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## Princeton grad shifts from cyber security to UR hoops

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The University of Richmond basketball program lost one 5-foot-8 difference-maker and may have brought in another. The new addition, Calvin Hunt, hasn't played hoops competitively since his middle-school days.

Kendall Anthony, a 5-8 guard, spent the last four years scoring 1,909 points, fourth on the Spiders' all-time list. Hunt, a 5-8 native of Winchester, spent the last two years trying to prevent cyber-attacks.

Hunt, who joined the Richmond staff over the summer, may discover fresh paths to Spiders' success on the screen of his laptop. Hunt will coordinate the Spiders' video operation, but his specialty is advanced statistics.

Traditional stats for numerous categories have been available to coaching staffs for decades. Hunt will take it several steps farther, supplying coach Chris Mooney and his assistants with data such as which Spiders' combination provides the best rebounding results and additional lineup efficiency analysis to go with insight on trends of individual players.

In previous years, "We've dabbled in it a little bit," said Mooney, who is in his 11th season at UR. "This is a much more sophisticated endeavor."

Increasingly, NCAA programs are following the lead of the NBA and other professional sports organizations, investing in advanced statistics. Davidson, an A-10 rival of UR, last year used statistical analysis by a math professor at the school to enhance its basketball operation.

"I think it tries to give you a clearer picture of your best lineups, how to solve your problems," said Mooney. "I think we're still in the process right now of trying to figure out what are the two, three, four things that really appeal to us and really seem to consistently dictate a better outcome."

Hunt, 24, graduated from Princeton in 2013 with a degree in operations research and financial engineering. He was unaffiliated with Princeton's basketball program and only vaguely aware that Mooney is also a Princeton grad. Hunt interned at the Cato Institute, a think tank at which he focused on states' fiscal policies.

He then joined Booz Allen, a consulting firm, where Hunt investigated cyber-security risks, among other things. Those familiar with Hunt's curious professional transition want to know what he was thinking.

"It's a great question and one I've gotten a lot, including from my bosses back at Booz Allen," said Hunt. "Really, it's just I love basketball."

Hunt eventually wants to coach, and sees his position at Richmond as a way to get his foot in the door. He had interest in getting a job in basketball after he graduated from Princeton. That did not work out as he had envisioned.

Of his cyber-security work, Hunt said, "I enjoyed it. I really did. I learned a lot from it, gained a lot of experience. But I always kind of had this desire to go back and find a job in basketball, whether it was coaching, analytics, whatever."

Hunt learned that Richmond had an opening for a video coordinator and contacted Mooney, who liked Hunt's portfolio and recognized his hiring as a way to greatly expand Richmond's approach to advanced stats.

"As much as I like cyber-security, I don't miss that world," said Hunt.