



## SOMDEV DEVVARMAN

Class of 2008

The most accomplished player in ACC history, Somdev Devvarman capped his historic Cavalier career in 2008. A school record five-time All-American, Devvarman was also a two-time NCAA Singles Champion and a two-time ITA National Player of the Year.

As a senior in 2007-08, Devvarman dominated collegiate tennis. He posted a 44-1 singles record, won his second consecutive NCAA Singles title, was ranked No. 1 in the ITA Singles Rankings every week of the season and earned All-American honors in singles for the third time. In doubles, Devvarman and Treat Huey were ranked No. 1 in the ITA Doubles Rankings for the entire regular season and earned All-American honors for the second time. The ITA honored Devvarman as the National Player of the Year and the National Senior Player of the Year.

In 2006-07, Devvarman became the first player from the ACC to win the NCAA Singles Championship and ended the year ranked No. 1 in the ITA Rankings. He was named the ITA National Player of the Year while also winning the organization's Rafael Osuna Sportsmanship Award. Devvarman finished the year with a school record 44 singles wins and earned All-American honors for the second time in singles and for the first time in doubles as he teamed with Huey to reach the semifinals of the NCAA Tournament and ended the year ranked No. 2 by the ITA. In 2005-06 Devvarman earned

All-American status for the first time as he reached the final of the NCAA Singles Tournament, falling to UCLA's Benjamin Kohlloeffel.

Devvarman ended his career with a school record 158 singles wins. He also holds the NCAA record with 18 career wins in the NCAA Singles tournament.

Devvarman turned pro in June of 2008 and has had a meteoric rise up the world rankings. He began his career by winning his first four professional tournaments (two futures, one challenger, and one exhibition tournament). In 2009, he reached the final of the ATP Chennai Open, the second round of the US Open and helped India advance to the World Group of the Davis Cup. In 2010, he cracked the world top 100 for the first time in his career. In 2011 year, he reached a final of an ATP Tour event for the second time in his career at the SA Open in Johannesburg. He competed in all four grand slams that year and reached a career-high No. 62 world ranking.

He was the first Cavalier player to have his jersey retired with a ceremony on Jan. 23, 2009. He was the first Virginia player to be inducted into the ITA Collegiate Tennis Hall of Fame on May 19, 2019.



## BRIAN VAHALY

Class of 2001

Virginia's first All-American, Brian Vahaly was the dominant player in the ACC during his career as a Cavalier.

The first three-time singles All-American in school history, Vahaly capped his career in 2001 by reaching the NCAA Singles Tournament final, falling to Matias Boeker of Georgia. The ACC Player of the Year in 2000 and 2001, Vahaly is the only Cavalier to earn the honor twice. He is also the one of two Virginia players to participate in four NCAA Singles Tournaments.

Ranked as high as No. 2 in the ITA Singles Rankings in his career, Vahaly finished his time at Virginia with almost every school record, including 40 singles wins in a season and 125 singles wins in his career.

In doubles, Vahaly teamed with Huntley Montgomery to earn a No. 1 doubles ranking in 2001, Virginia's first ever No. 1 national ranking. The duo were the No. 1 seed in the 2001 NCAA Doubles Tournament and reached the semifinals. They ended the year ranked No. 1 nationally by the ITA.

Following his graduation, Vahaly had the most successful professional career of any Cavalier. He reached a high of a No. 64 world singles ranking in 2003, a time when he was the only player ranked in the top 100 of the ATP tour with a college degree. He played in all four grand slam tournaments, including reaching the second round of Wimbledon in 2003. That year, he also reached the semifinals of the Kroger St. Jude Tournament in Memphis (falling to Andy Roddick) and he defeated third ranked Juan Carlos Ferrero en route to the quarterfinals of his first Tennis Masters Series event, the Pacific Life Open in Indian Wells, Calif.

Off the court, Vahaly was active during his professional career. In 2003, he started the Brian Vahaly Brighter Future Foundation to support youth and collegiate tennis along with the St. Vincent de Paul Society. That year he was featured in People magazine's "25 Hottest Bachelors" issue.

He was the second Cavalier player to have his jersey retired with a ceremony on Jan. 21, 2011.