

WEEK FOUR
VIRGINIA TECH AT DUKE

DURHAM, N.C. -- Ryan Willis threw for 332 yards and a career-best three touchdowns in his first start at Virginia Tech, helping the Hokies upset No. 22 Duke 31-14 on Saturday night.

Willis, a transfer from Kansas taking over for injured starter Josh Jackson, was 17 of 27 with a 27-yard TD pass to Damon Hazelton, a 67-yard catch-and-run score to Dalton Keene and a game-sealing 10-yarder to Phil Patterson.

Humiliated in a 14-point loss at Old Dominion last week, the Hokies (2-2, 2-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) bounced back strong, leading virtually all night to earn another lopsided road victory against a ranked league opponent. They routed then-No. 19 Florida State 24-3 in the opener.

Daniel Jones -- back in the starting lineup three weeks after breaking his collar bone -- was 23 of 35 for 226 yards with a 23-yard touchdown pass to Noah Gray and an interception for the Blue Devils (4-1, 0-1), and Deon Jackson had a short touchdown run that cut the deficit to 24-14 early in the fourth quarter.

Ranked for the first time since 2015, they were denied their first 5-0 start since 1994 and instead saw the end of a seven-game winning streak that dated to last season.

Steven Peoples had a 6-yard touchdown run and Brian Johnson kicked a 28-yard field goal for the Hokies.

THE TAKEAWAY

Virginia Tech: These Hokies looked nothing like the crew that gave up seven touchdowns and 631 total yards -- the worst in a quarter-century with defensive coordinator Bud Foster -- at Old Dominion. This time, they held Duke to almost half of that (327). When they had the ball, Willis didn't look much like a backup -- instead teaming with his receivers to make Duke's young secondary look, well, young.

Duke: The Blue Devils won't like these parallels, easy as they are to draw. For the second straight year, a 4-0 start was wiped out by a no-show loss at home in the league opener against a high-profile Coastal Division opponent; Miami had that honor in 2017, routing Duke 31-6 a year to the day before this one. Now the challenge is to prevent a repeat of what followed that one: A six-game losing streak that put bowl eligibility in peril.

Final	1	2	3	4	T
VT	3	14	7	7	31
DUKE	7	0	0	7	14
Scoring Summary -----					
FIRST QUARTER				VT	DUKE
VT FG 6:34					
Brian Johnson 28 Yd Field Goal					
9 plays, 38 yards, 2:29				3	0
DUKE TD 3:25					
Noah Gray 23 Yd pass from Daniel Jones (Collin Wareham Kick)					
9 plays, 75 yards, 3:09				3	7
SECOND QUARTER				VT	DUKE
VT TD 14:55					
Damon Hazelton 27 Yd pass from Ryan Willis (Brian Johnson Kick)					
9 plays, 76 yards, 3:30				10	7
VT TD 11:34					
Dalton Keene 67 Yd pass from Ryan Willis (Brian Johnson Kick)					
4 plays, 87 yards, 1:16				17	7
THIRD QUARTER				VT	DUKE
VT TD 9:35					
Steven Peoples 6 Yd Run (Brian Johnson Kick)					
5 plays, 50 yards, 1:14				24	7
FOURTH QUARTER				VT	DUKE
DUKE TD 13:47					
Deon Jackson 1 Yd Run (Collin Wareham Kick)					
9 plays, 49 yards, 2:45				24	14
VT TD 9:08					
Phil Patterson 10 Yd pass from Ryan Willis (Brian Johnson Kick)					
10 plays, 75 yards, 4:39				31	14

Team Stats	VT	DUKE
First Downs	17	18
Total Yards	413	327
Total Plays	69	75
Avg Gain Per Play	6.0	4.4
Net Yards Rushing	81	71
Rushes	41	36
Yards Per Rush	2.0	2.0
Net Yards Passing	332	256
Comp-Att	17-28	25-39
Yards Per Pass	11.9	6.6
Times Sacked	1	3
Yds Lost To Sacks	-10	-24
Interceptions	0	1
Punts	6	6
Punt Average	44.8	47.2
Penalties	4	3
Penalty Yards	26	15
Fumbles	2	0
Fumbles Lost	0	0
Possession	30:52	29:08

Individual Stats

RUSHING

VT	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Steven Peoples	16	47	2.9	1	14
Deshawn McCleash	10	27	2.7	0	12
Terius Wheatley	2	5	2.5	0	4
Ryan Willis	9	5	0.6	0	6
Caleb Farley	1	2	2.0	0	2
Hendon Hooker	2	0	0.0	0	1
Sean Savoy	1	-5	-5.0	0	0
DUKE	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Brittain Brown	12	35	2.9	0	8
Deon Jackson	15	34	2.3	1	9
Quentin Harris	1	4	4.0	0	4
Daniel Jones	6	1	0.2	0	10
Team	1	-1	-1.0	0	0
Marvin Hubbard III	1	-2	-2.0	0	0

PASSING

VT	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Ryan Willis	17	27	332	12.3	3	0	202.9
Sean Savoy	0	1	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
DUKE	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Daniel Jones	23	35	226	6.5	1	1	123.7
Quentin Harris	2	4	30	7.5	0	0	113.0

RECEIVING

VT	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Dalton Keene	2	82	41.0	1	67
Eric Kumah	3	67	22.3	0	36
Damon Hazelton	4	65	16.3	1	27
Hezekiah Grimsley	2	40	20.0	0	24
Tre Turner	1	33	33.0	0	33
Phil Patterson	2	28	14.0	1	18
Steven Peoples	1	11	11.0	0	11
Chris Cunningham	1	6	6.0	0	6
Deshawn McCleash	1	0	0.0	0	0
DUKE	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Chris Taylor	5	58	11.6	0	14
Johnathan Lloyd	8	44	5.5	0	11
Noah Gray	2	38	19.0	1	23
Deon Jackson	3	34	11.3	0	29
Jake Bobo	1	31	31.0	0	31
T.J. Rahming	3	30	10.0	0	17
Daniel Helm	1	15	15.0	0	15
Davis Koppenhaver	1	7	7.0	0	7
Marvin Hubbard III	1	-1	-1.0	0	0