

Virginia Postgame Notes – JMU (9/9/23)

Virginia Team Notes

- Announced attendance at Scott Stadium was 56,508, the largest crowd for a home opener since 2015 against Notre Dame (58,200).
- UVA scored on touchdowns of 63 and 75 yards in the contest. The last time UVA had two touchdowns of 60 or more yards in a game was on Nov. 21, 2020 against Abilene Christian. Lavel Davis Jr. (90-yard TD reception) and D'Sean Perry (84-yard interception return) scored the two touchdowns vs. ACU.
- Saturday marked the 500th game at Scott Stadium. UVA is 283-205-12 all-time at the facility. The first game of at Scott Stadium was on Oct. 15, 1931.
- JMU snapped UVA's five-game win streak in home openers. UVA drops to 60-26-5 and loses its first home opener since 2016 (Richmond).
- The UVA loss is only the third at home in the month of September since the start of the 2017 season.
- Virginia and James Madison squared off for the first time since 1983. UVA is 2-2 all-time against the Dukes.
- The game endured a one hour, 10-minute weather delay at the 12:06 mark of the fourth quarter.

Player Notes

- In his first collegiate start, quarterback Anthony Colandrea was 20-for-26 with 377 yards and two touchdowns, all single-game UVA freshman records. The two touchdown passes matched the school mark held by Jameel Sewell (2006) and Scott Gardner who did it twice in 1972.
- Colandrea's 75-yard touchdown pass to Kobe Pace on the first play of the second half was the longest ever by a UVA freshman quarterback (Previous: Todd Kirtley, 73-yard TD pass vs. NC State in 1978). The 75-yard completion was the longest by the Cavaliers since Brennan Armstrong's 70-yard pass to Dontayvion Wicks at BYU in 2021. The pass also eclipsed UVA's single-game passing record by a freshman (previous: 243 by Jameel Sewell vs. Maryland in 2006).
- Running back Mike Hollins rushed for two touchdowns in the contest, matching a career-best previously set against William & Mary in 2019. He scored on a four-yard rush with 1:02 remaining in the first half and again with 16 seconds left in the third quarter to put UVA up by two scores. It was his first touchdown since scoring against ODU (9/17) last season. He finished the game with 28 yards rushing on 12 carries.
- Perris Jones caught two passes for a career-high 68 yards. His 68-yard reception in the third quarter helped setup UVA's fourth touchdown of the day.
- Running back Kobe Pace scored twice in the contest, first on a 75-yard touchdown reception and again on a three-yard rush with 10:29 left in the third quarter.
- In his 42nd career game, Malik Washington recorded his first 100-yard receiving effort. He caught five passes for 119 yards, the first UVA 100-yard receiver since Keytoan Thompson vs. ODU last season.
- Punter Daniel Sparks punted six times for a total of 281 yards including two punts over 50 yards. His 69-yard punt in the fourth quarter was his seventh punt of 60 or more yards in his career. He has a 60-yard punt in three consecutive games dating back to last season.
- Jonas Sanker led UVA with a career-high 12 tackles and combined for a tackle for loss.