Virginia Postgame Notes – North Carolina (11/21/26)

Virginia Team Notes

• With the win, UVA is now bowl-eligible for the second straight season, also the first time since 2018 and 2019 that the Cavaliers have clinched a bowl spot in consecutive years.

• The Cavaliers improved to 61-66-4 in the all-time series with North Carolina, also known as the "South's Oldest Rivalry." UVA's 61 wins are its most over any opponent in program history.

• The 131 all-time meetings between UVA and UNC are tied for second-most in FBS history.

• Virginia finished the season 6-1 at Scott Stadium and secured the second straight season with six or more home wins. UVA had not won six or more home games in consecutive seasons since 1894 (6-0) and 1895 (7-0).

• UVA earned its 17th overall win since 2025, its most combined wins in consecutive years since 2018-19 (17 wins). UVA has won a combined 17 games in back-to-back seasons six times in the program's 137-year history: 2018-19 (17) 2002-03 (17), 1994-95 (18), 1989-90 (18), 1988-89 (17), 1894-95 (17).

• UVA has now won 11 of its last 16 ACC games dating back to last season. Entering Saturday's game, only Miami (13) and SMU (11) have more ACC wins in that same span.

• Head coach Tony Elliott improved to 3-2 against North Carolina and 2-0 all-time against UNC head coach Bill Belichick.

• The Cavaliers also earned their seventh win in the last 10 games in the series with the Tar Heels and first over at Scott Stadium since 2020.

• UVA defeated North Carolina in back-to-back games for the first time since 2019 and 2020.

• Virginia gained a 28-27 edge over UNC in games contested in Charlottesville all-time, and tied the series at Scott Stadium, 24-24.

• UVA tallied its 299th win at Scott Stadium, which opened in 1931.

• UVA has recorded one sack in all 11 games played this season. It is the first time since 2015 UVA has recorded a sack in each of the first 11 games of the year.

• Over the last two games, wins over Cal (36-7) and North Carolina (41-24), the Cavaliers posted a combined 46-point margin of victory, the largest in a two-game ACC winning streak under Elliott.

• The Cavaliers, who improved 6-1 at home this season, have now won 12 of their last 14 games contested at Scott Stadium, dating back to the 2025 season opener.

• In its six wins this season, UVA is limiting its opponents to only 11.7 points per game.

• Virginia has cashed in on its last seven red-zone trips with four touchdowns and three field goals. It marked the third time this year that UVA has scored on all of its red-zone trips (UNC, Cal and Duke).

• For the first time this season, Carolina's offense was kept out of the end zone on either of its first two drives. UVA forced a three-and-out and intercepted a UNC pass on the Tar Heels' first two drives, respectively.

• The 75-yard touchdown from Beau Pribula to Jekail Middlebrook in the second quarter was the longest offensive play of the season and the longest pass completion of Pribula's career. It was the

longest pass play by UVA since 2025 against Stanford (Chandler Morris to Trell Harris) and the longest reception by a UVA running back since Kobe Pace against JMU in 2023.
• UVA improved to 5-1 this season when winning the turnover battle.
• UVA honored 48 players in a pregame ceremony for Senior Day.

Virginia Individual Player Notes
• Running back Jekail Middlebrook finished with career highs in both receiving yards (140) and all-purpose yards (161). Middlebrook caught a 75-yard pass from Pribula in the second quarter to give UVA a 17-7 lead.
• The 140 receiving yards are the most by any running back in an FBS game this season. It was the most receiving yards by a UVA tailback since Mikell Simpson who had 152 against Maryland in 2007.
• Da'Shawn Martin caught his eighth touchdown of the season and is now one of 14 Virginia receivers to ever catch eight touchdowns or more in a season. He finished with four receptions and 47 yards.
• Beau Pribula was 19-for-24 and threw for a season-high 297 yards. He also matched his career best with four touchdown passes.
• Pribula's 19 touchdown passes this season ties him with Matt Blundin (1991) and Symmion Willis (1993) for 12th most in a season by a UVA quarterback.
• Pribula had six completions of 20 or more yards in the contest, bringing his season total up to 28. Of his 18 touchdown passes this season, 10 have been for 20 yards or more.
• For the second consecutive game, linebacker Kam Robinson recorded an interception, his third of the season. His three interceptions are career high. Robinson now has eight interceptions for his career.
• Defensive tackle Anthony Britton blocked a UNC field-goal attempt with 4:44 remaining in the second quarter. It was the first field goal block by a UVA player since Jonas Sanker blocked one at then-No. 23 Pitt in 2024.
• Will Bettridge, UVA's all-time leading scorer, came into the game as the FBS active leader in field goals made. In the second quarter, he notched his 80th career field goal.
• Running back Xavier Brown recorded his 10th career touchdown at the end of the third quarter. It was his second touchdown reception of the season and the fifth of his career.
• Running back Solomon Beebe notched his first touchdown as a Cavalier on a 32-yard rush in the fourth quarter.
• Tight end Dakota Twitty caught a 1-yard pass from Pribula with 11:26 left in the fourth quarter. It was Twitty's second career TD. His first was at then-No. 10 Clemson in 2024.

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, LB #11 Maddox Marcellus, P #38 Daniel Sparks, OL #77 Noah Josey.