Virginia Postgame Notes – Cal (11/14/26)

Virginia Team Notes

• The Cavaliers, who won 36-7 over Cal, recorded their largest margin of victory in an ACC game under head coach Tony Elliott. Their previous best was last year's 48-20 rout of Stanford – also at Scott Stadium. UVA also has ACC wins of at least 20 points over NC State [34-8] earlier this season and Virginia Tech [27-7] in last year's regular-season finale.

• Under Elliott (since 2022), Virginia improved to 8-0 in games immediately following a bye.

• The Cavaliers, who improved 5-1 at home this season, have now won 11 of their last 13 games contested at Scott Stadium, dating back to the 2025 season opener.

• UVA recorded two pick-sixes for the first time in a game since 2003 against Western Michigan.

• For the second time this season, UVA recorded three interceptions (Norfolk State, 9/11). The Cavaliers' three interceptions are their most in an ACC game since recording three against Boston College in 2020.

• Virginia has three interception returns for touchdowns this season which ties a single-season record (2014 & 1994).

• UVA set a single-game program record with 133 interception-return yards. The previous record stood for 65 seasons, which was 128 yards against Maryland in 1961.

• A total of 11 Cavaliers caught a pass in the contest, the fifth time this season UVA has featured 10 or more pass catchers (12 vs. Norfolk State, 10 vs. West Virginia, 12 vs. Delaware, 12 vs. Wake Forest, 11 vs. Cal).

• After four sacks against Cal, UVA has recorded at least one sack in each of its 10 games played this season.

• With two games remaining against North Carolina (11/21) and Virginia Tech (11/28), UVA is one win away from becoming bowl-eligible for the second consecutive season.

• UVA snapped a three-game losing skid, their first since 2024.

• The Cavaliers earned their second straight win of the series over Cal, having defeated the Golden Bears in the inaugural matchup in Berkeley on Nov. 1, 2025.

• Virginia recorded its third consecutive win against teams from the state of California. In inaugural matchups last season, UVA defeated both Stanford [48-20] and Cal [31-21].

• Virginia has now won at least five games at home in back-to-back seasons for the first time since 2019 (7) and 2020 (5). The Cavaliers were 6-1 at Scott Stadium in 2025.

• UVA tallied its 298th win at Scott Stadium, which opened in 1931.

• UVA has now won 10 of its last 15 ACC games dating back to last season. Only Miami (13) and SMU (11) have more ACC wins in that same span.

• Virginia's defense has not allowed more than two touchdowns from scrimmage in regulation in 11 of its last 15 games (dating back to 2025 Washington State game).

• UVA held Cal to its season low in total yards (201) and for the fourth time this season held an opponent to single-digit points.
• Virginia was 3-for-3 on fourth down conversions in the contest, upping its season total to 22 successful tries on the year. The Cavaliers entered Saturday with the fourth-most down conversions in the country.
• UVA capped a 13-play, 80-yard opening drive with a touchdown reception (Pribula to Martin), which marked the fifth opening drive score for the Cavaliers this season. Virginia improved to 4-1 this season when scoring a touchdown on its first drive.
• Following UVA's opening touchdown drive, Cal blocked UVA's PAT attempt, which marked the first blocked PAT by a UVA opponent in 53 games (Syracuse, 2022).
• Virginia cashed in on all four red zone trips with two field goals and two touchdowns. It marked the second time three games UVA scored in each of its red zone visits (4-for-4 vs. Duke).

Virginia Individual Player Notes
• Safety Brandyn Hillman's 100-yard interception return in the second quarter is the longest in school history. The previous record was 95 yards, held by Ted Rzempoluch (Maryland, 1961) and Antwan Harris (UNC, 1996). It's also the longest scoring play from scrimmage in school history.
• Hillman's 100-yard interception return ties the NCAA record for the longest return in college football history. It is the 131st time an FBS player has returned an interception for 100 yards since 1941 and second time this season (Jordan McRae, Louisiana Tech).
• With four seconds left in the third quarter, linebacker Kam Robinson notched his fourth career interception return for a touchdown, which tied UVA's career record, also held by Randy Neal (1991-94).
• Robinson also finished with a game-high 12 tackles, one shy of his career high.
• Defensive ends Nnanna Anyanwu, Fisher Camac, Matthew Fobbs-White and Cazeem Moore were each credited with at least 0.5 sacks. Moore was credited with a solo sack on third down of the Bears' first drive of the fourth quarter, his first sack of the season.
• In the fourth quarter, safety Montino Williams recorded his first career interception. It was also UVA's third interception of the game.
• Rowe made his first career start. He finished with four tackles, including 0.5 for loss
• Receiver Da'Shawn Martin hauled in his team-leading seventh touchdown reception of the season, a 12-yard completion from Beau Pribula on the game's opening drive. Martin finished with four catches for 59 yards. His seven touchdowns are the most by UVA receiver since Malik Washington caught nine in 2023.
• Pribula's toss to Martin was the 35th of his career through the air.
• Pribula's 43-yard run in the third quarter is his longest as a Cavalier.
• Pribula now has 14 touchdown passes this season, including five of 40 yards or more, and 34 total touchdown passes for his career.
• Tailback Xay Davis notched his third career touchdown with a 1-yard rush in the fourth quarter.
• In his 25th career game, Ben York made his first career start at left guard.

• Placekicker Will Bettridge had made 137 consecutive PATs before UVA's blocked PAT on the opening score.

Offensive Starters: QB #7 Beau Pribula, RB #0 Xavier Brown, WR #18 Da'Shawn Martin, WR #5 Kam Courtney, TE #9 Dakota Twitty, TE #89 John Rogers, LT #52 McKale Boley, LG #72 Ben York, C #77 Noah Josey, RG #54 Makilan Thomas, RT #71 Monroe Mills.

Defensive Starters: DE #14 Fisher Camac, DE #16 Matthew Fobbs-White, DT #44 Darrion Henry-Young, DT #55 Anthony Britton, LB #5 Kam Robinson, LB #45 Justin Rowe, CB #10 Jacobie Henderson, CB #17 Justin Ross, SPUR #2 Donavon Platt, S #1 Montino Williams, S #30 Ethan Minter.

Game Captains: TE #9 Dakota Twitty, P #38 Daniel Sparks, OL #77 Noah Josey.