



Virginia Postgame Notes – Syracuse (10/10/26)

Virginia Team Notes

- Virginia took control of the all-time series against Syracuse, 4-3. It marked the first victory over the Orange since 2015.
- UVA has won nine of its last 11 ACC regular-season games.
- Virginia has won five straight in games immediately following a loss, dating back to the beginning of the 2025 season.
- Virginia has four wins in its first six games for the third consecutive season under head coach Tony Elliott.
- In his fifth season at the helm, Elliott now has at least one victory over 13 of 16 ACC schools (has not defeated Clemson, Miami and SMU).
- Since the beginning of the 2025 season, the Cavaliers are 8-1 in night games at Scott Stadium.
- Virginia has won six of its last seven Homecomings games, including three straight.
- UVA trailed 17-7 in the fourth quarter and registered its fourth victory since 2022 when entering the fourth quarter trailing. Virginia's last come-from-behind victory when entering the fourth quarter came in the Homecomings game last year against Washington State.
- The Cavaliers are now 4-0 at Scott Stadium this season and tallied their fifth straight win dating back to last year's regular-season finale against Virginia Tech. Additionally, UVA has now won nine of its last 10 games at Scott Stadium dating back last season.
- Virginia was outgained 430-288, while Syracuse held a 35:07-24:53 advantage in time of possession. Since 2022, UVA is 3-12 when allowing 430 or more yards. The 24:43 time of possession is Virginia's shortest amount of time with the ball in a victory since 2019 vs. Old Dominion (24:44).
- UVA has now scored a touchdown on its opening drive in four games this season, including its last three at home. The Cavaliers drove 75 yards on eight plays, the last of which was a 14-yard rushing touchdown by Xay Davis.
- Virginia finished with a season-high eight pass breakups, also its most in a game since also registering eight at Duke last year.
- Syracuse's Shay Barker was 1 for 3 on field goals, which marked the first time since the 2022 Illinois game that a UVA opponent missed at least two field goals.
- Virginia honored former wide receiver Herman Moore in between the first and second quarters for being named to the National Football Foundation College Hall of Fame class of 2026. He is the sixth Cavalier to be inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame.

Virginia Individual Player Notes

- With two rushing touchdowns in the fourth quarter, running back Jekail Middlebrook tied his career high. It marked his third career multi-rushing-TD game and the first by a Cavalier since J'Mari Taylor also had two scores in UVA's regular-season meeting at Duke last year.

- On UVA's opening drive, running back Xay Davis scored a 14-yard rushing touchdown, the second of his career and first since UVA's season opener against NC State (Aug. 29).
- Receiver Da'Shawn Martin's fifth touchdown of the season, a 43-yarder from Beau Pribula with 2:01 in the third quarter, ignited a 21-0 scoring spree for the Cavaliers. Martin has 13 total receptions on the season, and his five TDs lead the team.
- Defensive tackle Anthony Britton tied for a game-high nine total tackles, only one shy of his career high.
- Receivers Rico Flores Jr. and Martin, and cornerback Justin Ross logged their first starts as Cavaliers.
- With eight total tackles, cornerback Jacobie Henderson now has 150 career tackles.
- Reserve cornerback Jam Jackson finished with a career-high three pass breakups, also a game high.
- With a 72-yard punt in the second quarter, Daniel Sparks became only the third Cavalier to record at least two 70-yarders in the same season and the second Cavalier to notch 70-yard punts in back-to-back games (Will Brice, 1994).
- With four extra points, kicker Will Bettridge surpassed 350 career points in the win. UVA's all-time leading point scorer, he now has 351 career points.

Offensive Starters: QB #7 Beau Pribula, RB #21 Jekail Middlebrook, WR #1 Rico Flores Jr., WR #5 Kameron Courtney, WR #18 Da'Shawn Martin, TE #88 Connor Cox, 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, DE #16 Matthew Fobbs-White, DT 44 Darrion Henry-Young, DT #55 Anthony Britton, LB #5 Kam Robinson, LB #11 Maddox Marcellus, CB #10 Jacobie Henderson, CB #17 Justin Ross, SPUR #4 Corey Costner, S #6 Brandyn Hillman, S #1 Montino Williams.

Game Captains: #5 Kam Robinson, #54 Makilan Thomas, #88 Connor Cox, #34 Kevin Chadwick Jr.