Jones	6-3	185	18	Fr.	Owensborro, Ky.
3	JEFF LAMP	6-5	185	19	So.	Louisville, Ky.
20	BOBBY STOKES	5-10	185	21	Sr.	King William, Va.

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