

Virginia Postgame Notes – William & Mary (10/7/23)

Virginia Team Notes

- Virginia rushed for a season-high 221 yards, the most in a game this season and the most since rushing for 229 against ODU last season.
- The 27 points scored by Virginia were the most surrendered by W&M this season. The Tribe came into the contest ranked No. 2 in FCS in scoring defense (10.6 ppg).
- UVA held William & Mary without a point for the final 42 minutes of the game. It was the first second-half shutout since Virginia held Georgia Tech scoreless in the second half last season.
- The victory snapped UVA's eight-game winless streak and is the first win since defeating Georgia Tech on the road on Oct. 20, 2022.
- Virginia has won six-straight games and 12 of the last 13 meetings against William & Mary. Virginia is 32-6-1 all-time against W&M in a series that was first played in 1908.
- UVA held William & Mary to 72 yards passing, the lowest UVA opponent total since limiting the Tribe to 89 yards passing in the 2021 meeting.

Player Notes

- Quarterback Tony Muskett was 17-for-26 with 232 yards passing and three total touchdowns (2 pass, 1 rush). The rushing score was his first as a Cavalier. It was his sixth career rushing TD and first since Oct. 1, 2022 against Lehigh.
- The 200-yard passing performance by Muskett was his second in as many weeks and the 19th of his career.
- Running back Perris Jones ran for a career-high 134 yards on 12 carries (11.2 ypc). It was the first 100-yard rushing effort by a Cavalier since both Jones and Brennan Armstrong went over the 100-yard mark in the season opener against Richmond last season. His 43-yard rush in fourth quarter was a career long.
- Wide receiver Malik Washington recorded his fourth 100-yard receiving effort in his last six games. His 27-yard touchdown reception in the fourth quarter put him over 100 yards for the day and 2,000 yards for his career (1,348 at Northwestern). He has four touchdowns in his last three games five for the season.
- Washington extended his consecutive games with a reception streak to 31 games with a 17-yard reception in the second quarter.
- Washington, who came into the contest as the ACC's leading receiver, now has 44 receptions for 668 yards and four touchdowns in six games as a Cavalier.
- Malachi Fields scored the go-ahead touchdown with :07 seconds remaining in the first half, his third career receiving touchdown. It marked the second-straight week Muskett and Fields have connected for a score in the final 10 seconds of the first half.
- Will Bettridge has made seven-straight field goals and was successful from 45 and 37 in the contest. The 45-yarder in the first quarter was the second longest of his career. He is 6-for-7 in attempts from between 40 and 50 yards in his career.
- Freshman Kam Robinson led the Cavaliers with a season-high 12 tackles. It marks his second-double-digit tackle effort of the season. The 12 stops are the most by a UVA true freshman linebacker since Ahmad Brooks (12 tackles) in the 2003 Continental Tire Bowl against Pitt.