# RICHMOND \* - SPIDERS

# **2019-20 SCHEDULE**

NOVEMBER					
Nov. 8	ST. FRANCIS (PA) (ESPN+) 7 PM				
Nov. 14	VANDERBILT (NBCSW) 7 PM				
Nov. 17	CSUN (MASN) 4 PM				
Nov. 22	McNEESE STATE (MASN)7 PM				
Nov. 25	Wisconsin# (ESPN)				
Nov. 26	Auburn/New Mexico# (ESPN)				
Nov. 30	BOSTON COLLEGE (NBCSN) 2:30 PM				
DECEMI	BER				
Dec. 3	at Hampton 7 PM				
Dec. 8	SOUTH ALABAMA (MASN) 2 PM				
Dec. 14	CHARLESTON (NBCSN) 5 PM				
Dec. 18	at Old Dominion (ESPN+)				
Dec. 22	vs Radford^ (FloHoops)3:30 PM				
Dec. 29	at Alabama (SEC Network)5:30 PM				
JANUAI					
Jan. 2	SAINT JOSEPH'S (NBCSW) 7 PM				
Jan. 5	at Rhode Island (ESPN+)12 PM				
Jan. 11	SAINT LOUIS (MASN)				
Jan. 14	at Davidson (ESPNU)				
Jan. 18	at George Mason (NBCSN)2:30 PM				
Jan. 22	LA SALLE (MASN)				
Jan. 25	DAYTON (NBCSW)				
Jan. 28	at VCU* (CBSSN)				
FEBRUA	······				
Feb. 1	GEORGE WASHINGTON (NBCSW+) 6 PM				
Feb. 8	at Fordham (ESPN+)				
Feb. 12	at La Salle (ESPN+)				
Feb. 15	VCU* (ESPN+)				
Feb. 19	GEORGE MASON (NBCSW+)				
Feb. 22	at St. Bonaventure (ESPN+)6:30 PM				
Feb. 26	at George Washington (NBCSW+) 7 PM				
Feb. 29	MASSACHUSETTS (NBCSW) 6 PM				
MARCH March 3					
March 6	at Duquesne (ESPN+)				
March 11-15 A-10 Championship in Brooklyn, NY All times Eastern and subject to change					
# Roman Legends Classic Presented by Old Trapper					
(Barclays Center - Brooklyn, NY) ^ DC Holiday Hoops Fest Showcase					
	Entertainment Arena - Washington, DC)				
	Liquidators Capital City Classic				
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# SAINT FRANCIS (PA) RED FLASH (0-1) **RICHMOND SPIDERS (0-0)**

- The 107th season of Spider men's basketball tips off Friday evening. Richmond is 65-41 all-time in season openers, including 11-3 under Chris Mooney.
- Spiders juniors Jacob Gilyard (First Team) and Grant Golden (Second Team) earned Preseason All-A-10 honors at the conference's media day in October. Prior to 2019, no team had a pair of non-seniors earn spots on the Preseason First or Second Teams since Rhode Island in 2015 with E.C. Matthews and Hassan Martin. (NOTE: Dayton also had a two non-seniors -- Obi Tobbin and Jalen Crutcher -- earn Preseason First- or Second-Team honors this year.)
- Richmond native Nick Sherod will play in his first game since tearing his left ACL vs Hampton on November 25, 2019: 348 days ago. In his last full season in 2017-18, Sherod was UR's second-leading scorer at 14.3 PPG.
- Richmond's starting lineup is expected to consist of five upperclassmen (juniors or seniors): Golden, Gilyard, Sherod, Blake Francis, and Nathan Cayo. In its last two season openers, Richmond has started only two upperclassmen: Khwan Fore in 2018 and Sherod in 2019 (before he received a medical redshirt).
- Francis will make his Spiders debut after sitting out the 2018-19 season following his transfer from Wagner. In 2017-18, Francis led Wagner with 17.3 PPG and set a school record with 102 three-pointers (tied for 26th in D-I).
- Even with the new additions, Richmond returns 90 percent of its scoring from last year's team. That's the second highest rate in the A-10 behind only Davidson (94 percent).
- Cayo had the A-10's largest increase in scoring average last season, producing 12.9 PPG after scoring 2.3 PPG in 2017-18. All of Richmond's starting lineup has at least one college season in which they averaged 12 PPG.
- The Spiders are 11-3 all-time vs opponents currently in the NEC, including a 2-1 mark vs Saint Francis (PA). Richmond was has won eight straight games vs NEC schools, a streak that started with UR's win vs Saint Francis (PA) on March 3, 1981, it's last meeting vs the Red Flash.

# WITH A WIN ...

- Richmond would improve to 66-41 all-time in season openers and 12-3 under Chris Mooney.
- The Spiders would be 1-0 for the first time since 2016, when they beat VMI 72-69 in their opener.
- Richmond would win its third straight vs Saint Francis (PA) and its ninth straight game vs current Northeast Conference schools.
- Richmond would win its third straight game vs a non-conference opponent dating back to last season, the Spiders longest non-conference win streak since
- The Spiders would be 4-2 in their last six home games following a six-game home losing streak.

# THE MATCHUP

ALL-TIME SERIES LEADER: .	Richmond, 2-1
CURRENT STREAK:	Richmond W2
RICHMOND AT HOME:	0-0
RICHMOND ON ROAD:	1-1
NEUTRAL SITE:	1-0
LAST GAME:	3/3/1981 (UR, 98-78)
1ST GAME:	12/15/1965 (SF, 83-78)



SPIDERS COACH CHRIS MOONEY 15th season at Richmond

W-L at RICHMOND: ...... 250\*-215 W-L in DIVISION I: .....268-227 W-L vs OPPONENT: .....0-0

Most in Richmond history

# WATCH



PxP: Bob Black Analyst: Greg Beckwith

# LISTEN



PxP: Robert Fish Analyst: Matt Smith

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# **QUICK FACTS**

University Information	
Location	Richmond, VA 23173
Founded	1830
Total Enrollment	4,023
Nickname	Spiders
Colors	Red and Blue
Arena	
Opened	1972 (48th season)
Capacity	7,201
President	Dr. Ronald A. Crutcher
Athletics Director	John Hardt

# **Team Information**

Conference	Atlantic 10
2018-19 Record	13-20 (6-12)
Letterwinners Returning/Lost	11/4
Starters Returning/Lost	5/0
Newcomers	

# **Program History**

First Season	. 1913-14 (107th season)
All-Time Record	1,389-1,215
NCAA Appearances/W-L	9/8-9
(1984, 1986, 1988, 1990-9	1, 1998, 2004, 2010-11)
NIT Appearances/W-L	9/10-9
Conference Championships	s6
(1984, 1988, 1990-91, 199	98, 2011)

# **Coaching Staff**

Head Coach	Chris Mooney, 15th season
Alma Mater	Princeton (1994)
W-L at Richmond	250-215
Career D-I W-L/Years	268-227/15
Assoc Head Coach	Rob Jones, 15th season
Alma Mater	Toccoa Falls (2001)
Assoc Head Coach	Marcus Jenkins, 5th season
Alma Mater	Air Force (2004)
Assistant Coach	Steve Thomas, 5th season
Alma Mater	Rowan (2006)
Dir of Operations	. Mark McGonigal, 4th season
Alma Mater	Richmond (2009)
Dir Program Developm	ent Will Gipe, 4th season
Alma Mater	Virginia Tech (2014)
Video Coordinator	James Adams, 1st season
Alma Mater	South Carolina (2014)

# **Support Staff**

Athletic Trainer	Adam Smith
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# **ROSTER & PRONUNCIATION GUIDE**

No.	Name	Pos	Year	Ht	Wt	Hometown (High School/Previous School)
0	Jacob Gilyard	G	JR	5′9″	160	Kansas City, MO (The Barstow School)
1	Blake Francis	G	R-JR	6′0	176	Herndon, VA (Westfield/Wagner)
2	Souleymane Koureiss	i F	SO	6'9"	215	Harlem, NY (Iona Prep)
3	Tyler Burton	F	FR	6′7″	195	Uxbridge, MA (Marianapolis Prep (CT))
4	Nathan Cayo	F	JR	6′7″	225	Montreal, Quebec (College Jean de Brebeuf)
5	Nick Sherod	G	R-JR	6'4"	230	Richmond, VA (St. Christopher's)
10	Sullivan Kulju	F	JR	6'6"	220	New Berlin, WI (Eisenhower)
11	Jake Wojcik	G	SO	6'4"	190	San Jose, CA (Bellarmine College Prep)
12	Gabe Arizin	G	FR	6'4"	190	West Chester, PA (St. Joseph's Prep)
13	Connor Crabtree*	G	SO	6'6"	190	Hillsborough, NC (Hargrave Military (VA)/Tulane)
15	Matt Grace	F	SO	6'9"	230	Hamilton, Ontario (TRC Academy)
21	Tomas Verbinskis	F	R-SO	6′7″	210	Klaipeda, Lithuania (Sagemont (FL))
22	Andre Gustavson	G	SO	6'4"	175	Helsinki, Finland (Helsinki Basketball Academy)
31	Jordan Gaitley	G	JR	6'4"	190	Haverford, PA (Fordham Prep (NY))
33	Grant Golden	F	R-JR	6′10″	255	Winchester, VA (St. James (MD))
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<sup>\*</sup> Will sit out 2019-20 season due to NCAA transfer regulations

# **PRONUNCIATION GUIDE**

AIR-rizz-in
KAY-oh
GILL-yerd
GOOS-tahv-sun

Souleymane Koureissi SAHL-uh-mon ker-ESS-ee

Sullivan Kulju COOL-you Nick Sherod sure-ROD

Tomas Verbinskis TOM-iss ver-BIN-skiss

WOJ-ick Jake Wojcik

# **BREAKDOWNS**

# BY CLASS

Freshmen (2): Arizin, Burton

Sophomores (6): Crabtree, Grace, Gustavson, Koureissi, Verbinskis, Wojcik

Juniors (7): Cayo, Francis, Gaitley, Gilyard, Golden, Kulju, Sherod

Seniors (0)

# BY STATE

California (1): Wojcik	Missouri (1): Gilyard
CANADA (2): Cayo, Grace	New York (1): Koureissi
FINLAND (1): Gustavson	North Carolina (1): Crabtree
Florida (1): Verbinskis	Pennsylvania (2): Arizin, Gaitley
Massachusetts (1): Burton	Virginia (3): Francis, Golden, Sherod
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Wisconsin (1): Kulju





# THE BIG PICTURE

### THE SPIDERS SYSTEM

Over his 15 seasons at Richmond, Chris Mooney's offense has evolved into a system that embodies the concept of "basketball without positions." While shorter players will begin most possessions further away from the basket and taller players will begin most possessions on the wing or in the paint, they will rarely end up anywhere near where they started. On each possession, every player on the court is equally as likely to handle the ball, shoot a three, cut back door, or set up on the low block. The Spiders offense places a premium on passing, cutting, and outside shooting, and Richmond's coaches focus on developing those skills in each Spider.

Richmond's offense often results in a high team field goal percentage, a ton of opportunities for assists, and relatively few turnovers. Over the previous five seasons (2014-15 through 2018-19), Richmond ranks 26th in D-I in field goal percentage (46.9), 17th in assists per game (15.6), 10th in fewest turnovers per game (10.2), and sixth in assist-turnover ratio (1.52).

# **CHANGES ON DEFENSE**

According to Mooney's estimation, the Spiders spent between 60 and 70 percent of their court time this offseason working on defense. Specifically, Richmond worked to install a man-to-man defensive scheme after playing primarily a matchup zone in recent years. The process involved reteaching the Spiders the very fundamentals of man-to-man defense, with a focus on plugging gaps, closing out on shooters, and preventing offensive rebounds.

# **PRESEASON PREDICTIONS**

Jacob Gilyard was named First Team Preseason All-Atlantic 10 and Grant Golden was a Second Team Preseason All-A-10 pick at the conference's media day in October. Gilyard is the fifth different Spider to earn Preseason First Team All-Conference honors under Mooney, while Golden is the fourth Spider under Mooney to land on a Preseason All-Conference team in multiple seasons. Prior to this season, no team had placed a pair of non-seniors on the Preseason All-Atlantic 10 First or Second Teams since 2015, when Rhode Island juniors Hassan Martin and E.C. Matthews both landed on the First Team. (Dayton also has two non-seniors on the Preseason First or Second Teams this season.)

The Spiders landed sixth in the preseason poll, their highest preseason projection since 2016 (also sixth) Richmond received 248 points in the preseason poll, its most since the 2015 season, when the Spiders were also picked to finished sixth and received 262 points in preseason voting.

# "THE BEST CLASS THAT RICHMOND'S EVER HAD"

Richmond was led by sophomores Jacob Gilyard, Grant Golden, and Nathan Cayo in 2018-19. Those three players, now juniors, have been joined by Nick Sherod, who received a medical redshirt last season following a torn ACL in November, and Blake Francis, a Wagner transfer who sat out last season, in Richmond's junior class.

Each of Richmond's five scholarship juniors has already proven that they have the ability to produce at an elite level, particularly on the offensive end. While Golden (17.2 PPG) and Gilyard (16.2 PPG) both earned All-Conference honors in 2018-19, Cayo registered the largest scoring increase in the A-10, averaging 12.9 PPG, up from 2.3 in his freshman season. In 2017-18, Sherod scored a team-high 17.6 PPG in conference play and Francis scored a team-high 17.3 PPG in his final season at Wagner.

Chris Mooney has said on more than one occasion that he feels the Golden-Gilyard-Cayo-Sherod-Francis class "will be the best class that Richmond's ever had."

12 of this year's 15 Spiders, including Blake Francis, who sat out the 2018-19 season after transferring from Wagner, are returnees from last season. Freshmen Tyler Burton and Gabe Arizin and sophomore transfer Connor Crabtree are the only newcomers on

Seniors Julius Johnson (3.4 PPG) and Keith Oddo (0.3 PPG) and graduate student Noah Yates (3.8 PPG) all graduated in the spring, although Oddo is playing at Louisville while this season while pursuing a graduate

Richmond returns 90 percent of its scoring from last season -- the second-highest rate in the A-10 behind Davidson's 94 percent -- and much of its other production.

# Richmond This Season

	Returning	Departing
Points	90%	10%
Starts	94%	6%
Minutes	83%	17%
Rebounds	85%	15%
Assists	90%	10%
Steals	88%	12%
Blocks	85%	15%

\* Scheduled to return all 15 players in 2020-21

# **NO SENIOR MOMENTS**

2019-20 is Richmond's first season since 1999-00 without a senior on the team. Richmond is one of six D-I programs without a senior or grad transfer on its roster this season, joining CSU-Bakersfield, Mount St. Mary's, Santa Clara, Stony Brook, and USC-Upstate.

2019-20 is also the third straight season Richmond didn't have a senior in its starting lineup on opening night after having at least one senior start its season opener every year from 2000 to 2016.

# NATIONAL EXPOSURE

At least 10 of the Spiders 31 regular-season games this season will be broadcast on national television: four on NBC Sports Network, two on CBS Sports Network, one on the SEC Network, and three on the ESPN family of networks.

Of the 16 game scheduled for the Robins Center this season, three will be broadcast nationally (Boston College, Charleston, and VCU) while 12 more will be shown on regional television on either MASN or the NBC Sports Washington networks.

# **VOICE OF THE SPIDERS**

For the 37th straight season, Bob Black will handle play-by-play duties for Spider men's basketball broadcasts. Black, who also hosts a morning show on ESPN Richmond, the Spiders radio rights-holder, underwent surgery to remove a vocal polyp in June. Following the successful procedure, Black has said that he is "more fired up to get going than I have been in a long time." Black will be teamed with analyst Greg Beckwith, a member of the Richmond Athletics Hall of Fame who is still the program's career leader in assists and steals. Black and Beckwith will do all away games and national TV home games on ESPN Richmond radio. They will anchor the SpiderTV broadcast for all of Richmond's home games on regional TV. Those broadcasts will be produced and directed by Blake Ellett.

# **WEIGHTY MATTERS**

Redshirt junior Grant Golden will play the 2019-20 season close to 255 lbs, down about 20 lbs from his playing weight in 2018-19. Golden focused on cutting weight this offseason after he said he felt his legs were heavy at the ends of games last season.

On the other hand, sophomore Souleymane Koureissi has bulked up to 215 lbs this offseason. That's up 25 lbs from what he weighed when he came to Richmond in the summer of 2018.

# THE LAST TIME

### **TEAM**

Ranked in Top 25: AP No. 21 (2011 Final Poll)
Defeated Top 10 Team: 11/27/10 | #8 Purdue, 65-54
Defeated Top 10 Team, Home: 11/29/86 | #6 Ga. Tech, 67-62 Defeated Top 10 Team, Away: 1/22/04 | #10 Kansas, 69-68 Defeated Iop 10 Ieam, Away: 1/22/04 | #10 Kansas, 69-68
Defeated Top 25 Team, Home: 2/25/15 | #22 VCU, 67-63
Defeated Top 25 Team, Away: 1/31/15 | #14 VCU, 64-65
Defeated Top 25 Team, Neutral: 11/27/15 | #14 Cal, 94-90
Won By 50+: 12/3/79 | vs. Bluefield, 132-69 (63 pts)
Scored 90+: 12/29/18 | vs South Alabama, 91-82
Scored 100+: 1/28/17 | vs Duquesne, 101-90
Allowed Less Than 50: 12/5/18 | vs Coppin St, 82-47
Allowed Less Than 40: 11/12/10 | vs. La Salla W 84-75 (66 7) Shot Over 60% FG: 2/23/19 | vs La Salle, W 84-75 (66.7) Held Opp Under 35% FG: 1/12/19 | at GW, 19-59 (32.2%) Allowed Fewer 10 pts, half: 11/23/10 | vs. Southern, W 81-40 (9) Made 15+ 3PT FG: 3/1/17 | at UMass, W 75-64 (15) Made 0 3PT FG: 1/25/16 | vs. Davidson, L 78-70 (0-15) Made 35+ FT: 2/6/93 | vs. UNCW, W 91-69 (36) 50+ Rebounds: 11/17/03 | vs. MVSU, W 62-46 (53) 25+ Assists: 2/28/18 | vs UMass, W 90-65 (27) 15+ Blocks: 1/13/10 | vs. UMass, W 70-63 (17, SR) 15+ Steals: 11/18/12 | at Minn, L 72-57 (15) 3 or fewer turnovers: 12/1/18 | vs. Wake Forest, W 84-74 (3)

6+ players in double digit scoring: 3/18/15 | vs. SFBK, W, 84-74 3 players, 20+ pts: 1/30/19 at Saint Louis | Jacob Gilyard (24), Grant Golden (23), Nathan Cayo (21) 2 players, 25+ pts: 1/28/17 vs. Duquesne (T.J. Cline 34 ShawnDre' Jones 30) Scored 50+ pts: Bob McCurdy (53) vs. Appalachian St, 2/26/75 Scored 40-49: Bob McCurdy (46) vs. West Virginia, 2/17/75 Scored 35-39: T.J. Cline (36) vs. Dayton, 3/1/16 Scored 30-34: Grant Golden (33) vs Wyoming, 11/21/18 Scored 25-29: Jacob Gilyard (28) vs George Mason, 2/6/19 Made 6+ 3PT FG: Jacob Gilyard (8) at Dayton, 1/6/19) (Ties SR) Made 15+ FT: Terry Allen (17) vs. Cal, 11/27/15 Had 25+ Reb: George Grodzicki (25) vs. GW, 12/6/61 Had 15+ Reb: De'Monte Buckingham (16) at Fordham, 1/3/18 2 players w/ 10+ reb: Sherod (11), Golden (10) vs GMU, 2/3/18 Had 15+ assists: Greg Beckwith (16) vs. Navy, 2/25/86 Had 10+ assists: Andre Gustavson (10) at Georgetown, 11/28/18 Had 5+ steals: Jacob Gilyard (6) vs George Mason, 2/6/19 Had 5+ blocks: Grant Golden (6) vs George Mason, 2/27/19 2 players with double-double: Nick Sherod (32 pts, 11 reb) & Grant Golden (10 pts, 10 reb), vs GMU 2/3/18 Triple-Double: T.J. Cline (19 pts 11 reb 12 assists) vs. SLU, 3/4/17

# SPIDERS W-L WHEN ...

	OVERALL	ATLANTIC 10
Scores 60 or more	0-0	0-0
Scores 70 or more	0-0	0-0
Scores 80 or more	0-0	0-0
Scores under 60	0-0	0-0
Allows under 60	0-0	0-0
Allows under 70	0-0	0-0
Allows over 70	0-0	0-0
Decided by 5 or less	0-0	0-0
Leading/tied, 5 min left	0-0	0-0
Trailing, 5 min left	0-0	0-0
Leading/tied, half	0-0	0-0
Trailing, half	0-0	0-0
Higher FG pct	0-0	0-0
Lower FG pct	0-0	0-0
FG pct over 50	0-0	0-0
FG pct under 40	0-0	0-0
Outrebounded opponent	0-0	0-0
Outrebounded by opponent	0-0	0-0
Fewer/same turnovers	0-0	0-0
More turnovers	0-0	0-0
Fewer/same assists	0-0 0-0	0-0 0-0
More assists	0-0	0-0
Day (before 5p)	0-0	0-0
Night (5p or later) White jersey	0-0	0-0
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Blue jersey Red jersey	0-0 0-0	0-0 0-0



# THE BIG PICTURE

### **FAMILY BUSINESS**

Several Spiders have family members who participated in college athletics.

Jake Wojcik's father Dave was head coach at San Jose State from 2013-17 and has 19 seasons of college coaching experience. He played collegiately at Loyola (Md.). Wojcik's uncle Doug is a former head coach of both Tulsa (2005-12) and College of Charleston (2012-14) and played at Navy, where he was an All-CAA performer and teammate of Basketball Hall-of-Famer David Robinson.

Junior Nick Sherod is the son of E.J. Sherod who played basketball at ODU. Nick's grandfather, Edmund, was a Hall-of-Famer at VCU before playing for the New York Knicks.

Jacob Gilyard's father Rodney is a member of Ottawa University's Athletics Hall of Fame and graduated as the school's all-time leader in assists and steals in 1992.

Freshman Tyler Burton's father Quinton played at Providence and helped the Friars to a pair of NCAA Tournament appearances in 1989 and 1990. He scored 11.1 PPG as a senior. When he was being recruited, his final two schools were Providence and Richmond.

Grant Golden's father played at Fairfield University and he had two grandfathers that played collegiate football. Grant's brother Bryce is a sophomore on Butler's team this season.

Sophomore Jordan Gaitley is the son of Stephanie Gaitley, currently the head coach of the women's basketball team at Fordham University and the head coach of Richmond's women's team from 1985-91, when she amassed a 116-63 record over six seasons at the Robins Center. Gaitley also has two older brothers who played collegiately. His oldest brother Dutch is currently an assistant coach for the Charlotte Hornets.

Freshman Gabe Arizin is the grandson of Basketball Hall-of-Famer Paul Arizin, a 10-time NBA All-Star who twice led the league in scoring. He attended Villanova and led the nation in scoring as a senior in 1950. His No. 11 jersey has been retired by the school. He was inducted into the College Basketball Hall of Fame in 2006. Gabe's father Mike played at William & Mary and La Salle. He earned All Southérn-Conference honors following his freshman and sophomore seasons at W&M.

Junior Blake Francis' father Carl attended Virginia Union University and played linebacker for four seasons. He is currently the Director of Communications for the NFL Player's Association. Also in Francis' family:

- Brother Branden played football at Liberty from 2010-13
- Cousin Tyler Thornton played basketball at Duke from 2010-14
- Cousin Marques Hagans started at QB for Virginia from 2004-05 and played in 10 NFL games after being picked in the 2006 NFL Draft.

# **MVP OFFSEASON**

Grant Golden spent multiple weeks at the end of July and the beginning of August working out in Houston with former NBA All-Star and current Houston Rockets Player Development Coach John Lucas.

While in Houston, Golden worked out with several current NBA players, including playing in multiple pickup games with NBA MVP James Harden.

# SPIDER BITES

# Internationally Known

Nick Sherod and Souleymane Koureissi have taken educational immersion trips to South Africa and Grant Golden has studied in Cuba since the end of the 2017-18 şeason. But when given a chance to take a roundtrip

flight to anywhere on the globe, some Spiders opted for less academic journeys. Blake Francis would like to visit Santorini, Greece. Jacob Gilyard is ready for a return trip to the Cayman Islands, where the Spiders played in 2017. Jordan Gaitley chose Wakanda, the fictional country from Marvel's movie *Black Panther*.

# Making the Tough Choices

When it comes to comics, the Spiders are more than twice as likely to prefer Marvel to DC Comics (53 percent to 20 percent, with 27 percent choosing 'neither'). Made to weigh in on other hot-button issues, the Richmond roster chose ketchup (67 percent) as its top condiment, easily outdistancing barbeque sauce (20 percent), and picked LeBron James (58 percent) over Michael Jordan (25 percent) - with Giannis Antetokounmpo and Jimmy Butler each getting one write-in vote. Befitting basketball players, the Spiders would prefer to have the ability to fly (67 percent) over the ability to be invisible (33 percent).

# Color Wheel

Perhaps no issues splits the Spiders as much as uniform color. 40 percent of Richmond's roster prefers the Spiders red jersey, 40 percent like the blue jersey best, and 20 percent chose the white jersey.

# **Dusty In Here**

While some Spiders claim to have never cried at a movie, a 2018 film led to damp eyes for at least four players. Grant Golden, Matt Grace, Nick Sherod, and Jordan Gaitley all said that the last movie they cried at is Lady Gaga's A Star is Born.

# The Places You'll Go

A third of the Spiders roster (Grace, Sullivan Kulju, Tyler Burton, Gabe Arizin, Connor Crabtree) says their favorite television show as a kid was Spongebob Squarepants. Blake Francis chose Drake & Josh, but says his favorite book ever is still a children's book: The Dr. Seuss Collection.

# **Face Your Fears**

Tyler Burton and Connor Crabtree were both heavily recruited before signing with Richmond this offseason. The duo decided to come to Richmond despite both admitting that the thing they are most afraid of is spiders.



Richmond mascot WebstUR

# **BIG GAMES**

# 20-POINT GAMES

NAME	CAREER	LAST
Grant Golden	23	20 (Saint Louis, 3/14/19)
Jacob Gilyard	12	20 (UMass, 3/6/19)
Nick Sherod	9	22 (IUPUI, 11/16/18)
Nathan Cayo	5	21 (Saint Louis, 1/30/19)
Jake Wojcik	2	22 (So Alabama, 12/29/18)

### **DOUBLE-FIGURE SCORING GAMES**

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NAME	CAREER	LAST
Grant Golden	56	20 (Saint Louis, 3/14/19)
Jacob Gilyard	49	12 (Saint Louis, 3/12/19)
Nick Sherod	40	12 (Loyola, 11/19/18)
Blake Francis	38 (0 at l	JR) 23 (Baylor, 3/13/18)
Nathan Cayo	24	12 (Saint Louis, 3/14/19)
Jake Wojcik	7	15 (La Salle, 2/23/19)
Andre Gustavson	4	10 (Saint Louis, 3/14/19)
Souleymane Koureissi	2	10 (GW, 2/9/19)

# **DOUBLE-FIGURE REBOUNDING GAMES**

NAME	CAREER	LAST
Grant Golden	12	11 (Fordham, 3/13/19)
Nick Sherod	2	11 (Mason, 2/3/18)

# **DOUBLE-FIGURE ASSIST GAMES**

NAME	CAREE	R	LAST
Andre Gustavson	1	10 (Georgetown,	11/28/18)

# **DOUBLE-DOUBLES**

NAME	CAREER	LAST
Grant Golden	10	19 Pts 12 Reb (12/22/18)
Nick Sherod	2	32 Pts 11 Reb (2/3/18)

# **SPIDERS IN OVERTIME**

All-Time Record: 75-51 2018-19 OT Record: 0-0

Last OT Game: W at Duquesne, 77-73, 1/24/18 Last OT Win: W at Duquesne, 77-73, 1/24/18 Last OT Loss: Lat Fordham, 69-65, 1/3/18

Double OT Record: 10-10

Last 20T Game: W at GW, 98-90, 1/28/16

Triple OT Record: 8-1

Last 30T Game: L, vs. Saint Louis, 85-72, 2/8/09

Home OT Record: 44-18

Last Home OT Game: Lvs. VCU, 94-89, 1/16/16

Road OT Record: 22-30

Last Road OT Game: W at Duquesne, 77-73, 1/24/18

Neutral OT Record: 8-3

Last Neutral OT Game: L vs. VCU, 87-77, 3/11/17

# **SPIDERS BY THE NUMBERS**

9 NCAA Tournament Appearances

6 Conference Championships

8 NCAA Tournament Wins/2 Sweet Sixteens

1st 15-seed to beat a 2-seed (1991 vs Syracuse)

Smallest school (3,227 undergraduate enrollment) to make NCAA Sweet 16 since Davidson in 2008

20 Professional Players under Chris Mooney

13 Wins over Top 25 since 2008





# **CHRIS MOONEY HEAD COACH** 15th SEASON PRINCETON, 1994

Chris Mooney is the winningest coach in Richmond basketball's storied history, a distinction he earned with a win over Wake Forest on December 1, 2018 for his record-setting 240th victory on the Spiders sidelines. Now in his 15th season with the Spiders, Mooney has led Richmond to a pair of NCAA Tournaments and a pair of NIT Quarterfinals.

Hired by Richmond prior to the 2005-06 season, Mooney is the second longest-tenured coach in the Atlantic 10, trailing only Bob McKillop (Davidson). Mooney ranks fifth all-time in conference history in both A-10 wins by a head coach (124) and overall wins by an A-10 head coach (250).

Mooney has led the Spiders to seven total postseason appearances - all in the last 12 seasons. Under Mooney, the Spiders made trips to the NCAA tournament in 2010 and 2011 and trips to the NIT Quarterfinals in 2015 and 2017. In the spring of 2011, Mooney's Spiders made national headlines en route to the NCAA Sweet 16, knocking off five-seed Vanderbilt and Morehead State in the process. Richmond finished both the 2010 and 2011 seasons ranked in the top 25.

Mooney has earned many honors during his Spiders career. He was tabbed the Sporting News Atlantic 10 Coach of the Year in 2010, while also being selected as a finalist for the Jim Phelan National Coach of the Year Award. That same year, he won Richmond's Voice of the University Award, given to a faculty or staff member for being a voice that represents the University of Richmond in a positive manner to the wider community. Later in 2010, Richmond Style Weekly tabbed him for the 40 Under 40 list, spotlighting UR's community involvement with the homeless, Special Olympics, Arthritis Foundation, Friends of Jaclyn Foundation and the ASK Foundation for Childhood Cancer Research.

20 of Mooney's former players have gone on to play professionally in either the NBA, the G League, or overseas, including at least one from 11 of the last 14 graduating classes.

In 2018-19, the Spiders became the first team in four years to place a pair of sophomores on the Atlantic 10's All-Conference teams, as Jacob Gilyard earned Second Team honors and Grant Golden was named to the Third Team. Gilyard and Golden were forced into bigger roles after junior Nick Sherod, the Spiders most experienced starter, suffered a season-ending knee injury in late November. With Sherod out, the Spiders were one of the 25 youngest teams in Division I, relying on freshmen and sophomores for 87 percent of their points. The Spiders youth often showed up at the end of games, as Richmond lost seven games despite leading with five minutes left in regulation. The Spiders finished 13-20, and held a lead of eight or more points in half of their losses

In 2017-18, Mooney oversaw the development of one of the nation's youngest teams, starting a junior, two sophomores, and two freshmen. Facing one of the 25 most difficult out-of-conference schedules in Division I, the Spiders entered A-10 play with a 2-10 record. But Richmond exceeded expectations in the league, finishing tied for fifth with a 9-9 record that included a pair of wins against crosstown rival VCU and a 2-0 mark against eventual league champion Davidson.

In 2016-17, the Spiders swept the two major Atlantic 10 awards, with senior T.J. Cline winning A-10 Player of the Year and freshman De'Monte Buckingham earning Rookie of the Year honors. UR rebounded from a 6-6 start to finish third in A-10 play and earn an NIT bid where the Spiders won games at Alabama and home vs Oakland.

In 2014-15, Richmond finished the regular season on a six-game winning streak, and was one of the "Last Four Out" of the NCAA Tournament at-large field, thereby securing the No. 1 seed and home-court advantage in the NIT, where they would reach the tournament's quarterfinals.

2009-10 and 2010-11 are remembered as two of the top seasons in Mooney's coaching career and in Spider basketball history. In the spring of 2010, Richmond earned its first NCAA at-large bid since 2004, garnering a seven seed before falling in the first round of the tournament. Mooney was named the 2010 Sporting News Atlantic 10 Coach of the Year, and was a finalist for the 2010 Jim Phelan National Coach of the Year award. The Spiders finished the season ranked no. 24 in the final top-25 rankings.

In 2011, Richmond defeated Dayton in the A-10 championship game to earn Mooney's first conference championship, the Spiders first and only league title since Richmond joined the Atlantic 10 in 2001.

The 2010-11 Spiders would go on to the second Sweet 16 in program history by downing Vanderbilt and Morehead State in the NCAA Denver Subregional. The Spiders run came to an end at the hands of Kansas in San Antonio. Richmond finished 29-8, set a school record for wins, and finished no. 21 in the coaches poll.

# started all 107 games in his career.

Mooney previously coached at Air Force for five seasons: three as an assistant, one as an associate head coach and his final season as head coach. In 2004-05, Mooney led the Falcons to an 18-12 record and votes in the national polls. His 18 victories were the most by a first-year head coach at Air Force. Mooney began coaching at the high school level, taking a job at Lansdale Catholic High School in Lansdale, Pa., in 1994. His first college coaching experience came at Division III Beaver College,

now known as Arcadia University. He spent two seasons there from 1998-2000. While at Beaver College, Mooney only coached part-time, spending much of his time as an event coordinator. He helped plan weddings and events while also serving as the team manager.

Mooney is married to the former Lia Chomat, a Princeton graduate who also has a doctorate in psychology from Penn. The couple has two sons, Danny and Ryan.

# **MOONEY FILE**

# **COACHING HONORS**

2010 Sporting News Atlantic 10 Coach of the Year 2010 Jim Phelan National Coach of the Year Finalist

# POSTSEASON ACCOMPLISHMENTS

2017 NIT Quarterfinals

2015 NIT Quarterfinals

2013 CBI Quarterfinals

2011 NCAA Sweet 16

2011 Atlantic 10 Tournament Champions

2010 NCAA First Round

2009 CBI Semifinals

2008 CBI First Round

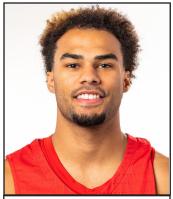
# AS A HEAD COACH

YEAR	SCHOOL	RECORD	CONF.	FINISH
2019-20	Richmond	0-0	0-0	
2018-19	Richmond	13-20	6-12	t-10th
2017-18	Richmond	12-20	9-9	t-5th
2016-17	Richmond	22-13	13-5	t-3rd
2015-16	Richmond	16-16	7-11	9th
2014-15	Richmond	21-14	12-4	4th
2013-14	Richmond	19-14	8-8	7th
2012-13	Richmond	19-15	8-8	t-8th
2011-12	Richmond	16-16	7-9	t-9th
2010-11	Richmond	29-8	13-3	3rd
2009-10	Richmond	26-9	13-3	3rd
2008-09	Richmond	20-16	9-7	t-5th
2007-08	Richmond	16-15	9-7	t-4th
2006-07	Richmond	8-22	4-12	t-12th
2005-06	Richmond	13-17	6-10	t-11th
2004-05	Air Force	18-12	9-5	3rd
1999-00	Arcadia (D3)	16-10	12-4	2nd
1998-99	Arcadia (D3)	8-17	7-9	6th
	(2005-pres.)	250-215 (.538	•	0 (.530)
Air Force (2	•	18-12 (.600)	9-5 (.64	,
Career Reco	ord (D-I only)	268-227 (.541	133-11	5 (.536)

Head Coach, Richmond, 2005-present Head Coach, Air Force, 2004-05 Associate Head Coach, Air Force, 2003-04 Assistant Coach, Air Force, 2000-03 Head Coach, Arcadia University (Div III), 1997-00

# AS A PLAYER

A 1994 graduate with a B.A. in English, Mooney led Princeton to the NCAA Tournament twice following a pair of conference titles. The four-year letterwinner amassed 1,071 points, which ranks 25th on Princeton's all-time scoring list, and



# **#0 JACOB GILYARD** G | JR | 5'9" | 160 **KANSAS CITY, MO** THE BARSTOW SCHOOL

### CAREED HIGHS

CANLLN IIIOIIS		
Statistic	Value	
Points	31	vs IUPUI 11/17/18
Rebounds	8	vs Fordham 02/21/19, vs Oral Roberts 12/15/18
Assists	9	vs Wake Forest 12/02/18, vs High Point 12/22/18, at South Alabama 12/29/18
Steals	7	vs Oral Roberts 12/15/18, vs High Point 12/22/18
Blocks	1	vs Fordham 03/13/19, vs UAB 11/20/17
FG Made	12	vs IUPUI 11/17/18
FG Attempts	17	vs Oral Roberts 12/15/18, at Dayton 01/06/19
3FG Made	8	at Dayton 01/06/19
3FG Attempts	16	at Dayton 01/06/19
FT Made	8	vs High Point 12/22/18
FT Attempts	8	vs High Point 12/22/18

# **CAREER STATS**

Field Goals					3-Point F-Throws				Rebounds											Scoring	
SEASON	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF	FΟ	AST	то	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG	
2017-18	32-32	1166/36.4	126-279	.452	58-151	.384	56-67	.836	15	54	69	2.2	56	0	130	54	1	89	366	11.4	
2018-19	31-31	1156/37.3	177-375	.472	74-204	.363	74-96	.771	20	70	90	2.9	52	0	160	75	1	88	502	16.2	
TOTAL	63-63	2322/36.9	303-654	.463	132-355	.372	130-163	.798	35	124	159	2.5	108	0	290	129	2	177	868	13.8	

JUNIOR (2019-20)

Named First Team Preseason All-Atlantic 10 and Preseason All-Atlantic 10 Defensive Team in October ... Fifth Spider to earn First Team Preseason All-A-10 honors under Chris Mooney, joining Kevin Anderson (2009, 10), Kendall Anthony (2014), T.J. Cline (2016), and Grant Golden (2018) ... Second Spider to be named to Preseason All-Defenderson (2009, 10), Kendall Anthony (2014), T.J. Cline (2016), and Grant Golden (2018) ... Second Spider to be named to Preseason All-Defenderson (2009, 10), Kendall Anthony (2014), T.J. Cline (2016), and Grant Golden (2018) ... Second Spider to be named to Preseason All-Defenderson (2018) ... Second Spider to be named to Preseason All-Defenderson (2018) ... Second Spider to be named to Preseason All-Defenderson (2018) ... Second Spider to be named to Preseason All-Defenderson (2018) ... Second Spider to be named to Preseason All-Defenderson (2018) ... Second Spider to be named to Preseason All-Defenderson (2018) ... Second Spider to be named to Preseason All-Defenderson (2018) ... Second Spider to be named to Preseason All-Defenderson (2018) ... Second Spider to be named to Preseason All-Defenderson (2018) ... Second Spider to be named to Preseason All-Defenderson (2018) ... Second Spider to be named to Preseason All-Defenderson (2018) ... Second Spider to be named to Preseason All-Defenderson (2018) ... Second Spider to be named to Preseason All-Defenderson (2018) ... Second Spider to be named to Preseason All-Defenderson (2018) ... Second Spider to Benderson (2018) ... Second Spider sive Team twice under Chris Mooney, joining Alonzo Nelson-Ododa (2013-14)

# SOPHOMORE (2018-19)

- Selected Second Team All-Conference and named to All-Defense Team by Atlantic 10 ... First Spider to make All-Defense team since Darrius Garrett in 2012 and second Spiders sophomore to ever make First Team or Second Team All-Atlantic 10 (Kevin Anderson 2009)
   Named Second Team All-District 4 (Atlantic 10) by National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) and A-10 Player of the Year by Hoops HD
- Has totaled 868 points, 290 assists, and 177 steals in two seasons ... Since 1992, the only other D-I players to reach those totals by the end of their sophomores seasons are Jason Kidd and Allen Iverson
- Owns Richmond records for assists (290), steals (177), and three-pointers (132) by a player in his first two seasons ... 868 points are fifth-most ever by Spider in his first two

- Scored 17.9 points per game during conference play, best in the A-10 ... Over full season, averaged 16.2 points per game, fifth best in the conference
  Led A-10 and ranked seventh in D-I with 2.84 steals per game ... 88 steals were second most in a season in school history, trailing only his 89 in 2017-18
  Ranked fourth in A-10 in assists per game (5.2) and second in A-10 in assist-to-turnover ratio (2.13) ... 160 assists were fifth most in a season in school history
  Ranked third in A-10 in minutes per game (37.3), the most by a Spider since 2002 (Scott Ungerer 38.4) ... Played 40 minutes in 12 games
  Made a team-high 74 three-point field goals, third most in the A-10 and tied for 12th most in a season in school history ... Tied school record with eight three-pointers at Dayton on January 6
  • Recorded third-highest FG pct (47.2) among D-I players under six feet (among qualifiers)

# FRESHMAN (2017-18)

- Set Spiders single-season record with 89 steals, breaking mark held by Tony Dobbins (85 in 2003-04) ... Recorded most steals by D-I freshman since Marcus Smart in 2012-13 ... Averaged 2.78 steals per game, sixth most in D-I
   Played team-high 36.5 minutes per game, third most among D-I freshmen and sixth most for any player in the A-10 ... 1,167 minutes played were most by freshman in
- Spiders history
- Set Spiders record for assists by a freshman, finishing with 130 assists to break the mark held by Ken Atkinson (115) since 1986-87 ... 130 assists were ninth-most in a season in Spiders history ... Averaged 4.1 assists per game, 18th most by D-I freshman, second most by A-10 freshman, and 10th most of any A-10 player

   2.41 assist-to-turnover ratio ranked fifth among D-I freshmen and third most of any A-10 player (minimum three assists per game)

   Averaged 11.4 points per game, fourth-most by a true freshman for Richmond in last 20 years and most by a Spiders true freshman since Kendall Anthony in 2011-12
- (13.0) ... ranked seventh among A-10 freshmen in scoring ... 366 total points were tied for sixth most by a freshman in Spiders history

   Made 83.6 percent of his free throws (56-67), best on the team and the 10th-best single-season rate in Spiders history (minimum 50 attempts)

# HIGH SCHOOL

- Advanced to state title game in three of his four seasons, winning Barstow's first state title since 1995 as a sophomore in 2015
  Missouri Class 3 All-State selection after sophomore, junior, and senior seasons ... named Missouri Class 3 Player of the Year in 2017
  Averaged 33.2 points and 7.0 assists per game as senior ... won DiRenna Award, given to the top high school basketball player in the Kansas City area
  Set Barstow single-game school scoring record with 50 points vs Washington on Dec. 5, 2016
  Played for Billy Thomas, who appeared in 53 NBA games over three seasons and was a third-team All-Big 12 selection following his senior season at Kansas in 1998

- Son of Rodney and Tanya
- Father Rodney graduated from Ottawa University (Kan.) in 1992 as school's career leaders in assists and steals ... he was inducted into Ottawa's Athletics Hall of Fame in
- Has two older siblings (Chris and Marleigh) and one younger sibling (Roman)
- Born on July 14, 1998





# **#1 BLAKE FRANCIS** G | R-JR | 6'0" | 176 **HERNDON, VA** WESTFIELD/WAGNER

### **CAREER HIGHS**

Statistic	Value	
Points	29	vs Bryant 02/08/18
Rebounds	7	vs Sacred Heart 01/04/18
Assists	5	4 times
Steals	7	vs Mercy 12/10/17
Blocks	1	vs American 11/18/17
FG Made	9	at Dayton 12/23/17, vs Bryant 02/08/18
FG Attempts	21	at Dayton 12/23/17
3FG Made	6	at Saint Francis (PA) 01/26/18, vs Bryant 02/08/18
3FG Attempts	13	vs LIU 03/06/18
FT Made	9	at NJIT 11/11/17, at Rider 12/16/17
FT Attempts	11	at NJIT 11/11/17

# **CAREER STATS**

		3-Point F-Throws			Rebounds										Scoring					
SEASON	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	тот	AVG	PF	FΟ	AST	то	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
2016-17	28-3	575/20.5	64-151	.424	43-102	.422	30-40	.750	20	18	38	1.4	66	1	31	21	0	18	201	7.2
2017-18	32-22	1046/32.7	182-423	.430	102-254	.402	87-108	.806	20	40	60	1.9	81	2	54	48	1	52	553	17.3
TOTAL	60-25	1621/27.0	246-574	.429	145-356	.407	117-148	.791	40	58	98	1.6	147	3	85	69	1	70	754	12.6

• Signed with the Spiders on April 10, 2018 after receiving interest from many schools, including St. Bonaventure and Loyola-Chicago, following his announcement that he would transfer from Wagner

- SOPHOMORE (2017-18 WAGNER COLLEGE)

   Averaged team-high 17.3 points per game, the fifth-best mark in the Northeast Conference

   Set school record with 102 three-pointers ... Led NEC in three-pointers and tied for 26th in Division I

   Led team in 3-pt FG pct (40.2 8th in NEC) & FT pct (80.6 4th in NEC)

   Recorded team-high 52 steals, fifth most in the conference

   Led Wagner to 23-10 record and regular-season conference title

   Scored team-high 23 points in loss at Baylor in first round of NIT

   Scored career-high 29 points in win vs Bryant on February 8

   Second-Team All-Northeast Conference selection

- Second-Team All-Northeast Conference selection

# FRESHMAN (2016-17 • WAGNER COLLEGE)

- Averaged 7.2 points while appearing in 28 games with three starts
   Led team in three-point field goal percentage at 42.2 percent, the second-best mark in the conference ... Ranked 19th among D-I freshmen in three-point shooting (minimum 100 attempts)
- Team's leading scorer off the bench (188 points)
- Scored season-high 20 points in win vs eventual league champion Mount St. Mary's on February 16
   Made first career start in third game of season, a 73-65 win at American on November 22

- Averaged 20.1 points as a senior at Westfield High School (Chantilly, Va.)
   Led team to 6A state title in 2016 ... earned Second Team All-State honors
   Named fourth-team All-Met selection by The Washington Post following his senior season
- Also earned All-State honors following his junior season
   Team compiled a 62-18 overall record (27-8 conference record) during his three seasons at Westfield
   Graduated as leading scorer in school history (1,390 points)

- Son of Cissy and Carl
   Son of Cissy and Carl
   Father Carl is the Director of Communications for the NFL Players Association ... he attended Virginia Union and played linebacker for four seasons
   Brother Branden played football at Liberty University from 2010-13
   Cousin Tyler Thornton played basketball at Duke University from 2010-14, appearing in 139 games for the Blue Devils
   Cousin Marques Hagans was a starting OB at the University of Virginia from 2004-05 and was drafted by the Rams in the fifth round of the 2006 NFL Draft ... Appeared in 10 NFL games over two seasons with four different teams, totaling nine receptions for 108 yards
- Played one season of AAU basketball with current teammate Grant Golden on the Fairfax Stars while in middle school
   Born on January 3, 1998





# **#2 SOULEYMANE KOUREISSI** F|S0|6'9"|215 HARLEM, NY **IONA PREP**

### **CAREER HIGHS**

Statistic	Value	
Points	10	vs George Washington 02/09/19, vs Coppin St. 12/06/18
Rebounds	5	vs George Washington 02/09/19
Assists	2	vs Wake Forest 12/02/18
Steals	1	4 times
FG Made	3	vs Coppin St. 12/06/18
FG Attempts	6	vs Coppin St. 12/06/18
3FG Made	2	vs Coppin St. 12/06/18
3FG Attempts	5	vs Coppin St. 12/06/18
FT Made	5	vs George Washington 02/09/19
FT Attempts	8	vs George Washington 02/09/19

# **CAREER STATS**

Field Goals					3-Point F-Throws				Rebounds										Sco	ring
SEASON	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	тот	AVG	PF	FΟ	AST	то	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
2018-19	26-0	169/6.5	20-39	.513	4-16	.250	15-26	.577	6	20	26	1.0	26	0	5	6	0	4	59	2.3
TOTAL	26-0	169/6.5	20-39	.513	4-16	.250	15-26	.577	6	20	26	1.0	26	0	5	6	0	4	59	2.3

FRESHMAN (2018-19)

• Averaged 2.3 points and 1.0 rebounds in 26 games

• Shot 51.3 percent from the field, second best on the team and the best by a Spiders true freshman since 2012-13 (Terry Allen - 55.0 percent)

Registered two double-digit scoring games, tied for eighth most on the team
 Signed with the Spiders on November 9, 2017 after choosing Richmond from a group of more than a dozen Division I offers, including Minnesota in the Big Ten and Seton Hall in the Big East ... First signee in Richmond's Class of 2018

- Attended Iona Preparatory School in New Rochelle, N.Y., a member of New York's Catholic High Schools Athletics Association
- Scored a team-high 16.3 points per game while shooting 61 percent from the field as a senior ... Added 8.5 rebounds per game
   Led team to a share of league's regular-season title in 2018
   Named First Team All-Westchester/Putnam County
   Named Second Team All-CHSAA

- Rated as the No. 8 recruit in the state of New York by 247sports.com
   Born on June 27, 1999
- Name is pronounced SAHL-uh-mon ker-ESS-ee





**#3 TYLER BURTON** F | FR | 6'7" | 195 **UXBRIDGE, MA MARIANAPOLIS PREP (CT)** 

CAREER HIGHS (N/A)

CAREER STATS (N/A)

- Signed with the Spiders on November 14, 2018 ... Received offers from several other Atlantic 10 schools, including Rhode Island and St. Bonaventure

  Two-time All-State selection at Marianapolis Prep in Thompson, Ct.
- Team captain
- Named Class B Player of the Year by the New England Preparatory School Athletic Council (NEPSAC) following his junior and senior seasons
   Averaged 20 points and 11 rebounds as a junior and 18 points and 11 rebounds as a senior
   Rated as a top-10 Class of 2019 recruit in the state of Connecticut and a top-30 recruit in New England

- Son of Quinton and Lynne
   Son of Quinton and Lynne
   Father Quinton played basketball at Providence, leading the Friars to the NCAA Tournament in 1989 and 1990 ... He averaged over 11 points per game as a senior ... He was also recruited by Richmond and took two official visits: to Richmond and to Providence
   Born on February 11, 2000





**#4 NATHAN CAYO** F | JR | 6'7" | 225 **MONTREAL, QUEBEC COLLEGE JEAN DE BREBEUF** 

CHUTEL IIIOII		
Statistic	Value	
Points	23	vs Hampton 11/25/18, vs Duquesne 01/17/19
Rebounds	8	vs Oral Roberts 12/15/18, at Davidson 01/19/19
Assists	5	at La Salle 02/23/19
Steals	3	vs Fordham 02/21/19
Blocks	4	vs IUPUI 11/17/18, vs La Salle 02/02/19
FG Made	9	4 times
FG Attempts	15	vs Fordham 03/13/19
3FG Made	1	vs Hampton 11/25/18, at Saint Joseph's 01/24/19
3FG Attempts	2	at Fordham 01/03/18
FT Made	10	at VCU 02/14/19
FT Attempts	19	at VCU 02/14/19

# **CAREER STATS**

			Field G	oals	3-Poi	nt	F-Thro	ws		Rebo	unds								Sco	ring
SEASON	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	тот	AVG	PF	FΟ	AST	то	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
2017-18	32-2	405/12.7	29-66	.439	0-10	.000	16-27	.593	20	35	55	1.7	58	0	12	17	12	11	74	2.3
2018-19	33-33	1035/31.4	167-279	.599	2-4	.500	90-156	.577	44	93	137	4.2	81	1	58	51	28	27	426	12.9
TOTAL	65-35	1440/22.2	196-345	.568	2-14	.143	106-183	.579	64	128	192	3.0	139	1	70	68	40	38	500	7.7

- SOPHOMORE (2018-19)

   Averaged 12.9 points and 4.2 rebounds per game, finishing third on the team in both scoring and rebounding

   Led team with 59.9 field goal percentage, the third-highest in the A-10, 23rd highest in Division I and fourth-highest in a season in school history

   Started all 33 games, one of three Spiders to start every game

   Registered greatest increase in scoring average of any player in A-10 (2.3 in 2017-18 to 12.9 in 2018-19)

   Increased scoring average by 10.6 points per game from his freshman year, the biggest increase by a Spiders sophomore since 1975 (Kevin Eastman)

- Averaged 2.3 points and 1.7 rebounds while playing 12.7 minutes per game, seventh on the team
   Appeared in all 32 games with two starts
- Became third Spider freshman to start when he made his first career start vs George Mason on February 3, making 2017-18 the first season since 2006-07 that three different freshmen started for Richmond

### HIGH SCHOOL

- 1st-team all-league selection as a senior ... led team to 3rd-place finish in provincial championship
  Averaged 19.6 points and 9.3 rebounds per game as a junior
  Performed over 200 hours of community service

- Son of Wilner Cayo and Beraca Loyer
   Has an older brother Ben and a younger brother Samuel
   Born on Oct. 27, 1997
- Last name is pronounced KAY-oh





# **#5 NICK SHEROD** G | R-JR | 6'4" | 230 RICHMOND, VA ST. CHRISTOPHER'S

### **CAREER HIGHS**

CHÜFFIL IIIOIIO		
Statistic	Value	
Points	32	vs George Mason 02/03/18
Rebounds	14	at Davidson 01/28/18
Assists	7	vs Wyoming 11/21/18
Steals	4	vs St. Francis Brooklyn 11/14/18
Blocks	2	at Duquesne 01/24/18
FG Made	10	at Duquesne 01/24/18, vs George Mason 02/03/18
FG Attempts	21	vs George Mason 02/03/18
3FG Made	5	vs St. Bonaventure 01/11/17
3FG Attempts	9	at Boston College 12/23/17, vs St. Bonaventure 01/11/17
FT Made	10	vs George Mason 02/03/18
FT Attempts	11	vs George Mason 02/03/18

# **CAREER STATS**

			Field G	oals	3-Poi	nt	F-Thro	ows		Rebo	unds								Sco	ring
SEASON	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF	FΟ	AST	то	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
2016-17	35-18	754/21.5	102-223	.457	39-117	.333	22-26	.846	12	71	83	2.4	58	0	31	16	1	19	265	7.6
2017-18	32-32	1008/31.5	165-343	.481	61-156	.391	65-81	.803	31	128	159	5.0	58	0	45	36	4	31	456	14.3
2018-19	6-6	193/32.2	29-60	.483	9-24	.375	9-14	.643	4	27	31	5.2	7	0	17	13	0	8	76	12.7
TOTAL	73-56	1955/26.8	296-626	.473	109-297	.367	96-121	.793	47	226	273	3.7	123	0	93	65	5	58	797	10.9

- JUNIOR (2018-19)

   Missed final 27 games of season after tearing left ACL in first half vs Hampton on November 25

   Injury snapped a streak of 54 straight starts and 73 games played

   Averaged 12.7 points (fourth on team) and 5.2 rebounds (second on team) in six games

### SOPHOMORE (2017-18)

- Averaged 14.3 points (second on team) and 5.0 rebounds (third on team) while starting all 32 games
   Increased scoring average every month, from 9.7 points in November to 12.0 in December to 13.1 in January to 19.2 in February/March
   Led team with 17.6 points per game in A-10 play (12th in conference)
   One of two players to score 17 points per game and shoot 52 percent from the field in A-10 play (Justin Tillman, VCU)
   Made team-high 39.1 percent of his three-point attempts
   Named A-10 Player of the Week on January 29 (first Spiders freshman or sophomore to win award since Kevin Anderson in 2009)

# FRESHMAN (2016-17)

- Averaged 7.6 points (fifth on team) and 2.4 rebounds (fifth on team) per game
   Made 22 of 26 free throws ... lead team in FT pct (.846) and ranked sixth in A-10 among players with at least 25 FTA
   Appeared in 35 games with 18 starts ... made first career start in season-opener vs VMI

# HIGH SCHOOL

- All-Metro Player of the Year in 2015-16
  All-Metro First Team (14-15, 15-16)
- VISAA All-State First Team (14-15, 15-16)
- 2,815 career points on varsity (most in Virginia High School history)
   Led St. Christopher's to school-record 24 wins and regular season title in 15-16
   Averaged 25.6 points per game to lead the region in 15-16
   Also tallied 10.6 RPG, 3.1 APG and 2.4 SPG in 15-16

- Led AAU team (Team Loaded) to 2015 adidas Uprising Summer Championship in Las Vegas

- Father, E.J., played basketball at Old Dominion and grandfather, Edmund, had a Hall of Fame basketball career at VCU before playing with the New York Knicks
- Interested in studying journalism and sports broadcasting
   Born on Oct. 16, 1997
- Last name is pronounced "sure-ROD"





**#11 JAKE WOJCIK** G | SO | 6'4" | 190 SAN JOSE, CA **BELLARMINE PREP** 

CANLEN IIIOII	•	
Statistic	Value	
Points	22	at South Alabama 12/29/18
Rebounds	8	vs St. Francis Brooklyn 11/14/18, at South Alabama 12/29/18, at George Washington 01/12/19
Assists	5	vs St. Francis Brooklyn 11/14/18
Steals	5	vs St. Francis Brooklyn 11/14/18
Blocks	1	6 times
FG Made	7	at Georgetown 11/29/18
FG Attempts	15	at Georgetown 11/29/18
3FG Made	6	at Georgetown 11/29/18
3FG Attempts	11	at Georgetown 11/29/18, vs Oral Roberts 12/15/18, at Dayton 01/06/19
FT Made	5	at South Alabama 12/29/18
FT Attempts	6	at South Alabama 12/29/18

# **CAREER STATS**

			Field G	oals	3-Poi	nt	F-Thr	ows		Rebo	unds	;							Sco	ring
SEASON	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	тот	AVG	PF	FO	AST	то	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
2018-19	33-33	989/30.0	78-221	.353	65-179	.363	32-39	.821	17	97	114	3.5	77	0	48	24	6	40	253	7.7
TOTAL	33-33	989/30.0	78-221	.353	65-179	.363	32-39	.821	17	97	114	3.5	77	0	48	24	6	40	253	7.7

- FRESHMAN (2018-19) HIGHLIGHTS

   Averaged 7.7 points (fifth on team) and 3.5 rebounds (fourth on team) in 33 games

   33 starts are second most by freshman in school history behind Alonzo Nelson-Ododa (34 in 2012-13)

   65 three-pointers ranked second most by freshman in school history (Kendall Anthony 68 in 2011-12), third among A-10 freshmen and ninth overall in the Atlantic 10

   Shot 36.3 percent from three-point range (65-179), tied for sixth in A-10 (minimum 100 three-point FG attempts)

   Ranked fourth in A-10 in fewest turnovers per 40 minutes (1.0)

   Named A-10 Co-Rookie of the Week on December 31 with Dayton's Obi Topping after recording 22 points and eight rebounds in a win at South Alabama

   Signed with the Spiders on May 2, 2018 ... Originally committed to Siena but was released from his letter of intent when the program changed coaches in April

- Two-time West Coast Athletic League Player of the Year at Bellarmine College Prep in San Jose, Calif.
   Scored 17 points per game as a senior while leading Bellarmine to second straight league title
   Honorable Mention All-State selection following his senior season
   First Team All-Metro (San Francisco Chronicle) and All-Area (Bay Area News Group)

- Team lost just one league game in his final two high school seasons
   Rated as the No. 44 recruit in the state of California by 247sports.com

- Son of Dave and Heather
- Father Dave was head coach at San Jose State from 2013-17 and has 19 seasons of college coaching experience ... Also played collegiately at Loyola (Md.)
   Uncle Doug Wojcik is a former head coach at Tulsa (2005-12) and College of Charleston (2012-14) ... Three-year starter at Navy who set school record for assists (714) while playing with future Hall-of-Famer David Robinson
- Born on Sept. 28, 1999
- Last name is pronounced "WOJ-ick"





**#13 CONNOR CRABTREE** G | SO | 6'6" | 190 HILLSBOROUGH, NC HARGRAVE MILITARY (VA)/TULANE

CARLERINGIS		
Statistic	Value	
Points	23	vs East Carolina 02/24/19
Rebounds	6	at East Carolina 02/01/19
Assists	3	4 times
Steals	5	vs Towson 12/21/18
Blocks	2	at Memphis 02/21/19, vs UCF 01/24/19
FG Made	8	vs East Carolina 02/24/19
FG Attempts	13	vs East Carolina 02/24/19
3FG Made	4	vs East Carolina 02/24/19, at Wichita St. 02/10/19
3FG Attempts	6	vs East Carolina 02/24/19, vs Coastal Carolina 11/14/18, vs Alabama A&M 12/22/18
FT Made	6	vs South Fla. 03/07/19
FT Attempts	7	vs South Fla. 03/07/19

# **CAREER STATS**

l				Field G	ioals	3-Poi	nt	F-Thr	ows	ı	Rebo	unds	;							Sco	ring
l	SEASON	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF	FΟ	AST	то	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
l	2018-19	29-15	614/21.2	63-148	.426	28-78	.359	53-66	.803	13	45	58	2.0	51	2	32	36	6	19	207	7.1
	TOTAL	29-15	614/21.2	63-148	.426	28-78	.359	53-66	.803	13	45	58	2.0	51	2	32	36	6	19	207	7.1

Signed with the Spiders on May 17, 2019 after transferring from Tulane. Per NCAA regulations, he will sit out the 2019-20 season and then have three seasons of eligibility remaining.

# FRESHMAN (2018-19 • TULANE)

- Averaged 7.1 points per game while appearing in 30 games with 15 starts
   Started 15 of Tulane's final 16 games of the season
   Sixth-highest scoring freshman in American Athletic Conference
   Averaged 11.1 points per game while shooting 50 percent from the field (33-66) over the final 10 games of the season
   Led Tulane in 3-pt FG pct (36.7) and FT pct (80.3)
   Tulane's leading scorer in three games, including a career-high 23 points vs East Carolina on February 23

# HIGH SCHOOL

- Completed a post-graduate season at Hargrave Military Academy in Chatham, Va. in 2017-18, averaging 21.4 points per game for the Tigers
   Graduated from Orange High School in Hillsborough, N.C. ... Averaged 26 points per game as a senior and earned AP All-State honors

- Son of Keith and Carol
- Played for Winchester Stars AAU program in Winchester, Va., the same program as current teammate Grant Golden (the two were never teammates)





# **#15 MATT GRACE** F|S0|6'9"|230 **HAMILTON, ONTARIO TRC ACADEMY**

# CAREER HIGHS

CAKEEK HIGHS		
Statistic	Value	
Points	6	vs Fordham 02/21/19
Rebounds	3	vs Hampton 11/25/18, vs Coppin St. 12/06/18, at George Washington 01/12/19
Assists	4	vs Coppin St. 12/06/18
Steals	1	4 times
Blocks	2	vs High Point 12/22/18
FG Made	2	4 times
FG Attempts	3	at Massachusetts 03/07/19, at La Salle 02/23/19, vs Old Dominion 12/20/18
3FG Made	2	vs Fordham 02/21/19
3FG Attempts	1	at La Salle 02/23/19, vs Fordham 02/21/19, vs Coppin St. 12/06/18
FT Attempts	1	vs St. Francis Brooklyn 11/14/18, vs Old Dominion 12/20/18, at Davidson 01/19/19

# **CAREER STATS**

			Field C	oals	3-Poi	nt	F-Thr	ows	F	Rebo	unds	5							Sco	ring
SEASON	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	тот	AVG	PF F	O A	١ST	то	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
2018-19	31-0	232/7.5	16-34	.471	6-17	.353	0-3	.000	9	23	32	1.0	29	0	16	6	6	4	38	1.2
TOTAL	31-0	232/7.5	16-34	.471	6-17	.353	0-3	.000	9	23	32	1.0	29	0	16	6	6	4	38	1.2

- FRESHMAN (2018-19)

   Averaged 1.2 points and 1.0 rebound in 31 games ... Played 233 minutes, eighth most on the team
   Led team in assist-to-turnover ratio among those with multiple assists (2.67)
   Signed with the Spiders on May 7

- HIGH SCHOOL

   Graduated from The RISE Centre Academy in Brantford, Ontario

   Led team to league championship in Ontario Scholastic Basketball Association as a senior

   Averaged 10 points and seven rebounds in three tournament games

   Academic All-League selection as a junior in 2017

   One of four members of TRC Academy's Class of 2018 to sign with a Division I basketball program

# **PERSONAL**

Born on Feb. 5, 1999





# **#21 TOMAS VERBINSKIS** F | R-SO | 6'7" | 210 **KLAIPEDA, LITHUANIA SAGEMONT SCHOOL (FL)**

### **CAREER HIGHS**

CARLERINGIS		
Statistic	Value	
Points	3	vs Coppin St. 12/06/18
Rebounds	2	vs Coppin St. 12/06/18
FG Made	1	vs Coppin St. 12/06/18
FG Attempts	4	vs Coppin St. 12/06/18
3FG Made	1	vs Coppin St. 12/06/18
3FG Attempts	2	vs Coppin St. 12/06/18

# **CAREER STATS**

			Field G	oals	3-Poi	nt	F-Thr	ows	I	Rebo	unds	5						Sco	ring
SEASON	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	тот	AVG	PF F	AST	то	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
2018-19	1-0	6/6.5	1-4	.250	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0	2	2	2.0	1 (	0	1	0	0	3	3.0
TOTAL	1-0	6/6.5	1-4	.250	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0	2	2	2.0	1 (	0	1	0	0	3	3.0

- REDSHIRT FRESHMAN (2018-19)

   Appeared in one game, recording three points and two rebounds in six minutes in his collegiate debut vs Coppin State on December 5

   Unavailable for second half of season with foot and ankle injuries

# FRESHMAN (2017-18)

Redshirted

# HIGH SCHOOL

- Attended The Sagemont School in Weston, Fla.
   Honorable mention All-Broward County selection in 2016 and 2017
   Led team to Florida's 4A quarterfinals as a senior

- Son of Julanta Verbinskis
- Native of Lithuania who moved to the United States for high school
   Competed in 2014 U16 FIBA European Championships for Lithuania, averaging 6.0 points per game
- Born on April 2, 1998





**#22 ANDRE GUSTAVSON** G | SO | 6'4" | 195 **HELSINKI, FINLAND HELSINKI BASKETBALL ACADEMY** 

### CADEED HIGHS

CAREER HIGHS		
Statistic	Value	
Points	13	vs Fordham 02/21/19
Rebounds	6	vs Fordham 03/13/19
Assists	10	at Georgetown 11/29/18
Steals	5	vs Coppin St. 12/06/18
Blocks	1	10 times
FG Made	6	vs Coppin St. 12/06/18
FG Attempts	10	vs Fordham 02/21/19, vs Fordham 03/13/19
3FG Made	3	vs Davidson 03/09/19, vs Fordham 02/21/19
3FG Attempts	8	vs Fordham 02/21/19
FT Made	4	at George Mason 02/28/19
FT Attempts	5	at George Mason 02/28/19

# **CAREER STATS**

			Field G	ioals	3-Poi	nt	F-Thr	ows	Rebounds							Scoring				
<b>SEASON</b>	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF	FΟ	AST	то	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
2018-19	31-19	682/22.0	57-121	.471	16-47	.340	20-32	.625	24	47	71	2.3	76	1	46	26	10	33	150	4.8
TOTAL	31-19	682/22.0	57-121	.471	16-47	.340	20-32	.625	24	47	71	2.3	76	1	46	26	10	33	150	4.8

- FRESHMAN (2018-19)

   Averaged 4.8 points, sixth on the team, and 2.3 rebounds in 31 games

   Started 19 games, including final 18 of season after being re-inserted into starting lineup at George Washington on January 12

   Ranked second on team with 1.9 steals per 40 minutes ... Emerged as team's top perimeter defender in second half of season, frequently guarding opponent's top offendance of the season sive player

  • Following the season, competed for Finland at 2019 World University Games, averaging 9.8 points per game

  • Signed with the Spiders on April 26, 2018

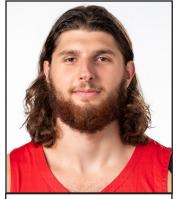
# HIGH SCHOOL

- Graduated from the Helsinki Basketball Academy in Helsinki, Finland
   Scored 11.4 points per game and shot 54 percent from the field in his final season while leading HBA to the regular-season title in the Finnish 1st Division
   Competed for Finland in 2018 FIBA U20 European Championships, averaging 10.0 points, 3.6 rebounds, and 2.7 assists
   Competed for Finland in 2017 FIBA U18 European Championships, averaging 12.7 points over seven games
   Scored 27 points in group stage game vs Greece, tied for the fourth-most points in a game by any player at the tournament
   Attended same school as current Chicago Bulls star Lauri Markkanen
   One of his coaches at HBA was Finnish basketball legend Hanno Möttölä ... Möttölä, who starred at Utah, was the first Finnish player in NBA history, appearing in 155 games with the Atlanta Hawks from 2000-02

# **PERSONAL**

• Last name is pronounced "GOOS-tahv-son"





**#33 GRANT GOLDEN** F | R-JR | 6'10" | 255 **WINCHESTER, VA** ST. JAMES (MD)

Statistic	Value	
Points	33	vs Wyoming 11/21/18
Rebounds	12	vs High Point 12/22/18
Assists	7	vs Fordham 03/13/19
Steals	3	at Duquesne 01/24/18, vs James Madison 12/10/17
Blocks	6	at George Mason 02/28/19
FG Made	16	vs Wyoming 11/21/18
FG Attempts	24	vs Wyoming 11/21/18
3FG Made	4	vs Georgetown 11/25/17
3FG Attempts	8	vs Georgetown 11/25/17
FT Made	9	vs Hampton 11/25/18
FT Attempts	14	vs Hampton 11/25/18

# **CAREER STATS**

			Field G	oals	3-Poi	nt	F-Thro	ws		Rebo	unds					Sco		ring		
SEASON	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF	FΟ	AST	то	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
2016-17	9-0	68/7.6	7-20	.350	1-5	.200	3-9	.333	3	15	18	2.0	9	0	8	3	2	0	18	2.0
2017-18	32-32	981/30.7	208-418	.498	22-80	.275	60-96	.625	49	166	215	6.7	79	1	69	82	39	19	498	15.6
2018-19	33-33	1038/31.4	221-439	.503	16-54	.296	109-166	.657	26	207	233	7.1	61	0	117	82	35	15	567	17.2
TOTAL	74-65	2087/28.2	436-877	.497	39-139	.281	172-271	.635	78	388	466	6.3	149	1	194	167	76	34	1083	14.6

# REDSHIRT JUNIOR (2019-20)

• Named Second Team Preseason All-Atlantic 10 in October ... One of four Spiders to earn multiple preseason All-Conference honors under Chris Mooney, joining ShawnDre' Jones (2015-16), Kevin Anderson (2008-10), and David Gonzalvez (2008-09) [Golden was a First Team Preseason All-Atlantic 10 selection in 2018]

# REDSHIRT SOPHOMORE (2018-19)

- Selected Third Team All-Conference by the Atlantic 10 for a second straight season ... Became first player in Spiders history to earn All-Conference honors following freshman and sophomore seasons
- Named First Team All-Conference by Hoops HD
- Finished season with 1,083 career points, the most ever by a Spider by the end of his sophomore season ... became 47th member of Spiders 1,000-point club at George Mason on February 27
- Scored a team-high 17.2 points per game, third most in the A-10, and registered 7.1 rebounds per game, eighth most in the A-10 Ranked fifth in A-10 in field goal percentage (50.3)
- Led A-10 with 221 field goals ... also finished in top 15 in conference in assists per game (3.5, 13th) and blocks per game (1.06, 11th)
- One of six underclassmen (freshmen or sophomores) in D-I to average 17 points and seven rebounds per game
   Joined T.J. Cline in 2016-17 as the only Spiders to record 500 points, 200 rebounds, and 100 assists in a season
   117 assists were second most in D-I by player 6'10" or taller (Ethan Happ 153)

# REDSHIRT FRESHMAN (2017-18)

- Scored 498 points, breaking the record for most points by a Spider freshman (Mike Perry 494 in 1977-78)
   \* Averaged team-high 15.6 points per game and recorded 6.7 rebounds per game (second on team)
   One of seven freshmen in D-I to average 15.5 points and six rebounds per game

- Led team with five double-doubles, most by a Spiders freshman since 1998-99 (Charles Stephens)
- Selected Third-Team All-Conference and All-Rookie Team in Atlantic 10 ... With Davidson's Kellan Grady, first freshmen to make A-10 All-Conference team since 2012-13 (Semaj Christon, Xavier)
- Named A-10 Rookie of the Week three times (November 27, January 29, March 5)
- Selected to All-Tournament Team at Cayman Islands Classic after averaging 18 points and five rebounds while shooting 56 percent from field in three games

# FRESHMAN (2016-17)

- Granted medical redshirt by NCAA after undergoing cardiac ablation procedure on Dec. 22 to correct an accelerated heart rate that caused him to collapse vs Texas Tech on
- Appeared in nine games totaling 18 points, 18 rebounds, and eight assists
- Led team with 10.6 rebounds per 40 minutes
- Scored career-best six points Dec. 3 vs Wake Forest ... grabbed career-high four rebounds Nov. 25 vs Maryland and Dec. 10 vs UMBC

- Moved to St. James HS in Hagerstown, Md. for final two seasons of high school
- Washington County Co-Player of the Year in 2015-16
- Led St. James to Independent-Parochial School League and Mid-Atlantic Conference titles
   Averaged 17.2 PPG, 10.3 rpg, 3.5 APG and 1.3 BPG in his senior year
- Shot 54.7 percent from the field and 42.9 percent from three in 15-16
- Sat out junior season with ankle injury
   Averaged 18.1 PPG and 7.7 RPG in 2013-14 at Sherando HS in Stephens City, Va.

- Younger brother Bryce plays basketball at Butler University
   Father played basketball at Fairfield University and two grandfathers played collegiate football
- Born on Ján. 15, 1998



# **WALK-ONS**



**#10 SULLIVAN KULJU** F | JR | 6'6" | 220 **NEW BERLIN, WI EISENHOWER** 

# **CAREER STATS**

			Field C	Goals	3-Poi	nt	F-Thr	ows	ı	Rebo	unds	5				Sco	ring		
SEASON	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	тот	AVG	PF FC	AST	то	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
2018-19	3-0	3/1.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
TOTAL	3-0	3/1.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0

### SOPHOMORE (2018-19)

Appeared in three games but did not register any statistics ... Made collegiate debut vs Coppin State on December 5

# FRESHMAN (2017-18)

• Did not appear in any games

- Four-year varsity starter at Eisenhower ... member of school's 1,000-point club ... led team to 40-9 record in his last two seasons
   Three-time All-Woodland Conference selection ... 2-time All-Area selection by Milwaukee Journal Sentinel
   Team captain as a senior ... averaged 15.1 points and 5.2 rebounds per game

- Three-time letterwinner in football ... Honorable Mention All-Woodland Conference at wide receiver as a senior
- DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America) state qualifier

### PERSONAL

- Son of Eric and Kimberly Kulju
- Has an older brother Keenan and a younger sister Tierney
- Born on Sept. 8, 1998
- Last name is pronounced "COOL-you"



**#12 GABE ARIZIN** G | FR | 6'4" | 190 **WEST CHESTER, PA** ST. JOSEPH'S PREP

# CAREER STATS (N/A)

HIGH SCHOOL

• Two-time captain at St. Joseph's Prep in Philadelphia

- Son of Mike and Patricia
- Father Mike played basketball at William & Mary and La Salle ... At William & Mary, Arizin earned All-Southern Conference honors following his freshman and sophomore seasons ... His 35 points against Richmond on Dec. 11, 1973 remains the second-most ever by a William & Mary player in a game at Kaplan Arena ... Averaged 17.3 points and 7.5 rebounds in 54 games for the Tribe ... At La Salle, averaged 11.5 points in 1975-76 and led team in FG pct (49.6)
- Has a brother Luke and a half-brother Matt, who played baseball at Georgetown
- Has a brother Luke and a half-brother Matt, who played baseball at Georgetown
   Grandfather Paul Arizin was inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 1978 ... He was a 10-time NBA All-Star with the Philadelphia Warriors who twice led the league in scoring ... Missed two seasons in the prime of his career to serve with the Marines in the Korean War ... Third-leading scorer (16,266 points) in NBA history when he retired in 1962 rather than move with the Warriors to San Francisco ... Led nation in scoring (25.3 PPG) as a senior at Villanova in 1950 ... Had his No. 11 jersey retired by Villanova ... Inducted in College Basketball Hall of Fame in 2006 ... Member of inaugural class of Philadelphia Sports Hall of Fame (2004)
- Born on December 16, 2000
- Last name is pronounced "AIR-rizz-in"



**#31 JORDAN GAITLEY** G | JR | 6'4" | 190 **HAVERFORD, PA FORDHAM PREP (NY)** 

# **CAREER STATS**

			Field G	ioals	3-Poi	nt	F-Thr	ows		Rebo	unds	6						Sco	ring
SEASOI	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	тот	AVG	PF F	AST	то	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
2018-19	3-0	3/1.1	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0-1	.000	1	1	2	0.7	0 (	1	0	0	0	2	0.7
TOTAL	3-0	3/1.1	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0-1	.000	1	1	2	0.7	0 (	1	0	0	0	2	0.7

# SOPHOMORE (2018-19)

- Appeared in three games, registering two points, two rebounds and an assist
- Brought home crowd to its feet with offensive rebound and putback while being fouled vs George Washington on Feb. 9
- Made collegiate debut vs Coppin State on Dec. 5, recording a rebound and assist

# FRESHMAN (2017-18)

Did not appear in a game

# HIGH SCHOOL

- 2017 League MVP of New York's Catholic High Schools Athletic Association (CHSAA) A Division
- Averaged 20.5 points per game as a senior ... led team to CHSAA A Divisional Final
- Class A first-team All-State selection

- Son of Frank and Stephanie Gaitley
   Mother Stephanie is head coach of the women's team at Fordham University and was head coach of the women's team at Richmond from 1985-91 (116-63 in 6 seasons)
- Older brother Dutch played at Temple and Monmouth and is currently Video Coordinator for the San Antonio Spurs
- Older brother D.C. played in seven games for Fordham
  Born on June 23, 1998



# SPEED CHART

\* STATS FROM 2018-19



# **#0 JACOB GILYARD** G | JR | 5'9" | 160 | KANSAS CITY, MO

MIN 16.2 2.9 5.2 2.8 37.3

<ul> <li>Preseason 1st Team All-A-10 selection</li> </ul>	(5th Spider to do it under Mooney)
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- Preseason A-10 All-Defense Team selection (2nd straight year)
- Owns UR records for assists, steals, and 3-ptrs in player's 1st 2 seasons
- Led A-10 with 17.9 PPG in conference play last season
- Named 2nd Team All-A-10, All-Defense Team following sophomore season

CAREER HI	<u>uns</u>	LAST GAIVII	
PTS	REB	PTS	REB
31	8		
AST	STL	AST	STL
9	7		



# #1 BLAKE FRANCIS G | R-JR | 6'0" | 176 | HERNDON, VA

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PTS	REB	AST	STL	MIN	١.
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- Sat out 2018-19 season after transferring to Richmond from Wagner
- Led Wagner with 17.3 PPG in 2017-18 & set school record w/ 102 3-ptrs
- Second Team All-Northeast Conference selection in 2018
- Ranked fifth in NEC with 52 steals in 2017-18
- Father Carl is Director of Communications for NFLPA, played LB at Virginia Union

CAREER HI	GHS	LAST GAME	
PTS	REB	PTS	REB
29	7		
AST	STL	AST	STL
5	7		



# F | SO | 6'9" | 215 | HARLEM, NY

- 0.2 1.0
  - 0.2 6.5
- #2 SOULEYMANE KOUREISSI 51.3 FG pct last yr was 2nd on team, best for UR true frosh since 2013 2 double-digit scoring games last year (T-8th most on team)
  - Added 15 pounds during offseason, up 25 pounds since coming to UR

  - No. 8 recruit in state of NY was UR's first signee for Class of 2018
  - Name is pronounced SAHL-uh-mon ker-ESS-ee

CAREER HI	GHS	LAST GAME	E
PTS	REB	PTS	REB
10	5		
AST	STL	AST	STL
2	1		



# **#3 TYLER BURTON** F | FR | 6'7" | 195 | UXBRIDGE, MA

PTS	REB	AST	STL	MIN

- Only scholarship freshman on Richmond's roster
- •Two-time All-State selection at Marianapolis Prep in Thompson, CT
- Exceptional athlete, comfortable dunking with either hand
- Rated as a top-10 class of 2019 recruit in CT & top 30 in New England
- Father Quinton played at Providence, led Friars to 2 NCAA Tournaments

CAREER HI	GHS	LASI GAIVII	
PTS	REB	PTS	REB
AST	STL	AST	STL



# **#4 NATHAN CAYO**

PTS	REB	AST	BLK	MIN
12.9	4.2	1.8	0.9	31.4

- Ranked third on team in PPG and RPG last season
- F | JR | 6'7" | 225 | MONTREAL, QUEBEC Increased scoring avg by 10.6 PPG last year (biggest increase in A-10)
  - Scoring increase last year was biggest by UR sophomore since 1975
  - •59.9 FG pct last yr was 3rd in A-10, 23rd nationally
  - Last name is pronounced KAY-oh

CAREER HI	GHS .	LASI GAIVIL	
PTS	REB	PTS	REB
23	8		
AST	BLK	AST	STL
5	4		



# #5 NICK SHEROD G | R-JR | 6'4" | 230 | RICHMOND, VA

l	PTS	REB	AST	STL	MIN
	12.7	5.2	2.8	1.3	32.2

- Missed final 27 games last yr after tearing left ACL vs Hampton (11/25)
- •Injury snapped streak of 54 straight starts & 73 straight games played
- 2nd on team w 14.3 PPG in 2017-18, scored team-high 17.6 PPG vs A-10
- Needs 3 points to reach 800 career points at Richmond
- Went to HS at St. Christopher's, located 1 mile east of Robins Center

CAREER HI	GHS	LAST GAME	<b>.</b>
PTS	REB	PTS	REB
32	14		
AST	STL	AST	STL
7	4		



# #11 JAKE WOJCIK G | SO | 6'4" | 190 | SAN JOSE, CA

PTS	REB	AST	STL	MIN
7.7	3.5	1.5	1.2	30.0

- •33 starts last yr were 2nd most by freshman in UR history
- Made 65 3-ptrs last yr (9th in A-10, 2nd most every by UR frosh)
- 4th in A-10 in fewest turnovers per 40 mins last yr (1.0)
- 2-time West Coast Athletic League POY at Bellarmine College Prep
- Father Dave was head coach at San Jose St from 2013-17

REB
STL

LAST GAME

**CAREER HIGHS** 



# **#12 MATT GRACE**

F | SO | 6'9" | 230 | HAMILTON, ONTARIO • 8th on team with 233 mins played last season

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PTS	REB	AST	BLK	MIN
1.2	1.0	0.5	0.2	7.5

- Led team in Ast-TO ratio last year (2.7 -- 16 Ast, 6 TO)
- Made crucial three-pointer from top of key vs Fordham in A-10 Tourney
- Says he'd want 5'7" Jonah Hill to play him in a movie
- · Former hockey player

	PTS	REB	PTS	REB
,	6	3		
	AST	BLK	AST	STL
	4	2		



# **#22 ANDRE GUSTAVSON**

- G | SO | 6'4" | 195 | HELSINKI, FINLAND Team's top perimeter defender averaged 1.9 steals/40 mins last yr
- STL 2.3 1.5 22.0 1.1
- Started 19 games last year, including final 18 of season
- 9.8 PPG competing for Finland at World University Games this offseason
- Attended Helsinki Basketball Academy (same school as Lauri Markkanen)
- Last name is pronounced GOOS-tahv-son

CAREER HI	GHS	LASI GAME	
PTS	REB	PTS	REB
13	6		
AST	STL	AST	STL
10	5		



# #33 GRANT GOLDEN F | R-JR | 6'10" | 255 | WINCHESTER, VA • 1,083 career pts are most ever for Spider entering junior season

- AST MIN 17.2 7.1 3.6 1.1 31.5
- Preseason 2nd Team All-A-10 selection (2nd straight yr as Preseason All-A-10)
- 3rd in scoring, (17.2 PPG), 8th in rebounding (7.1 RPG) in A-10 last year
- 1st Spider to ever earn All-Conference honors as freshman AND sophomore
- Brother Bryce is a sophomore forward at Butler

CAREER HIGHS			LAST GAME	
	PTS	REB	PTS	REB
	33	12		
	AST	BLK	AST	STL
	7	6		