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Virginia pitcher Griff McGarry celebrates during the Cavaliers' victory over Dallas Baptist on Sunday in Columbia, S.C.

# GRIFF UPPER LIP

## McGarry's gem helps UVA force a decisive Game 3

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COLUMBIA, S.C. — As Zack Gelof's eighth-inning solo home run sailed out of Founders Park, Virginia players and coaches momentarily forgot how to act in public.

First-base coach Matt Kirby excitedly ran in a circle, while starting pitcher and Sunday's star Griff McGarry jumped out of the dugout and pounded his chest.

When senior Alex Tappen hit a three-run home run later in the frame to put Virginia up 4-0, the shenanigans continued. Chris Newell popped out of the dugout with a pink towel wrapped around his head and pitchers in the bullpen started climbing on the outfield wall.

The Cavaliers were understandably excited, having

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The Virginia baseball team huddles after Sunday's win over Dallas Baptist in Game 2 of the Columbia Super Regional.

## Dickinson continues to work magic with pitchers

**ANDREW RAMSPACHER**  
For The Daily Progress

COLUMBIA, S.C. — With Sunday serving as the latest example, the new voice adding to the Virginia baseball coaching decisions has been red-hot this postseason.

The Cavaliers are on the brink of a fifth trip to the College World Series in a dozen years after blanking Dallas Baptist, 4-0, on Sunday in Game 2 of an NCAA Super Regional series at Founders Park. Surprise starter Griff McGarry, he of a plus-7 ERA entering the game, was brilliant against one of the nation's top lineups.

The electric performance — 10 strikeouts, two hits, seven-plus innings — helped

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# NASCAR: Playoff wins ease Hamlin's mind as he pursues title B3

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Virginia players and coaches celebrate after scoring a safety during the first half of Thursday's game against Miami in Miami Gardens, Fla.

## Shank you very much

### Cavaliers escape with win after Hurricanes miss field goal

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MIAMI GARDENS, Fla. — Andres Borregales lined up for a 33-yard field goal to give Miami a win over Virginia.

The freshman pulled the ball left, slamming it into the upright. The ball bounced back to the turf as the clock expired.

Virginia, which seemed destined for a third consecutive ACC loss, escaped Miami with a 30-28 win over the Hurricanes. It's the team's first win at Miami since 2011.

UVA's players stormed the field, madly celebrating a wild ending to a game they nearly gave away.

Virginia was either tied or leading Miami for the entirety of Thursday's game, but it seemed like the team's lead would slip away in the final seconds. Instead, the Cavaliers secured a much-needed road

win to keep its slim ACC Coastal Division title chances alive.

The Hurricanes were without veteran quarterback D'Eriq King, who missed the game with an injury, and the team's offense looked lethargic in the early going. Miami's first five drives included four punts and a safety.

Fortunately for the home team, Virginia's offense wasn't at its best early either.

UVA took a 7-0 lead with 7:21 left in the first quarter on a one-yard touchdown run from Wayne Taulapapa, who looked good coming back from concussion. A safety, which came on a tackle for loss by defensive end and Miami native Mandy Alonso at the one-yard line after a perfect punt from Jacob Finn pinned the Hurricanes deep, put Virginia up 9-0 at the end of one quarter.

The Cavaliers failed to extend the

lead after that, even as the Hurricanes sputtered.

Miami finally added points late in the first half, driving 54 yards in five plays to cut Virginia's lead to 9-7 with 2:30 left until halftime. A one-yard touchdown run from running back Cam'Ron Harris pulled the Hurricanes within one score.

UVA responded like a veteran team.

Armstrong led the Wahoos on an eight-play, 80-yard touchdown drive before the end of the half. Mike Hollins' 25-yard touchdown rush, which featured exceptional downfield blocking to help him break free down the right side of the field, ended the drive.

The Cavaliers led 16-7 at halftime.

A 43-yard field goal from Brendan Farrell — he started in place of an injured Justin Duenkel — put UVA up 19-7 early in the second

half. A mistake from Armstrong — he fired an interception to line-backer Corey Flagg Jr. deep inside UVA territory — set up a 16-yard touchdown pass from Van Dyke to Mike Harley.

That miscue helped spark the crowd and give Miami important energy.

UVA bounced back with a miraculous touchdown catch by Don-tayvion Wicks. Armstrong tossed a pass into a crowd of two receivers and three defensive backs. The ball went through the hands of a Miami defender, bounced onto the back of Wicks as he fell to the ground and then fell into his waiting arms as he sat in the end zone.

Miami kept fighting back, gaining offensive confidence as the night progressed. Harris broke free for a 57-yard touchdown run. He went untouched up the middle to pull Miami within

six points.

Leading 27-21, UVA answered yet again. The Cavaliers marched down the field, but settled for a 30-yard field goal from Farrell to take a 30-21 lead with 12:52 left in the fourth quarter.

The defense, which looked strong in the first half, faded as the game progressed. Miami responded with a touchdown drive to make the score 30-28 with 9:09 left. Van Dyke scrambled to his right for an athletic 24-yard touchdown run.

This time, UVA's offense failed to answer.

That set the stage for Miami's final drive, which began with 5:36 left. The Hurricanes drained the clock masterfully, driving into field goal range and leaving no time on the clock.

Miami did everything except make the kick.

#### MEN'S BASKETBALL

## Morsell, McKoy left UVA in search of more offense

Both players transferred to other ACC schools

**MIKE BARBER**  
Richmond Times-Dispatch

There won't be any "bad blood" when Justin McKoy takes the floor against his former Virginia team this season, a meeting that will go down when his new school, North Carolina, hosts UVA on Jan. 8. McKoy feels he benefited from his two seasons with the Cavaliers and that his former teammates were supportive when he chose to transfer to UNC.

"There's nothing wrong with

Virginia," said McKoy, a Cary, N.C. native who considered North Carolina and North Carolina State out of high school before joining UVA. "I could have stayed and had a great career."

Still, McKoy, guard Casey Morsell and guard Jabri Abdur-Rahim didn't stay.

Abdur-Rahim is at Georgia and McKoy and Morsell, who is now at North Carolina State, even transferred within the ACC.

Why? Both players said they were seeking a system with more offensive freedom and flow.

"I think it's a 100% better fit for me," Morsell said of a Wolfpack program that will host Virginia

on Jan. 22. "On the offensive end, there's a lot more freedom, a lot more opportunity to play up and down, a lot more opportunity for me to be me. ... I'm in a position where, I'm not having to adjust or not having to change completely who I am as a player and who I am as a person to fit in."

Like Morsell, who never took more than nine shots in a game at UVA, McKoy believes North Carolina will give him more chances to showcase his offensive skills.

"You could argue, maybe I wanted to play a little faster, maybe I wanted to get up and down more," said McKoy. "You



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Former Virginia guard Casey Morsell, front, transferred to N.C. State.

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# Prep football: Orange County rolls past Charlottesville B3

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ANDREW SHURTLEFF, THE DAILY PROGRESS

Virginia defensive back Anthony Johnson, left, intercepts the ball from Illinois wide receiver Donny Navarro III during Saturday's game at Scott Stadium. Virginia won, 42-14.

# MORNING GLORY

## Cavaliers use fast start to fuel rout of Illinois

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Bronco Mendenhall was bullish about his offense during preseason camp, at one point matter-of-factly saying, "We're gonna score a lot of points."

Saturday, the Cavaliers quickly showed why Virginia's head coach raves about his team's offensive unit.

Virginia took down Illinois 42-14, racking up 556 total yards in the process.

The first two drives set the tone for the contest, spotting Virginia (2-0) a two-touchdown lead in the first five minutes. Brennan Armstrong hit his receivers on the numbers, and the Illinois secondary struggled to keep UVA's skill players in front of them.

"That was the whole objective of the game this week, to start fast, keep going fast, and don't let up," wide receiver Dontayvion Wicks said.

Virginia never relinquished its early lead.

It took just four plays and 76 seconds for UVA to march 75 yards for a touchdown on the team's opening drive. Tight end Jelani Woods accounted for 63 receiving yards, including a 32-yard touchdown catch.



ANDREW SHURTLEFF, THE DAILY PROGRESS

Virginia quarterback Brennan Armstrong, left, runs with the ball next to Illinois defensive back Derrick Smith during Saturday's game at Scott Stadium.

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## In race against time, UVA's offense works to overload opponents



**MIKE BARBER**

For a moment during halftime, Virginia linebacker Noah Taylor let himself ponder his opponent's quandary.

Confronted by a dizzying array of formations and personnel groupings, ones that often included multiple quarterbacks on the field together, Taylor tried to put himself in the shoes of the Illinois defense trying to slow down UVA.

"I'm thinking in my head, 'What are their halftime adjustments?'" said Taylor. "What do you say? They don't know what we're going to do. What are you saying at halftime?"

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## Hokies handle Blue Raiders

**MIKE NIZIOLEK**  
The Roanoke Times

BLACKSBURG — Virginia Tech coach Justin Fuente isn't worried about style points.

The No. 19 Hokies closed out a 35-14 win over Middle Tennessee on Saturday at Lane Stadium with 21 straight points in the second half for the program's largest win over a non-power five opponent since a 2018 victory over Marshall.

There were some notably anxious moments in the early going for Tech fans with starting quarterback Braxton Burmeister and starting tight end James Mitchell leaving the game with injuries.



**Virginia Tech 35, Middle Tennessee 14**

Nonconference matchup  
**Key player:** Virginia Tech QB Braxton Burmeister finished the game 14-of-24 with 142 yards and a touchdown. He also had eight carries for 52 yards.

Burmeister (neck) would return to the game while Mitchell (leg) was held out.

Tech pushed through the sluggish first half and grabbed the momentum out of the break with a 6-play, 93-yard drive. Burmeister

got things started with a 47-yard completion (his longest of the season) to Tre Turner that set up a 29-yard touchdown run from Jalen Holston two plays later.

On Middle Tennessee's ensuing drive, Jermaine Waller jumped a crossing route for his second interception of the season. Tech running back Raheem Blackshear extended the lead to 28-7 on a 6-yard run with 3:21 left in the third quarter.

Blackshear led the team with 10 carries for 53 yards and two touchdowns.

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## JMU throttles Maine in conference opener

**WAYNE EPPS JR.**  
Richmond Times-Dispatch

HARRISONBURG — James Madison prides itself on the run. It's the foundational stone of the program's offense.

But with a loaded corps of athletic receivers, the Dukes are more than capable of airing it out, too.

That was the chosen plan of attack on Saturday, in JMU's Colonial Athletic Association opener against visiting Maine at Bridgeforth Stadium.



**James Madison 55, Maine 7**  
CAA matchup

**Key player:** JMU quarterback Cole Johnson went 25-of-30 for 384 yards and four touchdowns.

The Dukes stretched the Black Bears' defense in the flats, then pulled the trigger for deeper shots, overwhelming Maine's secondary.

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