Virginia Postgame Notes – Virginia Tech (11/28/26)

Virginia Team Notes

• Riding a three-game ACC win streak, Virginia has defeated its last three opponents by an average of 23.3 points per game.

• With the win, the Cavaliers are assured of a winning record in consecutive seasons for the first time since 2018 and 2019.

• Saturday marked UVA's 18th overall win since 2025, the most combined wins in consecutive years since 1994-95 (18 wins). UVA has combined 18 wins in back-to-back seasons only twice in the program's 137-year history, 1994-95 (18) and 1989-90 (18).

• The Cavaliers also tallied their fifth ACC win for the second straight year, a first since 1999-2000. The Wahoos have 12 combined ACC victories since 2025, their most combined league wins in a two-year span since 1998-99, when they also posted a dozen wins.

• The Cavaliers earned their first Commonwealth Cup victory in Blacksburg since Nov. 28, 1998 – exactly 28 years ago – snapping a 12-game losing streak in such games.

• It's only the sixth time since 1953 that UVA has recorded consecutive wins in the series against Tech (2025-26; 1997-98; 1991-92; 1988-89; 1987-88; 1978-79).

• Saturday's win marked the Cavaliers' 40th of the series with Virginia Tech, improving to 40-62-5.

• The 24-point win was the largest margin of victory for UVA in Blacksburg ever.

• Tony Elliott became the first UVA coach to sweep rivals North Carolina and Virginia Tech in back-to-back seasons since George Welsh did so in 1988 and 1989. It's also only the seventh time in UVA's 137-year program history that the Cavaliers have swept Carolina and Tech in back-to-back seasons.

• The win was UVA's third consecutive, marking its longest win streak of the season.

• For the first time since 2019, UVA closed the regular season on a three-game win streak.

• The Cavaliers earned their first win away from Scott Stadium this season and their first true road win since doubling up Duke 34-17 in Durham on Nov. 15, 2025.

• Virginia tallied its fourth and fifth defensive touchdowns of the year with a 26-yard fumble return by Fisher Camac and an 18-yard interception return by Josiah Persinger. It marked the first time UVA scored two defensive touchdowns against Virginia Tech since 1992, when Randy Neal returned a pair of interceptions for scores.

• The Cavaliers have won their last five games – including three this season – when recording at least two defensive touchdowns (VT, Cal, Norfolk State—2026; Louisville—2025; Boston College—2024).

• UVA has recorded at least one sack in all 12 games played this season. It's the first time since 2015 that UVA has notched at least one sack in each of its first 12 games.

• Virginia rushed for 234 yards and improved to 14-1 under Elliott, including 3-0 this year, when rushing for at least 200 yards. It's UVA's most rushing yards against Virginia Tech since 2015 (262 yards) and the most by the Cavaliers in Blacksburg since totaling 249 in 1994.

• The Cavaliers improved to 6-1 this season when winning the turnover battle. UVA recorded two interceptions and one fumble recovery, without surrendering a turnover. In its seven wins this season, UVA is now +13 in combined turnover margin.
• Virginia has outscored their opponents 48-9 in points off turnovers so far this season.
• The Cavaliers entered Saturday's game with only six offensive turnovers, tied for the third-fewest among FBS teams.
• UVA improved to 7-0 this year when scoring at least 28 points.
• The Cavaliers are averaging 11.9 points allowed per game in seven wins this season.
• Virginia has cashed in on its last 12 red-zone trips, with six touchdowns and six field goals. It marked the fourth time this year that UVA has scored on all its red-zone trips (VT, UNC, Cal and Duke). UVA was 5-for-5 in the red zone against Tech.
• The Cavaliers became the first team to score in the series in Blacksburg since 2008 when they connected on a 26-yard field goal with 8:57 remaining in the first half.
• Virginia, which forced a three-and-out and held Tech to only four yards on its opening drive, has held UVA opponents scoreless on their opening possessions in the last three games.
• Virginia Tech, which entered Saturday's game leading the ACC and No. 5 nationally in tackles-for-loss per game, only recorded four TFLs. That marks only the second time this season that the Hokies notched four or fewer TFLs.
• UVA has now won 12 of its last 17 ACC games dating back to last season. Only Miami (15) has more ACC wins in that same span.
• The Cavaliers held the Hokies to only 40 yards rushing, a season-low for UVA opponents this year. It marks the third-lowest rushing output by a UVA opponent under Elliott.
• Virginia Tech's 40 yards rushing also tied its season low (at then-No. 5 Miami).

Virginia Individual Player Notes

• Linebacker Kam Robinson recorded his fourth interception of the season and ninth of his career on a batted ball by cornerback Justin Ross in the third quarter. All four of Robinson's picks this season have come in the last five weeks against ACC opponents.
• The reigning ACC Linebacker of the Week added nine tackles (6 solo), a sack, a forced fumble and two tackles for loss. He also was in on the play, when cornerback Josiah Persinger recorded UVA's second interception of the game, also in the third quarter.
• Defensive end Fisher Camac scored his first career touchdown on a 26-yard fumble recovery in the beginning of the third quarter. It was UVA's first fumble returned for a touchdown since last season's 61-yard return by Donavon Platt against Louisville. UVA's last fumble recovery for a touchdown against Virginia Tech came in the 2019 meeting by Eli Hanbeck to seal a 39-30 victory.
• Persinger returned pass broken up by Platt 18 yards for a touchdown to extend UVA's lead to 23-7 in the third quarter. It was Persinger's first career interception.
• Persinger's three tackles in the contest were a career high.
• Tailback Solomon Beebe rushed 10 times for 87 yards and two touchdowns. He joins fellow UVA tailback Jekail Middlebrook as the second Cavalier to rush for two TDs in a game this season.
• Southwest Virginia natives Peyton Lewis (Salem), Gabe Sneed (Big Stone Gap) and Persinger (Roanoke) were in uniform for their homecoming.

• UVA captain Noah Josey, who started at center Saturday, tallied his 55th consecutive start and played in his 60th collegiate game.
• Punter Daniel Sparks appeared in his 70th career game, the second most of any FBS player ever behind former UVA/Iowa linebacker, Nick Jackson (73 games). He has played in 60-straight games for UVA since transferring prior to the 2022 season.
• With a 62-yard punt in the first quarter, Sparks also notched his 23rd career punt of 60 yards or more.
• Kicker Will Bettridge went over the 400-point mark for his career and enters the postseason with 405 career points. He is the 13th ACC player since 1995 with 400 or more career points.
• Safety Christian Ellis, who played in four of Tech's first five games before entering the transfer portal last year, faced his former team. He finished with three tackles.

Offensive Starters: QB #7 Beau Pribula, RB #0 Xavier Brown, WR #18 Da'Shawn Martin, WR #11 Isaiah Robinson, 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 #13 Myles Brown, 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.