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Team

- Virginia snapped a five-game road losing streak and picked up its first road win since Nov. 2, 2019 at North Carolina.
- In its first appearance on ESPN Thursday night football since 2012, UVA improved to 7-6 all-time in the primetime slot.
- The victory at Hard Rock Stadium was Virginia's first since 2011. The Cavaliers had dropped six-straight games in the facility, including the 2019 Orange Bowl (to Florida).
- Virginia improves to 11-12 in night games under Bronco Mendenhall and 2-2 this season.
- The Cavaliers are 8-10 against Miami in ACC regular season action.
- Virginia recorded its second safety of the season. Virginia hasn't been credited with two safeties in a season since 2012.
- Virginia rushed for 181 yards, the most in an ACC contest since totaling 262 against Boston College last season.
- The 30 points were the most against Miami since 2014, a 30-13 victory in Charlottesville.
- Virginia held Miami to 372 yards of total offense, including a season-low 203 yards passing. The 203 yards passing were the fewest by an ACC opponent against UVA since Louisville's 161 in 2020.
- The Cavaliers held Miami to 10 yards of total offense in the first quarter.

Player

- The touchdown for Wayne Taulapapa in the first quarter was his 20th of his career and 19th rushing score of his career.
- With a team-high 62 yards rushing, Taulapapa eclipsed 1,000 yards for his career, the 45th Cavalier rusher to reach 1,000 yards.
- Miami native, Mandy Alonso had career-highs sacks (2) and tackles for losses (3). He made the tackle on the first quarter safety.
- Dontayvion Wicks caught two passes for 75 yards and a touchdown all in the second half. He has a touchdown in four-straight games and leads the team with five on the season.
- Billy Kemp IV has caught a pass in 20-straight games after catching a game-high nine passes for 81 yards in the contest.
- Kemp jumped four spots on UVA's top-10 list for career receptions and now sits in sole possession of eighth place with 136 career catches.
- Specialist Brendan Farrell was successful on the first two field goal attempts of his career in the contest. He connected for kicks of 43 and 30 in the second half.
- Olusegun Oluwatimi made his 25th straight start and 28th of his career. Fellow offensive lineman Ryan Nelson has now started 42-straight games.
- Nick Grant was credited with a career-high, three pass break ups.
- Joey Blount led the team with eight tackles and added a pass break up. Six of his eight tackles were solo.
- Sophomore LT Jonathan Leech made his first career start.

