

WEEK TEN
VIRGINIA at NORTH CAROLINA

Perkins has 5 TDs, leads Virginia past North Carolina 38-31

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. -- Virginia limped in with losses in three of its last four games. Thanks to a huge night from their quarterback and a couple of timely stops, the Cavaliers are now in control of their division.

Bryce Perkins amassed 490 total yards and accounted for five touchdowns to help Virginia beat North Carolina 38-31 on Saturday night.

Perkins threw three touchdown passes and ran for 112 yards and two scores as the Cavaliers (6-3, 4-2 Atlantic Coast Conference) took over sole possession of first place in the ACC's Coastal Division. They also became bowl-eligible for the third consecutive season.

"We're not done yet," Perkins said. "We've got to keep going to complete our goals."

Perkins gave Virginia the lead for good on the second play of the second half, scrambling through North Carolina's defense for a career-long 65-yard touchdown.

The play was part of an avalanche of points for the Cavaliers, who trailed 17-10 late in the second quarter before scoring touchdowns on four consecutive possessions.

The Tar Heels twice had a chance to tie the game late in the fourth quarter. Their best opportunity came from Virginia's 6-yard line with five minutes remaining, when Sam Howell's fourth-down pass to Beau Corrales was incomplete.

"We knew we had to get a stop," Virginia defensive end Eli Hanback said. "There was no other option."

Howell was 15 of 29 for 353 yards and four touchdowns for North Carolina (4-5, 3-3).

Dyami Brown had six catches for a career-high 202 yards and three touchdowns for the Tar Heels.

"Physically, psychologically and emotionally, these guys have played their guts out every week," North Carolina coach Mack Brown said. "Every game has come down to the end. It's been unbelievable."

THE TAKEAWAY

Virginia: The Cavaliers were the preseason pick to win the wide-open Coastal Division, and they have a good chance to fulfill that prophecy. Virginia's schedule down the stretch is favorable with all three of its games at home. The Cavaliers have an open date in between games they should win against Georgia Tech and Liberty. The finale against rival Virginia Tech on Nov. 29 could be huge.

North Carolina: It was another day at the office for the Tar Heels, who have played perhaps college football's most drama-filled season. The problem is that they fell short again. Eight of North Carolina's nine games have been decided by seven points or fewer, and the Tar Heels are 3-5 in those games.

BRYCE IS NICE

Perkins completed 30 of 39 passes for 378 yards and no interceptions, but he left a lasting impression with his game-breaking touchdown run. He escaped a sack by Jason Strowbridge, scrambled to his left, eluded two other defenders, and tight-roped down the sideline before running away from safety Myles Dorn.

"It's almost like watching a cheetah run," Virginia offensive tackle Ryan Nelson said. "He's the fastest thing out there. You're not going to catch him."

THE LITTLE THINGS

Here's how the Cavaliers won on the road: They had no turnovers, scored on all five trips inside the 20, converted their lone fourth down and had just one penalty for 5 yards. "It didn't seem that the circumstance was too big, and it didn't seem like the pressure was there," Virginia coach Bronco Mendenhall said.

INJURY UPDATE

Mendenhall said starting safety Brenton Nelson, who did not play, is out for the season because of injury. Mendenhall said the team found out Nelson's status on Thursday.

DYNAMITE DYAMI

Dyami Brown played a large role in UNC's first 17 points. He had a 57-yard catch and run to set up a field goal for the game's first score, and then he caught touchdown passes of 47 and 34 yards. Brown flashed his elite speed on all three plays, outrunning cornerback De'Vante Cross on the two first-half touchdowns.

MR. CONSISTENCY

With his four scoring strikes, Howell has thrown multiple touchdown passes in all nine games of his college career. The freshman has 26 touchdown throws and five interceptions for the season.

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UVA	7	10	21	0	38
UNC	3	14	14	0	31

Scoring Summary -----

	UVA	UNC
FIRST QUARTER		
UNC FG 9:16 Noah Ruggles 37 Yd Field Goal		
5 plays, 61 yards, 1:40	0	3
UVA TD 2:46 Bryce Perkins 1 Yd Run (Brian Delaney Kick)		
13 plays, 70 yards, 6:23	7	3
SECOND QUARTER		
UVA FG 9:18 Brian Delaney 21 Yd Field Goal		
8 plays, 76 yards, 4:16	10	3
UNC TD 7:17 Dyami Brown 47 Yd pass from Sam Howell (Noah Ruggles Kick)		
5 plays, 75 yards, 2:01	10	10
UNC TD 2:06 Dyami Brown 34 Yd pass from Sam Howell (Noah Ruggles Kick)		
8 plays, 59 yards, 3:07	10	17
UVA TD 0:13 Hasise Dubois 6 Yd pass from Bryce Perkins (Brian Delaney Kick)		
13 plays, 78 yards, 1:47	17	17
THIRD QUARTER		
UVA TD 14:25 Bryce Perkins 65 Yd Run (Brian Delaney Kick)		
2 plays, 75 yards, 0:35	24	17
UVA TD 7:32 Tanner Cowley 9 Yd pass from Bryce Perkins (Brian Delaney Kick)		
7 plays, 85 yards, 4:27	31	17
UNC TD 4:57 Antoine Green 50 Yd pass from Sam Howell (Noah Ruggles Kick)		
6 plays, 75 yards, 2:35	31	24
UVA TD 2:30 Grant Misch 6 Yd pass from Bryce Perkins (Brian Delaney Kick)		
5 plays, 75 yards, 2:27	38	24
UNC TD 0:43 Dyami Brown 42 Yd pass from Sam Howell (Noah Ruggles Kick)		
5 plays, 75 yards, 1:47	38	31

Team Stats	UVA	UNC
First Downs	28	25
Passes for First	20	13
Rushes for First	5	12
Penalties for First	3	0
Third Down Efficiency	7-13	7-13
Fourth Down Efficiency	1-1	0-3
Total Yards	517	539
Total Plays	72	68
Avg Gain Per Play	7.2	7.9
Net Yards Rushing	134	186
Rushes	32	39
Yards Per Rush	4.2	4.8
Net Yards Passing	383	353
Comp-Att	31-40	15-29
Yards Per Pass	9.6	12.2
Times Sacked	3	2
Yds Lost To Sacks	-17	-17
Interceptions	0	0
Punts	4	2
Punt Average	38.5	38.0
Penalties	1	6
Penalty Yards	5	46
Fumbles	2	0
Fumbles Lost	0	0
Time of Poss	33:38	26:22

Individual Stats

RUSHING							
VIRGINIA	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
Bryce Perkins	24	112	4.7	2	65		
Wayne Taulapapa	5	21	4.2	0	6		
PK Kier	1	5	5.0	0	5		
Team	2	-4	-2.0	0	0		
NORTH CAROLINA	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
Javonte Williams	16	98	6.1	0	21		
Michael Carter	14	87	6.2	0	19		
Dazz Newsome	1	4	4.0	0	4		
Antonio Williams	1	1	1.0	0	1		
Team	1	-1	-1.0	0	0		
Sam Howell	6	-3	-0.5	0	8		
PASSING							
VIRGINIA	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Bryce Perkins	30	39	378	9.7	3	0	81.2
Brennan Armstrong	1	1	5	5.0	0	0	100.0
NORTH CAROLINA	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Sam Howell	15	29	353	12.2	4	0	71.5
RECEIVING							
VIRGINIA	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
Terrell Jana	13	146	11.2	0	34		
Hasise Dubois	6	97	16.2	1	40		
Joe Reed	6	55	9.2	0	17		
Tanner Cowley	3	53	17.7	1	39		
Tavares Kelly Jr.	1	21	21.0	0	21		
Grant Misch	1	6	6.0	1	6		
Wayne Taulapapa	1	5	5.0	0	5		
NORTH CAROLINA	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
Dyami Brown	6	202	33.7	3	57		
Dazz Newsome	4	65	16.3	0	31		
Antoine Green	2	62	31.0	1	50		
Rontavius Groves	1	13	13.0	0	13		
Beau Corrales	2	11	5.5	0	6		