

Virginia Postgame Notes – Notre Dame (11/16/24)

Virginia Team Notes

- Virginia fell to 0-5 in the all-time series with Notre Dame, including 0-2 at Notre Dame Stadium.
- UVA is 2-5 against ranked opponents under head coach Tony Elliott.
- UVA is 3-2 on the road this season. The three road wins are the most by Virginia since 2011.
- Virginia is 3-3 this season when trailing at the half.
- The Cavaliers finished Saturday's game with five turnovers, all of which occurred in the first half. The last time UVA committed five turnovers in a single game was against Notre Dame in 2019.
- Virginia finished its non-conference slate 2-2.
- Notre Dame extended its win streak to eight games. The Fighting Irish came into the game with the sixth-longest win streak in FBS.
- Up next, the Cavaliers host No. 14 SMU (9-1, 6-0) for Senior Day. The Mustangs defeated Boston College, 38-28.
- UVA will face its third ranked opponent next week, a first since 2021 and for only the sixth time in program history (1949, 1996, 2002, 2005, 2019, 2021, 2024).
- Virginia held Notre Dame to only one third-down conversion on 12 attempts. The last time the Irish only converted one third down was against New Mexico on Sept. 14, 2019.
- Notre Dame's average distance to-go on third downs was 10.5 yards.

Virginia Individual Player Notes

- With a 27-yard catch in the first quarter, Malachi Fields tallied his 25th consecutive game with at least one reception. The last time Fields did not haul in a reception was in the Cavaliers' 2021 matchup against Notre Dame.
- With four catches for 81 yards, Fields moved into ninth place on UVA's career receiving yards list (1,787) and now has 123 career receptions, tied with Terrell Jana (2017-20) for the 13th most in program history.
- Jonas Sanker finished with a career-high 13 tackles including eight solo efforts and two tackles for loss. It was his fourth double-digit tackle effort of the season and 11th of his career. Sanker matched his career high of two tackles for-loss, which he also achieved in last week's road win over Pitt (11/9).
- Sanker also recovered a muffed punt in the second quarter. It marked his fifth career fumble recovery and second of the season. He has had a hand in an opponent turnover in back-to-back weeks with an interception at Pitt (11/9) last week and a fumble recovery on Saturday at Notre Dame.
- In his collegiate debut, true freshman cornerback Kevon Gray recovered a fumble amid a UVA punt return.
- Trey McDonald intercepted Notre Dame quarterback Riley Leonard in the third quarter, it was the first interception of McDonald's career. The interception was Leonard's fourth of the season and first in the last three games. McDonald is the eighth different Cavalier to record an interception this season.
- Muskett's pair of rushing touchdowns tied his career high, which he achieved at Monmouth in 2021 against North Carolina A&T. His pair of rushing TDs is also his UVA career high. Muskett is the third Virginia quarterback with a rushing touchdown this season.
- Kempton Shine made his 35th consecutive career start dating back to his tenure at Eastern Michigan. Entering Saturday's contest against the Panthers, Shine was one of only seven FBS defensive backs with at least 30 consecutive starts.
- With two made PATs, Will Bettridge moved into a tie for 14th with Terry Kirby (1989-92) on UVA's career scoring list with 192 points. In 29 career games, Bettridge has made 42 field goals and 66 PATs.

Offensive Starters: QB #10 Anthony Colandrea, RB #5 Kobe Pace, WR #2 Andre Greene Jr., WR #4 Chris Tyree, WR #8 Malachi Fields, TE #16 Tyler Neville, LT #52 McKale Boley, LG #77 Noah Josey, C #55 Brian Stevens, RG #71 Ugonna Nnanna, RT #54 Blake Steen

Defensive Starters: DE #15 Chico Bennett Jr., DT #90 Jahmeer Carter, DT #55 Anthony Britton, DE #82 Kam Butler, LB #5 Kam Robinson, LB #7 James Jackson, CB #9 Jam Jackson, CB #29 Kempton Shine, CB #4 Kendren Smith, S #3 Corey Thomas Jr., S #20 Jonas Sanker

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