

WEEK TEN  
PITTSBURGH AT VIRGINIA

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. -- Darrin Hall had already had a big night against a team that game-planned to stop him when he put a dazzling cap on it.

Hall ran for 229 yards and three touchdowns, the last a 75-yard burst one play after Virginia had awakened it fans by closing to within 14-13, and Pittsburgh beat No. 23 Virginia for the fourth year in a row, 23-13 on Friday night.

Hall also had a 41-yard scoring run in the first half and a two-yard run in the third quarter, capping a drive that ended with an injury-depleted Cavaliers defense looking incapable of stopping the bruising 225-pound tailback.

"That's all we do. We just continue to fight, continue to wear down the defense," said Hall, who carried just 19 times.

The two-yard run capped a 15-play, 84-yard march and gave the Panthers a 14-10 lead and seemed to wear Virginia down.

"Even on short yardage, I was getting 4 yards before I was even touched," he said.

The Panthers (5-4, 4-1 Atlantic Coast Conference) moved into first place in the Coastal Division.

"That's great. That's awesome," left guard Connor Dintino said. "But next week we've got (Virginia Tech). We've got to go 1-0. That's it. We're not thinking ahead."

With 738 rushing yards in the last two games, they seem to be hitting their stride.

"We did it the old fashioned way, running the football for 250 yards," coach Pat Narduzzi said. "Darrin Hall was a beast."

Bryce Perkins threw for 205 yards and a touchdown for Virginia (6-3, 4-2, No. 23 CFP), but Pittsburgh never allowed him to get untracked in the running game and sacked him five times for 46 yards in losses. The Cavaliers' three-game winning streak was snapped.

"We got him a couple times in the backfield. That's the first thing," Narduzzi said of Perkins, who has three 100-plus-yard games this season but finished with minus 7 yards. "Put pressure on him and force him to have to make some throws or make some decisions."

Pittsburgh trailed 10-7 at halftime, but used the drive that lasted 8:40 to go ahead. The Panthers converted four third downs on the march and Hall finished it with runs of 18 and 2 yards as the Virginia defense, which lost three starters during the game, began to wear down.

After being limited to 24 plays in the first half, the Panthers ran 21 in the third quarter alone, mostly grinding on the ground.

"I don't think anything changed" from the first half to the second half, Virginia linebacker Jordan Mack said. "They were just executing at a high level and lack of execution from us."

The Cavaliers drove for Brian Delaney's second field goal, bringing the crowd alive, but Hall quieted them with his long scoring burst.

FOOT LOOSE

The Panthers special teams botched a pair of extra point tries, but converted one when a penalty gave them a do-ver.

Narduzzi said placekicker Alex Kessman was not to blame, and he clinched the victory with a 53-yard field goal, his fourth from 50 or more yards this season and the sixth of his career.

"That was a gigantic kick," Narduzzi said.

THE TAKEAWAY

Pittsburgh: The Panthers are very much a power running team, but Darrin Hall especially has break-away speed, too, as he showed on his long scoring runs. With tailbacks Hall and Qadree Ollison each weighing in at 225 pounds, their bruising style wore Virginia down during two long possessions to begin the second half.

Virginia: The Cavaliers to find more offensive weapons to employ when teams focus great attention on Perkins, Olamide Zaccheaus and Jordan Ellis. Terrell Jana's 42-yard touchdown catch more than doubled his receiving yardage for the season (29), and he caught two more passes before halftime. And tight end Tanner Cowley had just three catches for 28 yards in the first eight games before taking a pass from Perkins 40 yards down the Virginia sideline in the first half.

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PITT	7	0	7	9	23
UVA	7	3	0	3	13

Scoring Summary -----

	PITT	UVA
<b>FIRST QUARTER</b>		
PITT TD 6:09		
Darrin Hall 41 Yd Run (Alex Kessman Kick)		
8 plays, 84 yards, 4:21	7	0
<b>UVA TD 5:54</b>		
Terrell Jana 42 Yd pass from Bryce Perkins (Brian Delaney Kick)		
1 play, 57 yards, 0:15	7	7
<b>SECOND QUARTER</b>		
<b>PITT</b>		<b>UVA</b>
UVA FG 0:02		
Brian Delaney 29 Yd Field Goal		
6 plays, 45 yards, 1:13	7	10
<b>THIRD QUARTER</b>		
<b>PITT</b>		<b>UVA</b>
PITT TD 0:21		
Darrin Hall 2 Yd Run (Alex Kessman Kick)		
15 plays, 84 yards, 8:40	14	10
<b>FOURTH QUARTER</b>		
<b>PITT</b>		<b>UVA</b>
UVA FG 9:51		
Brian Delaney 42 Yd Field Goal		
10 plays, 51 yards, 5:30	14	13
<b>PITT TD 9:40</b>		
Darrin Hall 75 Yd Run (Alex Kessman PAT failed)		
1 play, 75 yards, 0:11	20	13
<b>PITT FG 4:25</b>		
Alex Kessman 53 Yd Field Goal		
6 plays, 17 yards, 3:07	23	13

Team Stats	PITT	UVA
First Downs	16	13
Total Yards	315	249
Total Plays	56	50
Avg Gain Per Play	5.6	5.0
Net Yards Rushing	254	44
Rushes	42	26
Yards Per Rush	6.0	1.7
Net Yards Passing	61	205
Comp-Att	7-14	17-24
Yards Per Pass	4.4	8.5
Times Sacked	3	5
Yds Lost To Sacks	-16	-46
Interceptions	0	0
Punts	4	4
Punt Average	46.8	44.8
Penalties	7	10
Penalty Yards	72	80
Fumbles	1	3
Fumbles Lost	0	1
Possession	33:24	26:36

Individual Stats

RUSHING						
PITT	Rush	Yds	Avg	Long	TD	
22 Darrin Hall	19	229	12.1	75	3	
30 Qadree Ollison	7	24	3.4	12	0	
19 V'Lique Carter	2	5	2.5	7	0	
8 Kenny Pickett	10	4	0.4	12	0	
2 Maurice Ffrench	1	-2	-2.0	0	0	
<b>UVA</b>	<b>Rush</b>	<b>Yds</b>	<b>Avg</b>	<b>Long</b>	<b>TD</b>	
1 Jordan Ellis	10	46	4.6	22	0	
4 Olamide Zaccheaus	1	5	5.0	5	0	
3 Bryce Perkins	15	-7	-0.5	8	0	

PASSING							
PITT	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
8 Kenny Pickett	7	14	61	4.4	0	0	86.6
<b>UVA</b>	<b>Comp</b>	<b>Att</b>	<b>Yds</b>	<b>Y/A</b>	<b>TD</b>	<b>Int</b>	<b>QBRat</b>
3 Bryce Perkins	17	24	205	8.5	1	0	156.3

RECEIVING					
PITT	Rec	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
6 Aaron Mathews	1	31	31.0	31	0
11 Taysir Mack	1	11	11.0	11	0
18 Shockey Jacques-Louis	1	6	6.0	6	0
35 George Aston	1	5	5.0	5	0
22 Darrin Hall	1	4	4.0	4	0
10 Will Gragg	1	3	3.0	3	0
19 V'Lique Carter	1	1	1.0	1	0
<b>UVA</b>	<b>Rec</b>	<b>Yds</b>	<b>Avg</b>	<b>Long</b>	<b>TD</b>
84 Terrell Jana	3	71	23.7	42	1
44 Tanner Cowley	1	40	40.0	40	0
8 Hasise Dubois	4	34	8.5	20	0
4 Olamide Zaccheaus	4	31	7.8	14	0
27 Tavares Kelly	2	17	8.5	13	0
2 Joe Reed	1	9	9.0	9	0
46 Evan Butts	1	3	3.0	3	0
31 Chris Sharp	1	0	0.0	0	0