Virginia Postgame Notes – Norfolk State (9/11/26)

Virginia Team Notes

• Virginia's 59 points are the most in a game since also posting 59 against Western Michigan in 2003.
• UVA's 56-point margin of victory is its largest since 1990 in a 59-0 win over Duke. The Cavaliers have won only three games since 1946 by more than 56 points.
• Friday's result marked the second time under head coach Tony Elliott that Virginia has scored at least 50 points in a game, having done so against William & Mary in 2025.
• UVA improved to 7-0 under head coach Elliott in games immediately after a bye week.
• UVA is 2-0 for the second time under Elliott (2024 & 2026).
• For the second-straight game, Virginia rushed for more than 200 yards, accumulating 237 on 38 attempts. UVA has rushed for 200 or more yards seven times in its last 15 games.
• Virginia forced three turnovers in the contest and improved to 11-1 when forcing a turnover since the beginning of the 2025 season.
• The Virginia defense has forced a turnover in 12 of its last 13 games. In that span, the Cavaliers have forced a total of 23 turnovers (17 INT, 6 FR).
• Virginia tallied its 10th straight victory over an FCS opponent.
• UVA earned its third straight win over a non-conference opponent and third straight win at home.
• The Cavaliers are also now winners of eight of their last nine home games since the beginning of the 2025 season.
• UVA earned its second-straight victory on a Friday night. The Wahoos triumphed over then-No. 8 Florida State 46-38 in double overtime at Scott Stadium last season on Friday, Sept. 26.

Virginia Individual Player Notes

• Kicker Will Bettridge became Virginia's all-time scoring leader after a 10-point night (1-1 FG, 7-7 XP). He surpassed Connor Hughes' (2002-05) mark of 332 points and Bettridge bumped his career total to 337. His seven extra points matched a career best.
• Friday was offensive lineman Noah Josey's 50th game of his career and his 45th consecutive start.
• Quarterback Beau Pribula passed for three touchdowns, all in the first quarter. The three TDs matched his career high previously reached against Kansas last season while playing for Missouri.
• Prior to a batted ball that led to an interception in the second quarter, Pribula completed 19 of his first 22 passes of his UVA career (9-11 vs. NC State & 10 of his first 11 passes vs. Norfolk State). Through his first two games of the season, Pribula has completed 84 percent of his passes (21-25) and thrown for five touchdowns.
• Safety Brandyn Hillman intercepted passes on Norfolk State's first two drives, both of which led to UVA touchdowns. The two-interception performance was the first by a Cavalier since Ja'son Prevard against Florida State in 2025. Hillman was responsible for UVA's first four turnovers of the season (1 FF, 1 INT vs. NC State & 2 INT vs. Norfolk State).

• Linebacker Justin Rowe recorded his first career interception and took it 50 yards for a touchdown, the first pick-six since Kam Robinson at Cal in 2025.
• Both Rowe and Hillman recorded 50-yard interception returns, the longest by a Cavalier since Fentrell Cypress' 66-yarder against North Carolina in 2021.
• Tailback Xay Davis led the Cavaliers in rushing with 107 yards on 11 carries, eclipsing the 100-yard mark for the first time in his career. He is one of five UVA running backs with a 100-yard rushing effort in their collegiate career.
• Linebacker Kam Robinson, who tore his ACL in UVA's 11th game of the 2025 season at Duke (Nov. 15), reached the 200-tackle mark for his career with his first tackle of the game in the first quarter. He finished the game with five (two solo) and now has 204 tackles for his career.
• Defensive end Fisher Camac, who finished with three tackles, including 0.5 sacks, eclipsed the 100-career tackle mark. Camac now has 102 career tackles.
• Wide receiver Jaquon Gibson scored his first touchdown as a Cavalier and second of his collegiate career. He caught a 6-yard pass from Beau Pribula to open the UVA scoring. It was his first touchdown since the 2024 season while at UMass.
• Gibson established a career-high with his second touchdown reception late in the first quarter. He's the first Cavalier with multiple touchdown receptions in a game since Trell Harris had three against Stanford in 2025.
• Da'Shawn Martin's caught his second touchdown as a Cavalier and sixth of his collegiate career to make the score 14-0. His first two catches as a UVA wideout were touchdowns (47-yarder vs. NC State & 27-yarder vs. Norfolk State).
• Peyton Lewis scored his first touchdown as a Cavalier, late in the second quarter. It was his 11th of his collegiate career.
• Ty'Lyric Coleman and Isaiah Robinson caught their first career touchdown receptions in the third quarter on passes from Eli Holstein.
• Holstein recorded his first touchdown as a Cavalier on a 1-yard completion to Coleman, which capped a nine-play, 59-yard drive.
• Cole Geer threw his first career touchdown pass to Hayden Rollison on the first play of the fourth quarter. It was also Rollison's first career reception.
• With a 61-yard punt in the third quarter, which was downed at the NSU 1-yard line, Daniel Sparks notched his 17th career punt of at least 60 yards. His 17 punts of 60 yards or more are the most by any player in UVA history.
• Fourth-year Chris Messmore scored his first collegiate point, converting an extra point on UVA's final touchdown. The walk-on kicker spent the first three years at UVA as an athletic communications intern working various sporting events including home and away football games.

Offensive Starters: QB #7 Beau Pribula, RB #0 Xavier Brown, RB #21 Jekail Middlebrook, WR #4 Jacquon Gibson, #8 WR Ty'Lyric Coleman, 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 #91 Jason Hammond, DT #55 Anthony Britton, LB #11 Maddox Marcellus, LB #5 Kam Robinson, CB #10 Jacobie Henderson, CB #20 Amillio Agard, SPUR #4 Corey Costner S #6 Brandyn Hillman, S #30 Ethan Minter.

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