

Virginia Men's Basketball team welcomes fans for the first look at what to expect for the 2018-2019 season

UVA athletics promises an exciting homecoming weekend for Virginia fans from across the nation with the return of Virginia Men's Basketball

As Virginia football faces Miami under the lights Saturday, Wahoos from across the country trickle in to Charlottesville for the annual "Young Alumni Reunion" (YAR) weekend. In addition to the hype surrounding the football team and homecoming festivities, the doors of John Paul Jones Arena will be open to the community for the first look at both the Virginia Men's and well as Women's Basketball teams.

What to expect

A highly anticipated event, the annual Pepsi Blue-White Scrimmage will take place hours before the 'Hoos take on the Hurricanes at Scott Stadium Saturday evening. Free admission and parking, fans of all ages returning back to Charlottesville will get a sneak peak of what to expect from head coach Tony Bennett's squad for the 2018-2019 season.

Breaking up the team into two groups, the faithful men's basketball team is expected to put on a show. While excited to see the familiar dynamic between returning stars such as junior captain Ty Jerome and junior Kyle Guy, fans anxiously await the performance from newcomers and redshirts alike. If the scrimmage pans out like it has in years past, there will be four, 10- minute quarters with each quarter treated as a mini-game. The short games allow Bennett to demonstrate the versatility and talent that composes his 2018-2019 team.

The Cavs and Jay Bilas playing off the court

Earlier this month former four-year starter for one of Virginia's biggest rivals, the Duke Blue Devils, ESPN commentator Jay Bilas paid a visit to the UVA Men's Hoops here on grounds. A jokester by nature, Bilas gaged the players in some comical activities. Bilas conducted candid interviews with both Jerome and Guy. An Indiana native, Guy gave his best impression of senior captain Jack Salt. Guy threw some playful digs at Salt, stating he was in his "17th year" here at Virginia and listens to the "same four songs."

All jokes aside, Virginia fans will have the opportunity to meet and take autographs from the team following the end of the scrimmages. An exciting weekend for the returning alumni, current students and Virginia supporters, fans from all over make their way to Charlottesville for a first look at the basketball teams as well as an ACC football showdown.

So, if you're a Virginia fan finding yourself on route 29 Saturday, make sure to stop by John Paul Jones Arena for a tease of what's to come from the 2018-2019 Virginia Men's Hoops before the 7 p.m. kickoff at Scott Stadium.