

Virginia Postgame Notes – Coastal Carolina (8/30/25)

Virginia Team Notes

- With the win, Virginia improved to 2-0 all-time against Coastal Carolina. The first meeting was played in Conway, S.C., in 2024, while Saturday marked the teams' first matchup at Scott Stadium.
- UVA improved to 87-40-9 (.673) all-time in season openers.
- The Cavaliers improved to 3-1 in both season openers and home openers under head coach Tony Elliott. Elliott is also 3-0 when opening the season at Scott Stadium.
- Virginia shut out Coastal Carolina in the first half, which marked the first time UVA held an opponent scoreless before halftime since Oct. 16, 2021 (vs. Duke).
- Virginia's 41-point margin of victory is its largest in a game since defeating Duke 48-0 on Oct. 16, 2021.
- The Cavaliers' 48 points are the most in a game under Elliott, surpassing UVA's previous best of 43 points in last year's win at Coastal Carolina. It's also the most points in a game since 2021 (49 at No. 25 BYU, Oct. 30).
- UVA's 21 points in the second quarter tied for eighth most all-time.
- The Cavaliers scored the first five touchdowns of the game, their longest stretch without surrendering a touchdown since Oct. 16, 2021, against Duke (48-0).
- Coastal Carolina was 1-for-14 on third down in the contest.

Virginia Individual Player Notes

- Chandler Morris started in his fourth consecutive season opener (2 at TCU, 1 at North Texas, 1 at UVA).
- Morris entered Saturday's contest as one of 15 FBS quarterbacks expected to open the season as his team's starting QB for the fourth consecutive year.
- Morris threw for 264 yards and two touchdowns on 17-of-24 passing. It marked the 14th time in his career he's thrown for more than 250 yards in a game.
- In his Cavalier debut, Cam Ross accounted for 224 all-purpose yards (124 receiving, 100 KOR), which included a 100-yard kickoff return for a touchdown.
- Ross' kickoff return TD matched that of the longest in school history and is the first kickoff return for a touchdown by a Cavalier since Joe Reed did so against Duke in 2019. The 100-yard return is one of five in program history with the last by Reed against William & Mary in 2019.
- Ross collected his fourth 100-yard receiving performance of his career. His four career 100-yard receiving performances lead all players on UVA's 2025 roster.
- J'Mari Taylor's rushed for a pair of touchdowns in the contest, his 24th and 25th running scores of his career. Dating back to his time at NC Central, he has now rushed for a touchdown in 12-straight games. He now has six multi-rushing-touchdown games in his career.
- Taylor is the first UVA running back to record multiple rushing TDs in a game since Mike Hollins had two against Miami on Oct. 28, 2023.
- Trell Harris hauled in a career-long 48-yard reception with a one-handed grab late in the second quarter that setup the Hoos' third TD of the period.
- Caleb Hardy blocked a punt in the second quarter; it marked the first time UVA has blocked a punt since 2019 (Noah Taylor, at Pitt).
- With 12 points, placekicker Will Bettridge (2-3 FG, 6-6 PAT) moved to No. 11 on UVA's all-time scoring list. He now has 208 points in 32 career games.
- Linebacker James Jackson nabbed his first career fumble recovery while CCU was in the red zone in the first quarter.
- Drake Metcalf started at right guard for UVA, his first start since the 2023 season while playing at UCF. Metcalf missed the entire 2024 season due to an Achilles injury.

- Harrison Waylee's 1-yard plunge to put UVA up 14-0 early in the second quarter was his 17th of his career and first as a Cavalier.
- Jahmal Edrine hauled in his first TD reception since Nov. 11, 2024 (vs. Northwestern), when he was at Purdue. The TD reception was also the ninth of his career.
- Wide receiver Eli Wood and linebacker Landon Danley made their first career starts. Danley led all UVA tacklers with seven.

Offensive Starters: QB #4 Chandler Morris, RB #3 J'Mari Taylor, WR #7 Jahmal Edrine, WR #6 Cam Ross, WR #82 Eli Wood, TE #0 Sage Ennis, LT #52 McKale Boley, LG #77 Noah Josey, C #76 Brady Wilson, RG #60 Drake Metcalf, RT #50 Wallace Unamba.

Defensive Starters: DE #14 Fisher Camac, NT #91 Jahmeer Carter, DT #91 Jason Hammond, DE #17 Mitchell Melton, LB #1 James Jackson, LB #32 Landon Danley, CB #9 Jordan Robinson, CB #19 Emmanuel Karnley, NB #10 Ja'Son Prevard, S #30 Ethan Minter, S #27 Devin Neal.

Game Captains: #41 Will Bettridge, #77 Noah Josey, #82 Eli Wood, #90 Jahmeer Carter