

No. 16 Virginia 70, No. 19 Illinois 61

Sunday, Nov. 20, 2022

T-Mobile Arena

Team Notes

- UVA is 4-0 for the first time since starting 7-0 in 2019-20
- The Cavaliers claimed their eighth November tournament championship in the last nine seasons
- UVA has recorded back-to-back ranked wins for the first time since the end of the 2019-20 season (52-50 vs. No. 7 Duke and 57-54 vs. No. 10 Louisville)
- UVA has posted back-to-back ranked wins away from home for the first time since defeating No. 13 Purdue (80-75 OT, No. 14 Auburn (63-62) and No. 9 Texas Tech (85-77 OT) in the 2019 NCAA Tournament
- UVA is 148-11 when scoring 70 or more points under Bennett
- UVA has scored 70 or more points in its first four games for the first time since starting the 2018-19 season with five games of 70 or more points
- UVA is 50-41 against ranked foes in the Tony Bennett era
- UVA is 159-47 in non-conference action under Tony Bennett
- Virginia started the second half on a 6-0 run
- Illinois led 31-29 at the half
- UVA outrebounded Illinois 37-34 and scored 19 points off 13 Illinois turnovers

Bennett Wins Watch

- Tony Bennett (320-117, 14 seasons) needs seven wins to pass Terry Holland (326-173, 16 seasons) as the all-time winningest coach at UVA
- Bennett (389-150) needs 11 wins to reach 400 career wins

Series Notes

- Virginia is 1-0 all-time vs. Illinois

Player Notes

- Double Figure Scorers: Reece Beekman (17), Kihei Clark (12), Jayden Gardner (12)
- Tournament MVP Beekman scored five points straight points to give UVA a 62-58 lead
- Beekman reached double figures for the 18th time
- Clark scored Virginia's first seven points
- Clark reached double figures for the 52nd time
- Clark (4,369 minutes) moved past Duke's Shane Battier (4,337 minutes from 1998-01) into 25th on the ACC's Career Minutes Played list
- Clark moved into ninth on UVA's career games list with 132
- Clark moved into 10th on UVA's career starts list with 112
- Gardner reached double figures for the 104th time
- Ben Vander Plas had a season-high 10 rebounds