

## Virginia Postgame Notes – Virginia Tech (11/30/24)

### Virginia Team Notes

- Virginia Tech improved to 62-38-5 in the all-time series against Virginia, first played in 1895. The Hokies extended their home win streak in the series to 12 games.
- Virginia dropped to 0-4 (2006, 2008, 2014, 2024) in games against Virginia Tech in which the game determined bowl eligibility for the Cavaliers.
- Virginia finished 3-3 on the road this season. The three road wins are the most since 2011.
- The Cavaliers fell to 3-2 in night games this season.
- Eight different Cavaliers recorded a reception in the contest.
- Virginia Tech opened the game with an 11-play, 90-yard scoring drive that ended with a touchdown, tied for the longest by an opponent this season - Coastal Carolina (8-for-90), Clemson (11-for-90).

### Virginia Individual Player Notes

- Quarterback Tony Muskett made his first start under center this season and first since Nov. 4 against Georgia Tech (game eight). For the second straight game in which he appeared, Muskett matched a career-best with two rushing touchdowns and was 19-for-36 with 178 yards passing.
- Muskett is the third UVA quarterback in the last five meetings with two rushing touchdowns against Virginia Tech, joining Brennan Armstrong (2 in 2021) and Bryce Perkins (2 in 2019).
- Malachi Fields caught two passes for 20 yards and extended his streak with at least one reception to 27 consecutive games.
- Fields now has 129 career receptions, which is tied for 10<sup>th</sup> on UVA's all-time list with Perry Jones (2009-12) and Joe Reed (2016-19). Fields' 1,849 career receiving yards are the ninth most in UVA history.
- Suderian Harrison led the Cavaliers with career-highs in receptions (5) and receiving yards (54). He came into the contest with six catches for 45 yards.
- Jonas Sanker co-led the team in tackles with nine (five solo). It marked the fourth time he's led or co-led the team in tackles and the seventh time he's recorded eight or more tackles in a game this season. He finished the year with a team-high, 98 tackles (65 solo).
- Kempton Shine made his 37<sup>th</sup> consecutive starts dating back to his tenure at Eastern Michigan, the sixth most amongst active FBS secondary players.
- Will Bettridge moved into sole possession of 13<sup>th</sup> on UVA's career scoring list with a 37-yard field goal in the second quarter. Bettridge has 196 career points with 67 PATs and 42 field goals made.
- Noah Vaughn made his first career start at running back.
- Trell Harris started at wide receiver and made his first appearance since Sept 14 (vs. Maryland). Harris missed eight consecutive games due to injury.

**Offensive Starters:** QB #7 Tony Muskett, #28 RB Noah Vaughn, WR #8 Malachi Fields, WR #11 Trell Harris, TE #44 Sackett Wood, TE #16 Tyler Neville, LT #52 McKale Boley, LG #77 Noah Josey, C #55 Brian Stevens, RG #51 Ty Furnish, RT #54 Blake Steen.

**Defensive Starters:** DE #82 Kam Butler, NT #55 Anthony Britton, DT #90 Jahmeer Carter, DE #15 Chico Bennett Jr., LB #5 Kam Robinson, LB #8 Trey McDonald, CB #29 Kempton Shine, CB #9 Jam Jackson, NB #4 Kendren Smith, S #20 Jonas Sanker, S #3 Corey Thomas Jr.

**Game Captains:** #15 Chico Bennett, #41 Will Bettridge, #1 Suderian Harrison, #7 Tony Muskett