

WEEK FIVE
VIRGINIA at NOTRE DAME

Sack-happy No. 10 Notre Dame beats No. 18 Virginia 35-20

SOUTH BEND, Ind. -- Julian Okwara had three sacks of Notre Dame’s eight sacks and caused a fumble that was returned for a touchdown as the 10th-ranked Fighting Irish overcame a halftime deficit to beat No. 18 Virginia 35-20 on Saturday.

The Fighting Irish (3-1), coming off a 23-14 loss at No. 3 Georgia, trailed 17-14 at the break and then had the Cavaliers (4-1) complete a successful onside kick to open the second half. The Notre Dame defense held, setting the tone for the second half.

Jamir Jones started the Irish defensive onslaught in the third quarter when he sacked and stripped Virginia’s Bryce Perkins of the football and defensive tackle Myron Tagovailoa-Amosa recovered it in midair before rumbling 48 yards to the Virginia 7.

Tony Jones, who had three touchdowns and a season-high 131 yards on 18 carries, scored two plays later from the 2 to give the Irish a 21-17. They never trailed again.

Later in the quarter, Okwara, who finished with two forced fumbles and fumble recovery, stripped the ball from Perkins and defensive end Adetokunbo Ogundeji recovered and ran 23 yards to put the Irish up 28-17.

Virginia scored first as Perkins, who completed 30 of 43 passes for 334 yards and two touchdowns with two interceptions, threw a 6-yard TD pass to Joe Reed. But the Irish answered with the next two touchdowns, a 5-yard run by Jones and an 11-yard run by C’Bo Flemister. The second TD came after Okwara stripped and recovered the football after a sack of Perkins near midfield.

Thanks to the sacks, Notre Dame held Virginia to 4 yards rushing. Notre Dame got 165 yards on 17-of-25 passing by Ian Book.

THE TAKEAWAY

Virginia: The 6-foot-3, 215-pound Perkins was spectacular in the first half, with help from Reed. Perkins completed 18 of 22 passes (82 percent) for 235 yards and two touchdowns in the first half. He was just 12 of 21 for 99 in the second half with two interceptions as the Irish defensive front dominated.

Notre Dame: Virginia came into the game ranking No. 1 with its 20 quarterback sacks and Notre Dame was 108th with four sacks total, none by their defensive ends. The Irish had eight sacks, 6 1/2 by its defensive ends. Khalid Kareem had 2 1/2 and Jones one.

POLL IMPLICATIONS

Virginia: The Cavaliers, ranked No. 18 coming in, likely will drop after their first loss of the season.

Notre Dame: The Irish, who fell three spots to No. 10 following their 23-17 loss at No. 3 Georgia next week, should stay about there after a solid defensive effort.

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UVA	7	10	0	3	20
ND	14	0	14	7	35

Scoring Summary -----				
FIRST QUARTER			UVA	ND
UVA TD 10:58 Joe Reed 6 Yd pass from Bryce Perkins (Brian Delaney Kick)				
7 plays, 69 yards, 4:02			7	0
ND TD 4:35 Tony Jones Jr. 5 Yd Run (Jonathan Doerer Kick)				
13 plays, 75 yards, 6:23			7	7
ND TD 0:18 C'Bo Flemister 11 Yd Run (Jonathan Doerer Kick)				
4 plays, 54 yards, 1:49			7	14
SECOND QUARTER			UVA	ND
UVA FG 8:07 Brian Delaney 32 Yd Field Goal				
15 plays, 61 yards, 7:11			10	14
UVA TD 0:43 Hasise Dubois 16 Yd pass from Bryce Perkins (Brian Delaney Kick)				
6 plays, 76 yards, 1:02			17	14
THIRD QUARTER			UVA	ND
ND TD 9:20 Tony Jones Jr. 2 Yd Run (Jonathan Doerer Kick)				
2 plays, 7 yards, 0:30			17	21
ND TD 1:41 Adetokunbo Ogundeji 23 Yd Fumble Return (Jonathan Doerer Kick)				
3 plays, 2 yards, 1:20			17	28
FOURTH QUARTER			UVA	ND
ND TD 10:28 Tony Jones Jr. 30 Yd Run (Jonathan Doerer Kick)				
5 plays, 71 yards, 2:04			17	35
UVA FG 6:28 Brian Delaney 27 Yd Field Goal				
12 plays, 65 yards, 4:00			20	35

Team Stats	UVA	ND
First Downs	19	19
Passes for First	13	7
Rushes for First	5	9
Penalties for First	1	3
Third Down Efficiency	4-14	6-15
Fourth Down Efficiency	1-2	2-2
Total Yards	338	343
Total Plays	72	60
Avg Gain Per Play	4.7	5.7
Net Yards Rushing	4	178
Rushes	29	35
Yards Per Rush	0.1	5.1
Net Yards Passing	334	165
Comp-Att	30-43	17-25
Yards Per Pass	7.8	6.6
Times Sacked	8	2
Yds Lost To Sacks	-55	-12
Interceptions	2	0
Punts	4	6
Punt Average	40.5	39.0
Penalties	6	9
Penalty Yards	52	71
Fumbles	4	1
Fumbles Lost	3	1
Time of Poss	33:19	26:41

Individual Stats

RUSHING							
VIRGINIA	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
Wayne Taulapapa	10	31	3.1	0	10		
Joe Reed	1	3	3.0	0	3		
PK Kier	2	-1	-0.5	0	0		
Bryce Perkins	16	-29	-1.8	0	15		
NOTRE DAME	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
Tony Jones Jr.	18	131	7.3	3	30		
C'Bo Flemister	6	27	4.5	1	11		
Jahmir Smith	3	8	2.7	0	4		
Michael Young	1	2	2.0	0	2		
Ian Book	9	-11	-1.2	0	11		
PASSING							
VIRGINIA	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Bryce Perkins	30	43	334	7.8	2	2	
NOTRE DAME	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Ian Book	17	25	165	6.6	0	0	
RECEIVING							
VIRGINIA	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
Hasise Dubois	9	143	15.9	1	39		
Joe Reed	9	107	11.9	1	43		
Tanner Cowley	3	34	11.3	0	21		
Terrell Jana	4	23	5.8	0	8		
Terrell Chatman	2	17	8.5	0	9		
Billy Kemp IV	3	10	3.3	0	4		
NOTRE DAME	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
Cole Kmet	4	65	16.3	0	37		
Chris Finke	2	32	16.0	0	28		
Chase Claypool	6	30	5.0	0	7		
Michael Young	3	19	6.3	0	8		
C'Bo Flemister	1	13	13.0	0	13		
Tony Jones Jr.	1	6	6.0	0	6		