

WEEK EIGHT
DUKE at VIRGINIA

Perkins, defense lead Virginia in 48-14 rout of Duke

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. -- Bronco Mendenhall was at a loss to explain how Virginia's game against Duke turned into a blowout. So were his players.

"I thought it would come down to the last possession, so holy cow," Mendenhall said.

Bryce Perkins ran for three touchdowns and Wayne Taulapapa ran for two as the Cavaliers rolled, 48-14, their fifth consecutive victory against the Blue Devils. Virginia forced five turnovers and has forced 15 in the last four meetings between the rivals.

"Maybe we're just in the right place at the right time when we play Duke," defensive end Eli Hanback said.

Hanback had one of three fumble recoveries for the Cavaliers, who scored 20 points off those takeaways.

Joe Reed also returned a kickoff 95 yards for a touchdown, his second scoring return of the season and program-record fifth of his career, and Brian Delaney kicked two field goals a week after his three field goals accounted for Virginia's only points in a 17-9 loss at Miami.

This time, Virginia had no issues once inside the opponent's 25, which Taulapapa credited with a "change of mindset."

"Bryce can't do everything. He's amazing in every single way, but he can't do this by himself," Taulapapa said.

The Cavaliers (5-2, 3-1 Atlantic Coast Conference), whose loss a week ago dropped them into a tie with Duke and North Carolina in the ACC's Coastal Division, regained the upper hand on the backs of a defense that set them up for four scoring drives of 34 yards or fewer.

The Blue Devils (4-3, 2-2) came in averaging more than 40 points over their last five games but managed only a 36-yard scoring pass from Quentin Harris to Scott Bracey against Virginia's front-line defense. Duke gained just 166 yards in the first three quarters before Chris Katrenick replaced Harris for the final 15 minutes. Katrenick hit Eli Pancol with a 23-yard touchdown pass with 2:41 remaining.

"They did a good job getting pressure on us on passing downs, and a good job penetrating the line of scrimmage on run plays," Harris said. "These type of games happen in football. For whatever reason, we didn't play our best today and they capitalized on that."

Harris completed 13 of 26 passes, but for just 88 yards with two interceptions. He also ran eight times for just 37 yards.

Perkins scored on two 1-yard runs and a 3-yard run and Taulapapa scored on runs of 3 and 9 yards. Taulapapa finished with 77 yards on 14 carries and Perkins had 62 on 22 attempts. He also completed 13 of 26 passes for 141 yards with one interception.

THE TAKEAWAY

Duke: The Blue Devils' fourth first down came midway through the third quarter when the snap to punter Austin Parker on fourth-and-3 from the Duke 32 bounced and Parker picked it up and ran 4 yards. Four plays later, on fourth-and-5, Parker was on again to punt and appeared to be trying a rugby-style kick but instead tucked the ball and ran for 12 yards to the Virginia 46. It was the first time the Blue Devils crossed midfield all game.

Virginia: The Cavaliers caught a break in the first half when Perkins dove over the pile for the end zone and fumbled. Duke players charged out of the pile in celebration, but a review determined that Perkins had broken the plane of the end zone before the ball came loose, giving the Cavaliers a 17-0 lead. It was 27-0 before Harris connected with Bracey late in the third quarter.

ONE MAN SHOW

Perkins was responsible for 152 of Virginia's 153 yards in the first half. He threw for 111 yards and ran for 41.

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DUKE	0	0	7	7	14
UVA	0	17	24	7	48

Scoring Summary -----

SECOND QUARTER	DUKE	UVA
UVA TD 11:10 Bryce Perkins 1 Yd Run (Brian Delaney Kick)		
9 plays, 78 yards, 4:20	0	7
UVA FG 8:01 Brian Delaney 30 Yd Field Goal		
4 plays, 8 yards, 2:13	0	10
UVA TD 1:56 Bryce Perkins 1 Yd Run (Brian Delaney Kick)		
8 plays, 34 yards, 5:12	0	17
THIRD QUARTER	DUKE	UVA
UVA FG 13:55 Brian Delaney 33 Yd Field Goal		
4 plays, 5 yards, 1:02	0	20
UVA TD 8:13 Wayne Taulapapa 3 Yd Run (Brian Delaney Kick)		
8 plays, 70 yards, 4:04	0	27
DUKE TD 4:57 Scott Bracey 36 Yd pass from Quentin Harris (AJ Reed Kick)		
12 plays, 75 yards, 3:16	7	27
UVA TD 4:43 Joe Reed 95 Yd Kickoff Return (Brian Delaney Kick)		
0 plays, 0 yards, 0:00	7	34
UVA TD 2:13 Bryce Perkins 3 Yd Run (Brian Delaney Kick)		
5 plays, 21 yards, 1:41	7	41
FOURTH QUARTER	DUKE	UVA
UVA TD 14:54 Wayne Taulapapa 9 Yd Run (Justin Duenkel Kick)		
2 plays, 40 yards, 0:13	7	48
DUKE TD 2:41 Eli Pancol 23 Yd pass from Chris Katrenick (AJ Reed Kick)		
8 plays, 65 yards, 4:17	14	48

Team Stats	DUKE	UVA
First Downs	14	17
Passes for First	4	9
Rushes for First	9	6
Penalties for First	1	2
Third Down Efficiency	2-14	7-15
Fourth Down Efficiency	3-6	1-2
Total Yards	250	307
Total Plays	71	69
Avg Gain Per Play	3.5	4.4
Net Yards Rushing	132	154
Rushes	41	41
Yards Per Rush	3.2	3.8
Stat Name		
Net Yards Passing	118	153
Comp-Att	15-30	14-28
Yards Per Pass	3.9	5.5
Times Sacked	1	2
Yds Lost To Sacks	-10	-11
Interceptions	2	2
Punts	4	3
Punt Average	39.0	37.7
Penalties	5	2
Penalty Yards	55	30
Fumbles	3	0
Fumbles Lost	3	0
Time of Poss	25:31	34:29

Individual Stats

RUSHING

DUKE	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Quentin Harris	8	37	4.6	0	9
Deon Jackson	12	35	2.9	0	10
Elijah Deveaux	6	18	3.0	0	7
Austin Parker	2	17	8.5	0	12
Eli Pancol	1	8	8.0	0	8
Chris Katrenick	3	7	2.3	0	6
Mataeo Durant	5	7	1.4	0	4
Jalon Calhoun	1	2	2.0	0	2
Jaylen Coleman	3	1	0.3	0	2
VIRGINIA	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Wayne Taulapapa	14	77	5.5	2	31
Bryce Perkins	22	62	2.8	3	11
Tavares Kelly Jr.	1	17	17.0	0	17
Lamont Atkins	1	5	5.0	0	5
Team	2	-3	-1.5	0	0
Joe Reed	1	-4	-4.0	0	0

PASSING

DUKE	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Quentin Harris	13	26	88	3.4	1	2	11.9
Chris Katrenick	2	4	30	7.5	1	0	16.1
VIRGINIA	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Bryce Perkins	13	26	141	5.4	0	1	46.4
Lindell Stone	1	2	12	6.0	0	1	0.6

RECEIVING

DUKE	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Scott Bracey	2	43	21.5	1	36
Eli Pancol	2	33	16.5	1	23
Aaron Young	1	15	15.0	0	15
Noah Gray	3	12	4.0	0	5
Jake Marwede	1	7	7.0	0	7
Mataeo Durant	2	5	2.5	0	7
Jalon Calhoun	4	3	0.8	0	5
VIRGINIA	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Hasise Dubois	4	62	15.5	0	23
Joe Reed	5	45	9.0	0	16
Tanner Cowley	1	19	19.0	0	19
Terrell Jana	1	13	13.0	0	13
Dontayvion Wicks	1	12	12.0	0	12
Billy Kemp IV	2	2	1.0	0	2