



## Virginia Postgame Notes – Duke ACC Championship Game (12/6/25)

### Virginia Team Notes

- Virginia made its second-ever appearance in the ACC Championship game and first since 2019.
- The Cavaliers have lost three games this season by a combined 18 points and fell to 4-3 in one-score games.
- UVA becomes the fifth FBS team ever to play in four overtime games in a season (2013 San Diego State, 2012 Louisiana-Monroe, 2008 Buffalo and 2004 Northwestern).
- Virginia is 3-1 in overtime games in 2025. The three wins are tied for the most of any team in a single season since overtime was instituted in 1996.
- The contest was the first ACC Championship game to go to overtime.
- Duke is UVA's first two-time opponent in the same season since 1906, when the Cavaliers defeated Richmond in both matchups.
- Virginia owns a 42-34 all-time record against Duke and the contest at Bank of America Stadium in Charlotte was the first neutral-site game in the series since 1951 (Richmond).
- Duke is the first team to score at least 21 points against UVA since Oct. 4, a 30-27 overtime win at Louisville. The stretch of six-straight opponents with 21 points or less was the longest streak from a UVA defense since 1996.
- The game was UVA's fifth all-time at Bank of America Stadium. UVA is now 3-2 all-time at the Carolina Panthers' home venue.
- Virginia dipped to 9-1 in this season when forcing a turnover.
- Corey Costner's interception in the first quarter marked the Cavaliers' 13<sup>th</sup> of the year, the most in a season since 2018.
- The Cavaliers now have 20 takeaways (13 interceptions, 7 fumble recoveries) on the year, their most in a season since 2018 (21).
- Virginia trailed by as many as 10 points [20-10] with as little as 3:55 to play and scored 10 points in a span of 3:32 to ultimately force overtime.
- UVA outscored Duke 10-3 in the fourth quarter. The Cavaliers have outscored their opponents 61-53 in fourth quarters this year and 85-72 when factoring in overtime.
- UVA surpassed 3,000 passing yards on the season for only the eighth time in program history. UVA now has 3,130 passing yards, its most since 2021.
- Virginia now has 2,392 yards rushing, which ranks ninth all-time in UVA single-season history. That's also the most since the 2004 Cavaliers set the program record with 2,914 rushing yards.
- UVA has scored 418 points this season, the third-most in program history. Only five UVA teams have scored 400 or more points in a season – 2019 (449), 1990 (442), 2025 (418), 2021 (415), 2002 (402).
- With 5,442 yards of total offense in 2025, the Cavaliers only trail the 2021 team for the most in a season (6,191) in program history.
- For the first time this season, UVA trailed at the end of the first quarter [7-0].
- The Cavaliers also trailed at the half for only the third time this season (also WSU & WFU).
- Virginia held Duke to 6-for-16 (37.5 percent) on third downs and came into the contest with the second-best third-down defense in the country (27%).
- Virginia capped a 10-play, 96-yard drive late in the fourth quarter with a touchdown reception by Eli Wood from Chandler Morris. The 96-yard drive was the third-longest in ACC Championship Game history.
- For the 12<sup>th</sup> game this season, the Cavaliers did not lose a fumble.

### **Virginia Individual Player Notes**

- With 65 yards rushing, tailback J'Mari Taylor became the 16<sup>th</sup> Cavalier in school history to rush for 1,000 yards in a season. He is UVA's first 1,000-yard rusher since Jordan Ellis (1,026) in 2018. Taylor now has 1,062 yards rushing.
- It also marks the second consecutive season in which Taylor has rushed for at least 1,000 yards, having done so at North Carolina Central last year, when he had 1,146 yards in only 11 games.
- Taylor is only 50 yards shy of 3,000 for his career.
- Taylor is the first ACC player with at least 1,000 rushing yards, 10 rushing TDs and 40 receptions in the same season since Giovanni Benard (North Carolina) in 2011. Taylor is one of five ACC players to accomplish the feat in the last 25 years.
- With a touchdown reception in the second quarter, Taylor became the first Cavalier with a passing, rushing and receiving touchdown in the same season since Olamide Zaccheaus in 2015.
- Receiver Cam Ross surpassed 500 yards receiving with 59 yards on five receptions. Ross is also one reception shy of the 200<sup>th</sup> of his career.
- Defensive tackle Jacob Holmes finished with 1.5 tackles for loss. He now has 20.5 TFLs for his career.
- Linebacker James Jackson tied for a team-high seven tackles, including a game-high five solo. He now has 250 total tackles for his career and 103 solo efforts.
- First-year Corey Costner recorded his second interception of the season, picking off Darian Mensah in the final minute of the first quarter. The turnover led to UVA's first touchdown of the game, an 11-yard reception by Taylor from Morris. Costner finished with season-high five tackles.
- Chandler Morris attempted 40 passes for the second time this season. The other game against NC State also resulted in a one-possession loss.
- Defensive end Daniel Rickert's strip sack in the fourth quarter upped his season total to a team-best 6.5. His 6.5 sacks are the most by a Cavalier since Chico Bennett Jr. had seven in 2022.
- Eli Wood had a career-high three receptions, including an 18-yard touchdown catch with 22 seconds remaining in regulation to tie the game, 20-20. He has three touchdowns this season, two receiving and one rushing.

**Offensive Starters:** QB #4 Chandler Morris, RB #3 J'Mari Taylor, WR #7 Jahmal Edrine, WR #11 Trell Harris, TE #0 Sage Ennis, WR #6 Cam Ross, LT #52 McKale Boley, LG #77 Noah Josey, C #76 Brady Wilson, RB #60 Drake Metcalf, RT #68 Jack Witmer.

**Defensive Starters:** DE #14 Fisher Camac, NT #90 Jahmeer Carter, DT #91 Jason Hammond, DE #17 Mitchell Melton, LB #1 James Jackson, LB #11 Maddox Marcellus, CB #19 Emmanuel Karnley, CB #9 Jordan Robinson, NB #10 Ja'son Prevard, S #30 Ethan Minter, S #27 Devin Neal.

**Game Captains:** #0 Sage Ennis, #1 James Jackson, #4 Chandler Morris, #90 Jahmeer Carter.