

**2022 NIT First Round**  
**Virginia 60, (3) Mississippi State 57**  
**Wednesday, March 16**  
**John Paul Jones Arena**

**Team Notes**

- The Cavaliers improved to 20-13
- UVA forced one shot clock violation (35 in 2021-22)
- UVA led 27-19 at the half, holding its opponent to fewer than 20 points in the first half for the fifth time
- MSU started the second half on a 15-5 run (7-7 FGs), including an 8-0 run, to gain a 34-32 lead
- UVA answered with a 12-2 run to gain a 46-38 lead
- UVA has won 20 or more games for the 10th time under Tony Bennett
- The Cavaliers have 11 home wins for the 12th time in 13 seasons under Bennett
- UVA is 8-5 in nonconference action

**NIT Notes**

- The Cavaliers are 18-11 all-time in 14 NIT appearances, including a pair of championships in 1980 and 1992
- UVA is 8-4 all-time in the NIT first round
- The Cavaliers are 11-3 at home in the NIT, including a 3-1 mark at John Paul Jones Arena
- The Cavaliers are 16-8 in NCAA/NIT postseason play under Bennett, including a 3-1 mark in the NIT
- Bennett is 3-2 all-time in the NIT, including a 68-57 loss at St. Mary's as head coach at Washington State in 2009

**Series Notes**

- The Cavaliers are 2-2 all-time vs. Mississippi State in a series that dates back to Feb. 25, 1928

**Player Notes**

- Double Figure Scorers: Jayden Gardner (16), Reece Beekman (14)
- Gardner reached double figures for the 27th time (101st career)
- Beekman reached double figures for the 11th time (14th career)
- Beekman (4 steals) surpassed Othell Wilson for first on UVA's single-season steals list with 70
- Beekman has at least one steal in 30 of 33 games
- Kihei Clark had a game-high nine assists