**Local Flavor**

Not only are plenty of area college homes competing in the NCAA tournaments, but a number of players from area high schools, many of whom left the area for college, will be playing this month, as well.

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**DIFFERENCE MAKER**

By John McDonnell — The Washington Post

One thing that has served the Hoyas well, as evidenced by their determination, is that they marched through the Big East tournament last week. And that kind of approach — coupled with the Hoyas’ defense — played a big role in their success.

Junior forward Patrick Brand scored 16 points and hit 2-of-3 three-pointers in the Hoyas’ 69-54 win over Old Dominion on Thursday night, which clinched the team’s second straight NCAA tournament appearance.

With more than 60 percent of the shots taken by the Hoyas, and Henry Harris scoring 15 of his 19 points in the first half, the Hoyas dominated the game. Harris had scored 13 points in two previous games against Old Dominion.

The Hoyas have scored 50 points in the first half of eight of their last 10 games.

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**Hoyas’ Early Growing Pains Yield to a Seasoned Maturity**

**By Andy Bynum**

The Hoyas have found a way to win games this season, and they are still growing.

But what had seemed like a promising season has now turned into a brutal one for the Hoyas, who have lost five of their last six games.

Freshman forward DaJuan Summers is averaging 15.7 points this season, but he is still growing.

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**Varsity Letter**

If you’ve ever wondered about what NCAA tournament-bound college basketball players think about being in the middle of the tournament, here is a look at what some players have to say.

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