WEEK FOUR
LOUISVILLE AT VIRGINIA

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. -- As he watched his quarterback, already dealing with a dislocated finger, hurdle over a Louisville defender, Virginia senior wide receiver Joe Reed insisted he wasn't worried about Bryce Perkins.

"I want him to do what he does," Reed said. "We don't want to put any limitations on him. Bryce Perkins, he's an athlete."

Perkins did that and then some Saturday, throwing for 197 and two touchdowns and running for another 78 yards and a score, twice hurdling defenders, as Virginia opened ACC play with a convincing 27-3 win over Louisville.

The Cavaliers are 3-1 to open the season for the second straight year. Louisville fell to 2-2.

Virginia's defense controlled the game. Sophomore linebacker Charles Snowden finished with eight tackles, a sack, an interception, a fumble recovery and a pair of pass break-ups.

"After the interception and the sack, Zane (Zandier) said, `Keep stuffing the stat sheet,' kind of as a joke," Snowden said. "And it kind of kept happening. It was a good day."

Perkins, a junior college transfer in his first season at Virginia, made the play of the game in the third quarter. He sidestepped a rushing Louisville defender and took off running up the middle, then hurdled a Cardinals defensive back before going down after a 36-yard gain.

"Just muscle reaction," said Perkins, who dislocated the pinky finger on his right hand in the second quarter. "Saw him go down a little bit, so my body just instinctively jumped over him."

That set up a short touchdown pass to Chris Sharp.

Perkins wasn't done. He scored the Cavaliers' last touchdown on an 8-yard run where he hurdled a would-be tackler at the goal line.

Louisville managed just 214 total yards.

"They had a good plan. Their players executed it," Louisville coach Bobby Petrino said. "I thought our defense played hard, did some good things, but the offense didn't do our part."

Petrino started redshirt freshman Malik Cunningham, who went 6 for 9 for 35 yards with an interception and ran for 26 yards. Louisville turned back to sophomore Juwon Pass, the previous starter, in the second half, but didn't get much of a spark.

Pass finished 10 for 19 for 113 yards and an interception. He was sacked twice. Petrino was non-committal when asked who would start going forward.

"It's hard to go back and forth," he said. "So we have to work it out."

THE TAKEAWAY
Louisville: The Cardinals still have a question mark at quarterback after neither Cunningham, who started, or Pass, the player he supplanted in the lineup this week, could do much to get Louisville's offense going.

The Cardinals were held without a touchdown for the first time this season and it's not clear which player will be behind center when Bobby Petrino's team next takes the field.

Virginia: The Cavaliers picked up a key victory in their quest to get bowl eligible for a second straight season. Perkins made enough plays offensively 7/8 and showed the explosive running ability that the Cavaliers have reshaped their offense around and the defense lived up to its preseason billing. With eight starters back, Virginia felt like it had a defense it could lean on this season. Saturday, that proved to be true.

KICKING WOES
Virginia sophomore kicker A.J. Mejia missed his third short field goal attempt of the young season. A year ago, Mejia struggled with distance, going 8 for 8 inside of 40 yards, but 0 for 4 beyond that mark. This season, he's 3 for 6 on field goals, with all three misses coming from 35 yards out or closer.

Saturday's kick in the first quarter would have given Virginia points on its opening drive. That prompted the Cavaliers to turn to freshman Hunter Pearson, who hit two short field goals after taking over.

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LOU	0	0	3	0	3
UVA	0	6	7	14	27

Scoring Summary ---------------

SECOND QUARTER	LOU	UVA
UVA FG 10:46		
Hunter Pearson 28 Yd Field Goal		
6 plays, 22 yards, 3:26	0	3
UVA FG 2:23		
Hunter Pearson 24 Yd Field Goal		
8 plays, 57 yards, 3:21	0	6
THIRD QUARTER	**LOU**	**UVA**
LOU FG 9:45		
Blanton Creque 20 Yd Field Goal		
4 plays, 0 yards, 1:59	3	6
UVA TD 5:47		
Chris Sharp 3 Yd pass from Bryce Perkins (Hunter Pearson Kick)		
7 plays, 67 yards, 3:58	3	13
FOURTH QUARTER	**LOU**	**UVA**
UVA TD 13:08		
Joe Reed 44 Yd pass from Bryce Perkins (Hunter Pearson Kick)		
8 plays, 62 yards, 4:07	3	20
UVA TD 6:14		
Bryce Perkins 8 Yd Run (Hunter Pearson Kick)		
4 plays, 25 yards, 2:26	3	27

Team Stats	LOU	UVA
First Downs	14	20
Total Yards	211	386
Total Plays	57	65
Avg Gain Per Play	3.7	5.9
Net Yards Rushing	66	204
Rushes	29	39
Yards Per Rush	2.3	5.2
Net Yards Passing	145	182
Comp-Att	16-28	17-26
Yards Per Pass	5.2	7.0
Times Sacked	1	4
Yds Lost To Sacks	-7	-16
Interceptions	2	1
Punts	4	2
Punt Average	0.0	0.0
Penalties	6	3
Penalty Yards	52	29
Fumbles	1	0
Fumbles Lost	1	0
Possession	26:05	33:55

Individual Stats
RUSHING

LOU	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Malik Cunningham	10	26	2.6	0	8
Trey Smith	6	24	4.0	0	11
Jeremy Smith	7	9	1.3	0	5
Dae Williams	3	6	2.0	0	6
Jawon Pass	3	1	0.3	0	6

UVA	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Bryce Perkins	14	78	5.6	1	36
Jordan Ellis	20	68	3.4	0	11
Brennan Armstrong	4	50	12.5	0	34
Tavares Kelly	1	8	8.0	0	8

PASSING

LOU	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Jawon Pass	10	19	113	5.9	0	1	10.9
Malik Cunningham	6	9	35	3.9	0	1	14.4

UVA	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Bryce Perkins	17	24	197	8.2	2	1	69.7
Hasise Dubois	0	1	0	0.0	0	0	1.2
Brennan Armstrong	0	1	0	0.0	0	0	100.0

RECEIVING

LOU	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Dez Fitzpatrick	5	62	12.4	0	18
Jaylen Smith	2	26	13.0	0	15
Trey Smith	3	25	8.3	0	17
Devante Peete	1	11	11.0	0	11
Jeremy Smith	2	11	5.5	0	8
Tutu Atwell	1	9	9.0	0	9
Seth Dawkins	1	6	6.0	0	6
Marcus Riley	1	-2	-2.0	0	0

UVA	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Joe Reed	2	52	26.0	1	44
Olamide Zaccheaus	4	29	7.3	0	13
Hasise Dubois	3	26	8.7	0	11
Tavares Kelly	1	25	25.0	0	25
Evan Butts	2	24	12.0	0	14
De'Vante Cross	1	20	20.0	0	20
Jordan Ellis	1	11	11.0	0	11
Tanner Cowley	1	6	6.0	0	6
Chris Sharp	1	3	3.0	1	3
Lamont Atkins	1	1	1.0	0	1