



Virginia Postgame Notes – NC State (8/29/26)

Virginia Team Notes

- The official attendance for Saturday's season opener was 62,779, the eighth-largest crowd in UVA history and largest since the 2008 season opener against USC.
- The victory was No. 700 for the program. UVA became the 39th FBS team to reach 700 all-time wins.
- The Cavaliers snapped a four-game skid in the series with NC State. The win marked the Cavaliers' first victory over the Wolfpack since 2012 and first at Scott Stadium since 2005.
- UVA is 4-1 in season openers under head coach Tony Elliott and 3-0 in the month of August.
- The Cavaliers finished with 258 total rushing yards, which marked the fifth game of at least 250 rushing yards under Elliott, including second time against NC State (2024).
- Virginia's 23-play, 75-yard drive over the span of 12:15 in the fourth quarter set a pair of school records: the longest scoring drive by number of plays and longest scoring drive by time elapsed. The drive included four fourth-down conversions.
- The Cavalier defense held NC State to just 168 yards of total offense (76 rush, 89 pass). The 168 yards are the fewest by a Cavalier opponent since limiting VMI to 78 yards in 2018.
- NC State's offense averaged four plays and 16 yards per drive.
- The 89 yards passing by NC State Quarterback C.J. Bailey was his lowest output in 23 collegiate starts and the first time he was held under 100 yards passing.
- NC State did not score on its first eight possessions, including four three-and-outs.
- The Wolfpack's touchdown in the third quarter was the first against a UVA defense since the first drive of the Gator Bowl, a total of 96:57.
- Dating back to 2025, Virginia improved to 10-1 when forcing a turnover.

Virginia Individual Player Notes

- Quarterback Beau Pribula rushed for a career-high 110 yards, including a long of 22. He averaged 7.3 yards per carry. His previous best was 78 yards at Arkansas last year, also his final game as a Missouri Tiger.
- The last UVA quarterback to rush for 100 yards was Brennan Armstrong in UVA's 2022 season opener against Richmond, when Armstrong had 105.
- Xavier Brown recorded his fourth career rushing touchdown and first since a 4-yard score against William & Mary last season. Three of his four career rushing scores have come against ACC foes.
- The last two occasions a UVA player has rushed a touchdown and caught a touchdown in the same game have been by Xavier Brown (NC State–2026 & Pitt–2024).
- D'Shawn Martin tallied his fifth career touchdown on a 47-yard reception from Beau Pribula on UVA's first drive of the second half.
- Xay Davis recorded his first career touchdown. It capped UVA's 23-play, 75-yard drive in the fourth quarter.

- Brandyn Hillman intercepted the second pass of his career on a tipped ball at the line by Fisher Camac in the first quarter.
- Hillman forced a fumble on the UVA 7-yard line that was recovered by Landon Danley, his first fumble recovery of his career.
- Myles Brown finished with a team-high eight total tackles, all of which were assisted.
- Will Bettridge opened the scoring by matching a career long 47-yard field goal. He has 324 career points and is now eight points behind UVA's all-time leader, Connor Hughes (2002-05)
- Daniel Sparks final punt of the game traveled 63 yards, his 16th career punt of 60 or more yards, the most in UVA history.

Offensive Starters: QB #7 Beau Pribula, RB #21 Jekail Middlebrook, #4 WR Jacquon Gibson, WR #5, Kameron Courtney, TE #9 Dakota Twitty, LT #52 McKale Boley, LG #77 Noah Josey, C #60 Drake Metcalf, RG #54 Makilan Thomas, RT #71 Monroe Mills.

Defensive Starters: DE #14 Fisher Camac, #16 DE Matthew-Fobbs-White, DT #55 Anthony Britton, LB #11 Maddox Marcellus, LB #32 Landon Danley, CB #10 Jacobie Henderson, CB #20 Amillio Agard, SPUR #2 Donavon Platt, S #6 Brandyn Hillman, S #30 Ethan Minter.

Game Captains: #7 Beau Pribula, #11 Marcellus Maddox, #71 Monroe Mills, #91 Jason Hammond