Virginia Postgame Notes – Florida State (9/26/25)

Virginia Team Notes

• Virginia knocked off a top-10 opponent at Scott Stadium for the first time since defeating then-No. 4 Florida State 26-21 in 2005.

• The win was the third over a ranked opponent under head coach Tony Elliott (No. 8 FSU–2025, No. 23 Pitt–2024, No. 10 UNC–2023).

• The FSU and UNC wins were also over top-10 foes, making Elliott one of two head coaches in program history with multiple top-10 wins (George Welsh – 4).

• The win also marked the second by an unranked FBS team over a top-10 team this season. The other was then-unranked FSU over then-No. 8 Alabama in week 1.

• UVA's last overtime game was against Miami in 2022. UVA snapped a three-game skid in overtime games, earning its first OT win since defeating Syracuse in triple overtime in 2015. UVA is 5-8 all-time in overtime games.

• Friday was Virginia's first win at home over a ranked opponent since defeating then-No. 15 North Carolina in 2020.

• The 46 points were the most by Virginia against Florida State in 20 all-time meetings. The previous high was 33 in the 1995 upset win over then-No. 2. FSU.

• The Cavaliers' 46 points are more than FSU's first three opponents combined (Alabama–17, East Texas A&M–3, Kent State–10).

• Virginia improves to 4-1 to start the year for the second-straight season. The last time UVA posted back-to-back 4-1 starts was in 2003-04.

• Announced attendance was 50,107, the largest crowd at Scott Stadium this season and the largest since 2023 against James Madison.

• Virginia held Florida State, the nation's top scoring offense, scoreless in the first quarter for the first time this season. It also marked the first time FSU hasn't scored on an opening drive this year.

• UVA is outscoring its opponents in the fourth quarter 26-9. FSU's game-tying touchdown with 36 seconds remaining was the first touchdown scored by a UVA opponent in the fourth quarter this season.

• The Cavaliers forced two turnovers (1 INT, 1 FUM) in the first quarter. The last time UVA forced two opposing turnovers was against Boston College in 2024, when current FSU quarterback Thomas Castellanos threw two interceptions in the fourth quarter while playing for BC.

• Virginia improves to 4-0 at Scott Stadium, matching the most home wins since sine 2021 (4-3).

• Friday's win was the first at home by the Cavaliers on a weekday since 2019 (Virginia Tech).

• UVA improves to 3-0 on the season when forcing a turnover.

• UVA had held its opponents scoreless for 42:26 before Florida State scored its first touchdown in the second quarter.

• Nine different Cavaliers caught a pass in the contest. Nine or more UVA receivers have caught a pass in all five games this season.

• For the first time since 2004, Virginia has rushed for over 200 yards in four consecutive games (Clemson–239, Syracuse–225, Akron–326, North Carolina–299, Temple–286).

Virginia Individual Player Notes

• For the second-straight game QB Chandler Morris matched his career-high of five touchdowns, including a career-high three rushing. Morris is the first UVA signal-caller to rush for three TDs in a game since Bryce Perkins also had three against Duke in 2019.

• Tallahassee native Sage Ennis caught his third touchdown of the season, his fifth reception of the year and 12th of his career to open the Cavalier scoring in the first quarter. Ennis has one TD reception in each of his last three games.

• Kevin Wigenton II started at right guard for UVA, his first start since the 2023 season finale while at Michigan State. Drake Metcalf slid over to center, his first start at center since playing for UCF in 2023.

• J'Mari Taylor scored his seventh rushing TD of the season on a 26-yard scamper with 48 seconds left in the first half. Taylor entered Friday's contest as one of 13 FBS players with at least six rushing TDs.

• Ja'Son Prevard finished with a career-high two interceptions, including one on the final play of the game in double overtime. Prevard is the first Cavalier to record two INTs in a game since Brenton Nelson against Duke in 2020.

• Devin Neal finished with a game-high 12 tackles, also his career high.

• Mitchell Melton and Anthony Britton were credited with forced fumbles in the first half.

• Will Bettridge (1-1 FG, 5-5 PAT) gained sole possession of No. 5 on UVA's all-time scoring list and now has 248 career points. Bettridge entered the game tied for fifth with former UVA running back Thomas Jones.

• Taylor finished with 27 carries for 99 yards and one touchdown. His 27 carries are a career high, and Taylor is the first UVA running back to rush for over 25 carries since Jordan Ellis vs. South Carolina in 2018.

• Dakota Twitty finished with a career-high five receptions for 29 yards.

• Anthony Britton recorded his first career forced fumble, which was recovered by Fisher Camac, on FSU's second drive of the game.

• Mitchell Melton finished with a career-high 7 tackles, including one for loss, and one forced fumble

• Kam Robinson finished with 10 tackles, including one sack, which marks his fourth career double-digit tackle performance. The last time Robinson had at least 10 tackles was against Duke in 2023, when he had 11.

Offensive Starters: QB #4 Chandler Morris, RB #3 J'Mari Taylor, WR #6 Cam Ross, WR #7 Jahmal Edrine, WR #11 Trell Harris, TE #0 Sage Ennis, LT #52 McKale Boley, LG #77 Noah Josey, C #60 Drake Metcalf, RG #78 Kevin Wigenton II, 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 #5 Kam Robinson, CB #19 Emmanuel Karnley, CB #28 Donavon Platt, NB #10 Ja'Son Prevard, S #30 Ethan Minter, S #27 Devin Neal.

Game Captains: #0 Antonio Clary, #0 Sage Ennis, #7 Jahmal Edrine, #17 Mitchell Melton,