

## Virginia vs. Syracuse – Sept. 23, 2022 – Postgame Notes

### Team Notes

- UVA is 65-59-1 in night games and holds 25-36 mark in road night games.
- UVA has dropped back-to-back ACC openers and fall to 28-41 all-time in ACC opening games.
- The all-time series between UVA and Syracuse is even at 3-3. UVA is 1-2 against the Orange on the road.
- Virginia forced four turnovers (3 fumbles, 1 interception) in the contest for the second time this season (Illinois). The four Syracuse turnovers were the first four of the season.
- The Cavaliers were 3-for-3 with three touchdowns in the red zone. The Virginia defense held Syracuse to four field goals on its five trips inside the 20. The five field goals against UVA were the most since 2009 against Duke.
- The Cavaliers recorded six sacks in the contest, the most in a game since the 2019 regular season finale against Virginia Tech.
- Virginia scored all 20 of its points in the second half, the most in the second half this season and the most since scoring 24 against Georgia Tech last season.

### Player Notes

- Senior **Chico Bennett Jr.** four tackles, two sacks and recovered a fumble in the contest. He has a sack in three consecutive games and leads the team with four on the year.
- Sophomore **Jonas Sanker** co-lead the Cavaliers with a career-high 10 tackles. He also added a fumble recovery and his first career interception.
- in his 27<sup>th</sup> consecutive start **Nick Jackson** was credited with 10 tackles (6 solo). It marked the 16th time in his career he's recorded a double-digit tackling effort. Jackson also added a sack, his second of the season and he now has 7.5 in his career.
- **Paul Akere** (1<sup>st</sup> of the season, 1<sup>st</sup> as a Cavalier, 7<sup>th</sup> of his career), **Aaron Faumui** (3<sup>rd</sup> of season, 3.5 career) and **Ben Smiley** (1<sup>st</sup> of season and first his career) were each credited with sacks in the contest
- **Keytaon Thompson** led the Cavaliers with 55 yards receiving on nine catches. He has now caught a pass in 18-straight games, the longest active streak on the team. Of his 55 yards, 32 of them came after the catch.
- Thompson also carried the ball twice for 10 yards and scored Virginia's first touchdown of the night from one yard out. The rushing touchdown was his 18<sup>th</sup> of his career, eight have come in a UVA uniform.
- Running back **Perris Jones** ran for 87 yards and a touchdown, his second rushing score of the season. He had a career-long run of 28 yards in the fourth quarter that setup a first and goal from the six-yard line.
- **Kam Butler** forced his second fumble of the season, stripping Sean Tucker in the first quarter. He has two forced fumbles this season and five in his career. He is one of four ACC players with two forced fumbles in 2022.
- True freshman kicker **Will Bettridge** made his collegiate debut, converting the extra point try on UVA's first touchdown.
- **Brennan Armstrong's** four-yard passing touchdown to **Lavel Davis Jr.** in the fourth quarter put UVA up 20-19 with 5:51 remaining. The touchdown pass was his 54<sup>th</sup> of his career, three shy of breaking Matt Schaub's program benchmark. The touchdown reception was Davis Jr.'s second of the season and eighth of his career.