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The Virginia men's tennis team celebrates after winning the national championship on Sunday in Orlando.

MATT RILEY,
UVA ATHLETICS

UVa men's tennis team captures sixth national title in dominating fashion

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Ten years to the day after the Virginia men's tennis program captured its first NCAA outdoor national championship, the Cavaliers added a sixth title to its ever-expanding trophy case.

And they did it in dominating fashion. Virginia won its second straight national championship on Sunday with an impressive 4-0 victory over Ohio State at the USTA National Campus in Orlando.

The Wahoos (30-4) won the doubles point, then captured three singles matches in straight sets to earn its sixth national championship in the past 10 years. Junior Iñaki Montes clinched the victory for Virginia with a win on court two.

"It is a bit surreal like it was when we won last year," UVA head coach Andres Pedroso said. "I give all the credit to the guys, to the staff, the coaches. This is such a team effort. So many people have put so much time into a process like this. And the players are really special. It was a tough semester. We went through a lot, and they just hung in there, and they trusted us. It's a credit to the way they were brought up by their families, to their character, to their values, and to



Virginia's Iñaki Montes celebrates after earning the clinching point in the Cavaliers' 4-0 victory over Ohio State in the NCAA championship match on Sunday in Orlando.

what they prioritize in life. And I'm just so like lucky to have these guys because they're just such a pleasure to coach. So all the credit to the guys."

Sunday's victory capped a dominating run through the NCAA Tournament for

Virginia, which only dropped three points in six postseason matches on its march to the championship.

The Hoos cruised to 4-0 victories in its first three NCAA Tournament matches (Navy, Ole Miss and Duke) in Charlottesville,

then earned a hard-fought 4-2 win over Kentucky in Orlando in a rematch of the 2022 national championship match. Virginia then took down No. 1 seed Texas with a 4-1 win in the semifinals on Saturday before rolling past Ohio State in Sunday's championship match.

The Cavaliers won their final 22 matches and did not lose an outdoor match this season. One of the reasons for Virginia's success this spring was its depth and the emergence of several key contributors.

"I think the difference between this year and last year might be that certain guys really stepped up," Pedroso said. "Alex Kiefer and Måns Dahlberg really stepped up for this team. William Woodall really stepped up for this team. We had our stalwarts in the top four, and those guys are always there for us. We just lean on those guys every single match, but those three guys really stepped up for us and even the guys on the sidelines: Doug Yaffa, Ty Switzer and our student manager Jacob Haley who's just a blessing and just a difference maker. And so guys stepped up this year big time, and they needed to, and that's probably what

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COLLEGE BASEBALL

ACC Tournament matchups set

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The last time the Virginia baseball team won the Coastal Division championship in 2011, it went on to win the ACC Tournament in Durham, N.C. and earn a trip to the College World Series.

The Cavaliers will have a chance to repeat those feats again this season.

Fresh off of winning the Coastal Division championship outright on Saturday with its 8-7 win over Georgia Tech, Virginia will be the No. 2 overall seed in the ACC Tournament this week



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Virginia's Jake Gelof hit 22 home runs during the regular season, tying the school record.

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GOLF | PGA CHAMPIONSHIP

Koepka delivers a major performance

DOUG FERGUSON
Associated Press

PITTSFORD, N.Y. — All those injuries that made Brooks Koepka wonder if he was still among golf's elite were put to rest Sunday at Oak Hill when he beat the strongest field of the year and won the PGA Championship for his fifth major title.

Determined as ever to restore his reputation as the player to beat in the majors, Koepka ran off three quick birdies early, never lost the lead amid a gritty fight from Viktor Hovland and closed

with a 3-under 67 for a two-shot victory.

He won his third Wanamaker Trophy — only Jack Nicklaus and Walter Hagen with five and Tiger Woods with four have won the PGA Championship more time — and captured his first major in four years.

And to think the 18 months Koepka was so wounded he felt he couldn't compete, a decision that might have led to him leaving the PGA Tour for Saudi-funded

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SCOREBOARD

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SPORTS ON TV
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Monday, May 22
BEACH VOLLEYBALL

8 p.m.
ESPN — AVP Women's And Men's Championships: The Huntington Beach Open, Huntington Beach, Calif. (Taped)

COLLEGE GOLF (WOMEN'S)

9 p.m.
GOLF — NCAA Tournament: Individual National Championship, Grayhawk Golf Club, Scottsdale, Ariz.

INTERNATIONAL HOCKEY (MEN'S)

9 a.m.
NHLN — World Championship Group Stage: Canada vs. Norway

1 p.m.
NHLN — World Championship Group Stage: Austria vs. Hungary

5 a.m. (Tuesday)
NHLN — World Championship Group Stage: Slovakia vs. Norway

MLB BASEBALL

7:30 p.m.
FS1 — San Francisco at Minnesota

9:30 p.m.
MLBN — Regional Coverage: Boston at LA Angels OR Oakland at Seattle

NBA PLAYOFFS

8:40 p.m.
ESPN — Western Conference Final: Denver at LA Lakers, Game 4

NHL PLAYOFFS

8 p.m.
TNT — Eastern Conference Final: Carolina at Florida, Game 3

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Las Vegas	1	0	1.000	—
Los Angeles	1	0	1.000	—
Dallas	1	0	1.000	—
Seattle	0	1	.000	1
Phoenix	0	1	.000	1
Minnesota	0	1	.000	1

Saturday's results
Dallas 85, Atlanta 78
Las Vegas 105, Seattle 64

Sunday's results
Connecticut 80, Washington 74
New York 90, Indiana 73
Chicago at Phoenix, (n)

Monday's games
No Games scheduled

Tuesday's games
Connecticut at Washington, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Minnesota, 8 p.m.

HOCKEY

NHL playoffs (best-of-7)

CONFERENCE FINALS

Saturday's result
Florida 2, Carolina 1
(Florida leads series 2-0)

Sunday's result
Vegas 3, Dallas 2, OT
(Vegas leads series 2-0)

Monday's game
Carolina at Florida, 8 p.m.

Tuesday's game
Vegas at Dallas, 8 p.m.

SOCCER

MLS

Eastern Conference

	W	L	Pts	GF	GA
Cincinnati	9	1	30	21	14
Nashville	7	3	25	19	9
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Orlando City	5	4	19	16	16
Columbus	5	5	18	25	17
Austin FC	5	5	18	19	25
New York City FC	4	5	16	15	16
New York	3	4	7	10	12
Inter Miami CF	5	8	0	15	14
CF Montreal	5	8	0	15	22
Chicago	3	4	6	18	21
Toronto FC	2	5	7	13	18

Western Conference

	W	L	Pts	GF	GA
Los Angeles FC	7	1	4	25	23
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Saint Louis City SC	6	4	4	22	28
FC Dallas	6	3	4	22	16
Saint Jose	5	5	3	18	17
Minnesota United	5	5	3	18	18
Vancouver	4	4	5	17	18
Portland	4	6	4	16	18
D.C. United	4	6	4	16	13
Houston	4	5	3	15	11
Real Salt Lake	4	6	3	15	12
Colorado	2	6	6	12	21
Sporting Kansas City	2	8	4	10	9
LA Galaxy	2	8	3	9	23

Saturday's results
Nashville 2, Charlotte FC 1
Cincinnati 3, Columbus 2
D.C. United 3, LA Galaxy 0
Orlando City 3, Miami 1
New York City FC 1, Philadelphia 3, New England 0
Austin FC 1, Toronto FC 0
Atlanta 2, Chicago 3, tie
Houston 1, FC Dallas 1, tie
Real Salt Lake 3, Colorado 2
Saint Louis City SC 4, Sporting Kansas City 0
Los Angeles FC 2, San Jose 1
Minnesota 1, Portland 0
Vancouver 2, Seattle 0

Sunday, May 27
Miami at CF Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at New England, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at New York City FC, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Orlando City, 7:30 p.m.
D.C. United at Toronto FC, 7:30 p.m.
Austin FC at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Real Salt Lake at Minnesota, 8:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Saint Louis City SC, 8:30 p.m.
Cincinnati at Colorado, 9:30 p.m.
Charlotte FC at LA Galaxy, 10:30 p.m.
FC Dallas at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.
New York at Seattle, 10:30 p.m.

NWSL

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	5	3	0	15	10	7
San Diego	5	3	0	15	10	7
OL Reign	4	2	1	13	12	6
Gallop FC	4	2	1	13	7	7
Portland	3	1	2	13	18	10
North Carolina	3	2	2	11	9	9
Orlando	3	2	2	11	12	12
Louisville	2	2	4	10	11	9
Angel City	2	3	3	9	11	13
Houston	2	3	3	9	9	9
Kansas City	2	2	6	6	9	16
Chicago	1	5	1	4	11	18

Saturday's results
Angel City 0, North Carolina 0, tie
Orlando 2, Washington 1
FC Dallas at San Jose, 8:30 p.m.
San Diego 3, Houston 0

Sunday's results
Chicago at Portland, (n)
Gomham FC at OL Reign, (n)

Friday's games
Orlando at Kansas City, 9 p.m.
Portland at San Diego, 10 p.m.

Saturday, May 27
Angel City at OL Reign, 3:30 p.m.
North Carolina at Louisville, 8 p.m.
Orlando at Chicago, 8 p.m.

Sunday, May 28

Gotham FC at Washington, 5 p.m.

FOOTBALL

USFL

North Division

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	3	3	0	.500	106	140
New Jersey	2	3	0	.400	96	87
Pittsburgh	2	4	0	.333	82	108
Michigan	2	4	0	.333	96	130

South Division

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	4	2	0	.667	145	127
Birmingham	4	2	0	.667	171	117
Houston	3	2	0	.600	142	129
Memphis	3	3	0	.500	119	119

Saturday's results
Memphis 22, Pittsburgh 0
Birmingham 27, Michigan 13

Sunday's results
Philadelphia at New Orleans, (n)
New Jersey at Houston, (n)

Saturday, May 27
Birmingham at New Orleans, 4 p.m.
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 9 p.m.

Sunday, May 28
Houston at Memphis, 2:30 p.m.
Michigan at New Jersey, 5:30 p.m.

GOLF

PGA Championship
Oak Hill CC, Rochester, N.Y.
Purse: \$15M; Yards: 7,394; Par: 70

Final Round, Sunday

Individual money TBD

Brooks Koepka, US	72-66-66-67=271
Victor Hovland, Norway	68-67-70-68=273
Scottie Scheffler, US	67-68-73-65=273
Cameron Davis, Aus.	71-70-71-65=277
B. DeChambeau, US	68-71-70-70=277
Kurt Kitayama, US	70-71-71-65=277
Rory McIlroy, N. Ire.	71-69-69-69=278
Sepp Straka, Austria	69-71-73-65=278
Patrick Cantlay, US	74-67-72-66=279
Justin Rose, England	69-70-69-71=279
Justin Suh, US	72-72-70-65=279
Corey Conners, Canada	67-68-70-75=280
Shane Lowry, Ireland	73-67-71-69=280
Victor Perez, France	72-72-69-69=280
Michael Block, US	70-70-70-71=281
Eric Cole, US	67-74-70-70=281
Tyrell Hatters, Eng.	69-71-73-65=281
Tommy Fleetwood, Eng.	72-71-68-71=282
Min Woo Lee, Australia	73-67-71-71=282
Mito Pereira, Chile	72-69-74-63=282
Patrick Reed, US	72-71-69-70=282
Xander Schauffele, US	72-72-71-67=282
Matthew NeSmith, US	68-73-71-71=283
70-70-74-69=283	
Alex Smalley, US	73-72-70-68=283
Hayden Buckley, US	69-74-71-70=284
Collin Morikawa, US	71-70-74-69=284
Justin Suh, US	69-68-73-74=284
Keegan Bradley, US	68-72-74-71=285
Chris Kirk, US	70-75-69-71=285
K.-Hoon Lee, S.Korea	73-68-75-69=285
H. Matsuyama, Japan	72-71-70-75=285
Denny McCarthy, US	75-70-72-68=285
Taylor Pendrith, Can.	70-69-74-72=285
Patrick Rodgers, US	70-72-68=285
68-74-74-69=285	
Adam Scott, Australia	73-72-71-69=285
Jordan Spieth, US	73-72-71-69=285
Callum Tarren, Eng.	71-67-79-68=285
Harold Varner III, US	70-71-74-70=285
Thomas Detry, Belgium	74-71-73-68=286
Adam Hadwin, Canada	70-73-73-70=286
Lucas Herbert, Aus.	75-69-72-70=286
Lucas Herbert, Aus.	75-69-72-70=286
Adrian Meronk, Poland	75-69-74-68=286
Thomas Pieters, Bel.	69-76-70-71=286
J.T. Poston, US	72-70-75-69=286
Chez Ravie, US	76-68-71-71=286
Dustin Swenson, Can.	70-70-73-73=286
Sam Hoggard, Den.	71-70-71-71=286
Padraig Harrington, Ire.	72-71-69-69=287
Nicolai Hojgaard, Den.	76-67-71-67=287
Saint Louis City SC 4, Sporting Kansas City 0	68-73-71-71=287
Jon Rahm, Spain	76-68-72-71=287
Dean Burmester, S.Afr.	73-71-72-72=288
Lee Hodges, US	75-70-75-69=289
Max Homa, US	71-72-74-72=289
Dustin Johnson, US	67-74-74-74=289
Ben Hossler, US	71-70-75-73=289
Zach Johnson, US	74-71-71-70=290
Phil Mickelson, US	73-72-75-70=290
Keim Mitchell-Beck, US	75-70-75-71=291
Rikuya Hoshino, Japan	75-68-75-73=291
Silwan Kim, US	75-68-75-73=291
Tommy Fleetwood, Eng.	69-75-74-69=292
Pablo Larrazabal, Spain	75-70-76-71=292
Tony Finau, US	73-72-75-72=292
Sam Stevens, US	71-74-79-74=298
Mark Hubbard, US	72-73-77-76=300
Kazuki Higa, Japan	

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Home team in caps.

NBA Playoffs

FAVORITE LINE O/U UNDERDOG

LA LAKERS	3½	(224)	Denver
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NHL Playoffs

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FLORIDA	-115	Carolina	-104
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CLEVELAND	-125	Chi. White Sox	+105
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SCHEDULE

COLLEGE

Virginia schedule

Monday
All day — Men's tennis and women's tennis at NCAA Individual Championships (Orlando)

Tuesday
All day — Men's tennis and women's tennis at NCAA Individual Championships (Orlando)

Wednesday
All day — Men's tennis and women's tennis at NCAA Individual Championships (Orlando)
10 a.m. — Track and field at NCAA East Regional (Jacksonville, Fla.)
3 p.m. — Baseball vs. North Carolina in ACC Tournament (Durham, N.C.)

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BASKETBALL

NBA playoffs
(Best-of-7)
CONFERENCE FINALS

Saturday's result
Denver 119, L.A. Lakers 108
(Denver leads series 3-0)

Sunday's result
Boston at Miami, (n)
(Miami leads series 2-0)

Monday's game
Denver at L.A. Lakers, 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday's game
Boston at Miami, 8:30 p.m.

WNBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Connecticut	2	0	1.000	—
Chicago	1	0	1.000	½
New York	1	1	.500	1
Washington	1	1	.500	1
Atlanta	0	1	.000	1½
Indiana	0	2	.000	2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Las Vegas	1	0	1.000	—
Los Angeles	1	0	1.000	—
Dallas	1	0	1.000	—
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Phoenix	0	1	.000	1
Minnesota	0	1	.000	1

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Sunday's results
Connecticut 80, Washington 74
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Chicago at Phoenix, (n)

Monday's games
No Games scheduled

Tuesday's games
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Atlanta at Minnesota, 8 p.m.

HOCKEY

NHL playoffs (best-of-7)

CONFERENCE FINALS

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Florida 2, Carolina 1
(Florida leads series 2-0)

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Vegas 3, Dallas 2, OT
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Inter Miami CF	5	8	0	15	14
CF Montreal	5	8	0	15	22
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Austin FC 1, Toronto FC 0
Atlanta 2, Chicago 3, tie
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Saint Louis City SC 4, Sporting Kansas City 0
Los Angeles FC 2, San Jose 1
Minnesota 1, Portland 0
Vancouver 2, Seattle 0

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Austin FC at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
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Vancouver at Saint Louis City SC, 8:30 p.m.
Cincinnati at Colorado, 9:30 p.m.
Charlotte FC at LA Galaxy, 10:30 p.m.
FC Dallas at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.
New York at Seattle, 10:30 p.m.

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MIKE KROFF PHOTOS, THE DAILY PROGRESS

Virginia's Isaac McKneely (11) puts his jersey over his head after the Cavaliers' loss to Furman in the NCAA Tournament on Thursday in Orlando.

FUR-GETTABLE

Cavaliers' stunning loss to Furman is not all on Clark

ORLANDO, Fla. — As yet another media wave descended upon Kihei Clark's locker stall, asking him to explain the inexplicable, teammate Armaan Franklin assessed Virginia's NCAA Tournament demise Thursday succinctly and accurately. "He's won so many games for us," Franklin said. "It's not all his fault. We had several times we could have put this game away.

We just let them creep back in it." Exactly. For all the focus on Clark's ill-fated Hail Mary and JP Pegues' subsequent 3-pointer, UVa's 68-67 first-round loss to Furman at the Orlando Magic's arena was a collective failure. This wasn't 16th-seeded UMBC routing No. 1 Virginia in 2018. And this wasn't the Cavaliers, limited to one pre-tournament practice by COVID protocols, falling to Ohio in 2021. This was Virginia,

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Virginia's Kadin Shedrick (21) becomes emotional during the second half of Virginia's loss to Furman in the NCAA Tournament on Thursday in Orlando, Fla.

Shedrick was at his best for UVa

ORLANDO, Fla. — Before it all went wrong, he was operating in his most dynamic fashion of the season in an effort to keep Virginia right. "I thought we had the game won, but it didn't turn out that way," Cavaliers forward Kadin Shedrick said with eyes still red and moist from the fresh, uncontrollable tears he couldn't stop as he walked off the floor in the immediate aftermath of fourth-seeded UVa's 68-67 loss to No. 13-seed Furman at the Amway Center on Thursday and abrupt, first-round exit from the NCAA Tournament. Fifth-year senior guard Kihei Clark's panic heave into the air against a trapping, full-court defense with seven seconds to go

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

March Madness lands in Blacksburg

Virginia Tech opens NCAA Tournament play at home today

MARK BERMAN
The Roanoke Times

BLACKSBURG — March Madness has come to Virginia Tech. But for women's coach Kenny Brooks, this weekend is about preventing the madness. Virginia Tech is a No. 1 seed in the NCAA Tournament for the first time. So Brooks does not want his team to fall victim to a

March Madness upset at Cassell Coliseum this weekend. The Hokies (27-4) will host No. 16 seed Chattanooga at 5:30 p.m. Friday, with the winner meeting No. 8 seed Southern California or No. 9 seed South Dakota State on Sunday at Cassell. "The games are not played on paper and that's what makes it fun for the fans. ... That's why it's called March Madness. And as a No. 1 seed, we just have to try to prevent any kind of madness," Brooks said Thursday at a news conference. "But it's going to be a hard task because we know how

good all the teams are that will be here in Blacksburg." There are high expectations for the Hokies, both externally (Barack Obama has picked Tech to go to the Final Four) and internally. "Our expectations for ourselves

Please see **NCAA WOMEN**, Page B3



MATT GENTRY, THE ROANOKE TIMES

Virginia Tech head coach Kenny Brooks (with his arms folded) huddles with his team during a practice Thursday at Cassell Coliseum. The Hokies are a No. 1 seed in the NCAA tournament for the first time.

SCOREBOARD

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SPORTS ON TV

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Friday, March 17

AUTO RACING

9:25 a.m. ESPN2 — Formula 1: Practice, Jeddah Corniche Street Circuit, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia

12:55 p.m. ESPNNEWS — Formula 1: Practice, Jeddah Corniche Street Circuit, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia

3 p.m. FS1 — NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series: Qualifying, Atlanta Motor Speedway

4:30 p.m. FS1 — NASCAR Xfinity Series: Qualifying, Atlanta Motor Speedway, Hampton, Ga.

BASEBALL

7 p.m. FS1 — WBC: Puerto Rico vs. Mexico

BASKETBALL AFRICA LEAGUE

12 p.m. NBA-TV — ABC: Fighters vs. US Monastir

BOWLING

10 p.m. FS1 — PBA: The Tournament of Champions, Stepladder, Fairlawn, Ohio (Taped)

COLLEGE BASEBALL

7 p.m. SECN — LSU at Texas A&M

8 p.m. ACCN — Virginia Tech at Miami

10 p.m. PAC-12N — Oregon St. at Stanford

COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN'S)

12:15 p.m. CBS — NCAA: Southern Cal vs. Michigan St., First Round

12:30 p.m. TRUTV — NCAA: Kennesaw St. vs. Xavier, First Round

1:20 p.m. TNT — NCAA: UC Santa Barbara vs. Baylor

1:50 p.m. TBS — NCAA: VCU vs. Saint Mary's (Cal), First Round

2:45 p.m. CBS — NCAA: Vermont vs. Marquette, First Round

3 p.m. TRUTV — NCAA: Pittsburgh vs. Iowa St., First Round

3:50 p.m. TNT — NCAA: NC State vs. Creighton, First Round

4:20 p.m. TBS — NCAA: Iona vs. UConn, First Round

6:50 p.m. TNT — NCAA: Fairleigh Dickinson vs. Purdue, First Round

7:15 p.m. CBS — NCAA: Providence vs. Kentucky, First Round

7:25 p.m. TBS — NCAA: Drake vs. Miami, First Round

9:20 p.m. TRUTV — NCAA: Grand Canyon vs. Gonzaga, First Round

9:40 p.m. CBS — NCAA: FAU vs. Memphis, First Round

9:45 p.m. CBS — NCAA: Montana St. vs. Kansas St., First Round

9:55 p.m. TBS — NCAA: Kent St. vs. Indiana, First Round

TRUTV — NCAA: Arizona St. vs. TCU, First Round

COLLEGE BASKETBALL (WOMEN'S)

11:30 a.m. ESPN2 — NCAA: Marquette vs. South Florida, First Round

12 p.m. ESPN — NCAA: West Virginia vs. Arizona, First Round

1:30 p.m. ESPN2 — NCAA: Georgia vs. Florida St., First Round

2 p.m. ESPN — NCAA: Norfolk St. at South Carolina, First Round

2:30 p.m. ESPNNEWS — NCAA: Holy Cross at Maryland,

First Round

3 p.m. ESPN — NCAA: UNLV vs. Michigan, First Round

3:30 p.m. ESPN2 — NCAA: S. Utah at Notre Dame, First Round

4 p.m. ESPN — NCAA: SE Louisiana at Iowa, First Round

5:30 p.m. ESPN2 — NCAA: Hawaii at LSU, First Round

ESPN — NCAA: Chattanooga at Virginia Tech, First Round

6 p.m. ESPNNEWS — NCAA: Mississippi St. vs. Creighton, First Round

7:30 p.m. ESPN2 — NCAA: Sacred Heart at Stanford, First Round

ESPN — NCAA: Gardner-Webb at Utah, First Round

8 p.m. ESPNNEWS — NCAA: S. Dakota St. vs. Southern Cal, First Round

10 p.m. ESPN2 — NCAA: Princeton vs. NC State, First Round

ESPN — NCAA: Gonzaga vs. Mississippi, First Round

COLLEGE HOCKEY (MEN'S)

5 p.m. CBSN — NCHC: Tournament: Colorado College vs. Denver: Semifinal, St. Paul, Minn.

8:30 p.m. CBSN — NCHC: Tournament: North Dakota vs. St. Cloud St.: Semifinal, St. Paul, Minn.

COLLEGE LACROSSE (MEN'S)

6 p.m. ACCN — North Carolina at Duke

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

8 p.m. PAC-12N — Washington at UCLA

COLLEGE WRESTLING

12 p.m. ESPN — NCAA: Quarterfinals, Tulsa, Okla.

8 p.m. ESPN — NCAA: Semifinals, Tulsa, Okla.

GOLF

2 p.m. GOLF — PGA Tour: The Valparaiso Championship, Second Round

6 p.m. GOLF — PGA Tour: Champions: The Hoag Classic, First Round.

1 a.m. (Saturday) GOLF — Ladies European Tour: The Aramoct Team Series, Final Round

HORSE RACING

3 p.m. FS2 — NYRA: America's Day at the Races

MLB

6 a.m. MLB — Spring Training: Tampa Bay (SS) vs. Minnesota, Fort Myers, Fla. (Taped)

1 p.m. MLB — Spring Training: NY Yankees vs. Detroit, Lakeland, Fla.

4 p.m. MLB — Spring Training: Toronto (SS) vs. Philadelphia (SS), Clearwater, Fla. (Taped)

7 p.m. MLB — Spring Training: Atlanta vs. Boston, Fort Myers, Fla. (Taped)

10 p.m. MLB — Spring Training: Kansas City vs. LA Angels, Tempe, Ari. (Taped)

1 a.m. (Saturday) MLB — Spring Training: Miami (SS) vs. NY Mets, Fort St. Lucie, Fla. (Taped)

4 a.m. (Saturday) MLB — Spring Training: Chicago Cubs (SS) vs. Chicago White Sox, Phoenix (Taped)

NBA

7:30 p.m. NBA-TV — Golden State at Atlanta

10:30 p.m. NBA-TV — Dallas at LA Lakers

NHL HOCKEY

7 p.m. NHLN — Carolina at Toronto

RUGGY (MEN'S)

11:55 p.m. FS2 — NRL: Melbourne at Gold Coast

SOCCER (MEN'S)

4 p.m. USA — Premier League: Newcastle United at Nottingham Forest

TENNIS

1 p.m. TENNIS — BNP Paribas Open

COLLEGE

Virginia schedule

Friday
All day — Women's swimming and diving at NCAA Championships (Knoxville, Tenn.)
All day — Wrestling at NCAA Championships (Tulsa, Okla.)
12:30 p.m. — Men's tennis vs. North Carolina
4:30 p.m. — Women's tennis vs. Notre Dame
6 p.m. — Baseball at N.C. State

Saturday
All day — Women's swimming and diving at NCAA Championships (Knoxville, Tenn.)
All day — Wrestling at NCAA Championships (Tulsa, Okla.)
12 p.m. — Women's lacrosse at Pittsburgh
1 p.m. — Softball at Clemson (doubleheader)
2 p.m. — Men's lacrosse vs. Maryland
2 p.m. — Baseball at N.C. State

Sunday
All day — Men's golf at Linger Longer Invitational (Greensboro, Ga.)
10:30 a.m. — Women's tennis vs. Louisville
2:30 p.m. — Men's tennis vs. Duke
4 p.m. — Softball at Clemson

Monday
All day — Men's golf at Linger Longer Invitational (Greensboro, Ga.)

Tuesday
All day — Men's golf at Linger Longer Invitational (Greensboro, Ga.)
4 p.m. — Baseball vs. High Point
5 p.m. — Softball vs. Hofstra

BASKETBALL

Men's NCAA Tournament

THURSDAY'S BOX SCORES

Furman 68, Virginia 67

FURMAN

FG FT Reb

Min **M-A** **M-A** **DT** **A** **PF** **PTS**

Hien 29 2-10 2-2 2-6 2 4 7

Stawson 38 6-10 6-7 1-10 4 3 19

Bothwell 20 4-8 1-1 0-0 0 5 11

Foster 36 5-13 0-0 1-5 1 2 14

Pegues 29 3-9 4-7 0-3 4 0 11

Williams 25 2-5 2-2 0 0 2 6

VanderWal 12 0-0 0-0 1-2 0 1 0

Whitt 7 0-1 0-0 0-0 0 0 0

Hughley 4 0-0 0 0-0 0 0 0

Totals 200 22-56 14-19 5-27 11 17 68

Percentages: FG .393, FT .737.

3-Point Goals: 10-28, 257 (Foster 4-9, Bothwell 2-3, Williams 1-2, Pegues 1-4, Stawson 1-4, Hien 1-5, Whitt 0-1). **Team Rebounds:** 4. **Team Turnovers:** None. **Blocked Shots:** 3 (Foster 2, Stawson).

Turnovers: 9 (Pegues 4, Stawson 3, Whitt, Williams). **Steals:** 4 (Bothwell, Hien, Pegues, Stawson). **Technical Fouls:** None.

VIRGINIA

FG FT Reb

Min **M-A** **M-A** **DT** **A** **PF** **PTS**

Gardner 26 3-9 2-2 1-7 1 3 8

Shedrick 29 5-9 5-6 5-13 0 3 15

Beekman 37 4-9 6-7 1-5 5 1 14

Clark 32 2-7 1-2 1-2 5 2 5

Franklin 20 3-6 2-2 0-2 1 2 8

McKneely 27 5-10 0-0 0 0 12

Dunn 18 2-3 0-0 0-4 1 2 4

Murray 11 0-1 1-2 0-0 0 1 2

Totals 200 24-54 17-28 13 13 67

Percentages: FG .444, FT .773.

3-Point Goals: 2-12, 167 (McKneely 2-7, Beekman 0-1, Clark 0-1, Dunn 0-1, Franklin 0-2). **Team Rebounds:** 4. **Team Turnovers:** None. **Blocked Shots:** 7 (Shedrick 4, Beekman 2, Dunn). **Turnovers:** 8 (Beekman 3, Clark 2, Franklin, Murray, Shedrick). **Steals:** 4 (Beekman 2, Dunn, Shedrick). **Technical Fouls:** None.

Furman 27 41 — 68

Virginia 32 35 — 67

Women's NCAA Tournament

FIRST FOUR

Wednesday, South Bend, Ind.

Mississippi St. 70, Illinois 56

Wednesday, Stanford, Calif.

Sacred Heart 57, Southern U. 47

Thursday, Columbus, Ohio

Purdue (19-10) vs. St. John's (22-8), (n)

Thursday, Bloomington, Ind.

Monmouth (NJ) (18-15) vs. Tennessee Tech (22-9), (n)

SEATTLE 4

First Round, Friday

Stanford (28-5) vs. Sacred Heart (18-13), 7:30 p.m.

Mississippi (23-8) vs. Gonzaga (28-4), 10 p.m.

Iowa City, Iowa

Florida St. (23-9) vs. Georgia (21-11), 1:30 p.m.

Dome (26-6) vs. SE Louisiana (21-9), 4 p.m.

First Round, Saturday

Austin, Texas

Louisville (23-11) vs. Drake (22-9), 7:30 p.m.

Texas (25-9) vs. East Carolina (23-9), 10 p.m.

Durham, N.C.

Colorado (23-8) vs. Middle Tennessee (28-4), 7 p.m.

Duke (25-6) vs. Iowa (26-6), 9:30 p.m.

Second Round, Sunday

Stanford-Sacred Heart winner vs. Mississippi-Gonzaga winner, TBA

Iowa-SE Louisiana winner vs. Florida St.-Georgia winner, TBA

Texas-East Carolina winner vs. Louisville-Drake winner, TBA

Duke-Iona winner vs. Colorado-Middle Tennessee winner, TBA

Regional Semifinals and Finals

March 25 and 27, Seattle

GREENVILLE 2

First Round, Friday

Baton Rouge, La.

Michigan (22-9) vs. UNLV (31-2), 3 p.m.

LSU (28-2) vs. Hawaii (18-14), 5:30 p.m.

Salt Lake City

NC State (20-11) vs. Princeton (23-5), 10 p.m.

Utah (25-4) vs. Gardner-Webb (29-4), 7:30 p.m.

First Round, Saturday

Bloomington, Ind.

Indiana (27-3) vs. Monmouth (NJ)-Tennessee Tech winner, 11:30 a.m.

Oklahoma St. (21-11) vs. Miami (19-12), 2 p.m.

Bryn Mawr, Pa.

Washington St. (23-10) vs. Florida Gulf Coast (32-3), 1 p.m.

Villanova (28-6) vs. Cleveland St. (30-4), 1 p.m.

Second Round, Sunday

LSU-Hawaii winner vs. Michigan-UNLV winner, TBA

Utah-Gardner-Webb winner vs. NC State-Princeton winner, TBA

Second Round, Monday

Indiana-Monmouth (NJ)-Tennessee Tech winner vs. Oklahoma St.-Miami winner, TBA

Villanova-Cleveland St. winner vs. Washington St.-Florida Gulf Coast winner, TBA

Semifinals and Finals

March 25 and 27, Greenville, S.C.

GREENVILLE 1

First Round, Friday

Columbia, S.C.

South Carolina (32-0) vs. Norfolk St. (26-6), 2 p.m.

South Florida (26-6) vs. Marquette (21-10), 11:30 a.m.

South Bend, Ind.

Creighton (22-8) vs. Mississippi St. (21-10), 6 p.m.

Notre Dame (25-5) vs. S. Utah (23-9), 3:30 p.m.

College Park, Md.

Arizona (21-9) vs. West Virginia (19-11), Noon

Maryland (25-6) vs. Holy Cross (24-8), 2:30 p.m.

First Round, Saturday

Los Angeles

Oklahoma (25-6) vs. Portland (23-8), 9 p.m.

UCLA (25-9) vs. Sacramento St. (25-7), 11:30 p.m.

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Shedrick

From B1

resulted in a turnover and a go-ahead 3 for the Paladins that gave them the score they'd win by.

"It's not on him," Shedrick said following the stunning defeat. "We all missed free throws this game. We all missed some layups and open shots, so the game shouldn't have been at that point, but it was."

But it wasn't for Shedrick, the Hoos might've faltered sooner considering their once 12-point second-half advantage evaporated by the 5-minute mark. Because during the final five to play, the 6-foot-11, 231-pound junior was at his best.

He helped the Cavaliers overcome Furman's switch to zone defense and proved his first start since Jan. 10 was well-earned.

His block of Marcus Foster's layup with 4:24 left kept Uva within one point and Shedrick's two-handed dunk with 2:45 to go pulled the Cavaliers within one of Furman at 61-60. A rebound and a tip-in for Shedrick with 2:12

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Virginia players celebrate in a dogpile after beating Duke in Game 3 of the Charlottesville Super Regional on Sunday at Disharoon Park.

COMPLETE TREAT

Behind Edgington's gem, Virginia secures College World Series berth

MIKE BARBER
Richmond Times-Dispatch

From Saint Joseph's to Mercer County Community College to Elon and Virginia. And now, on to Omaha.

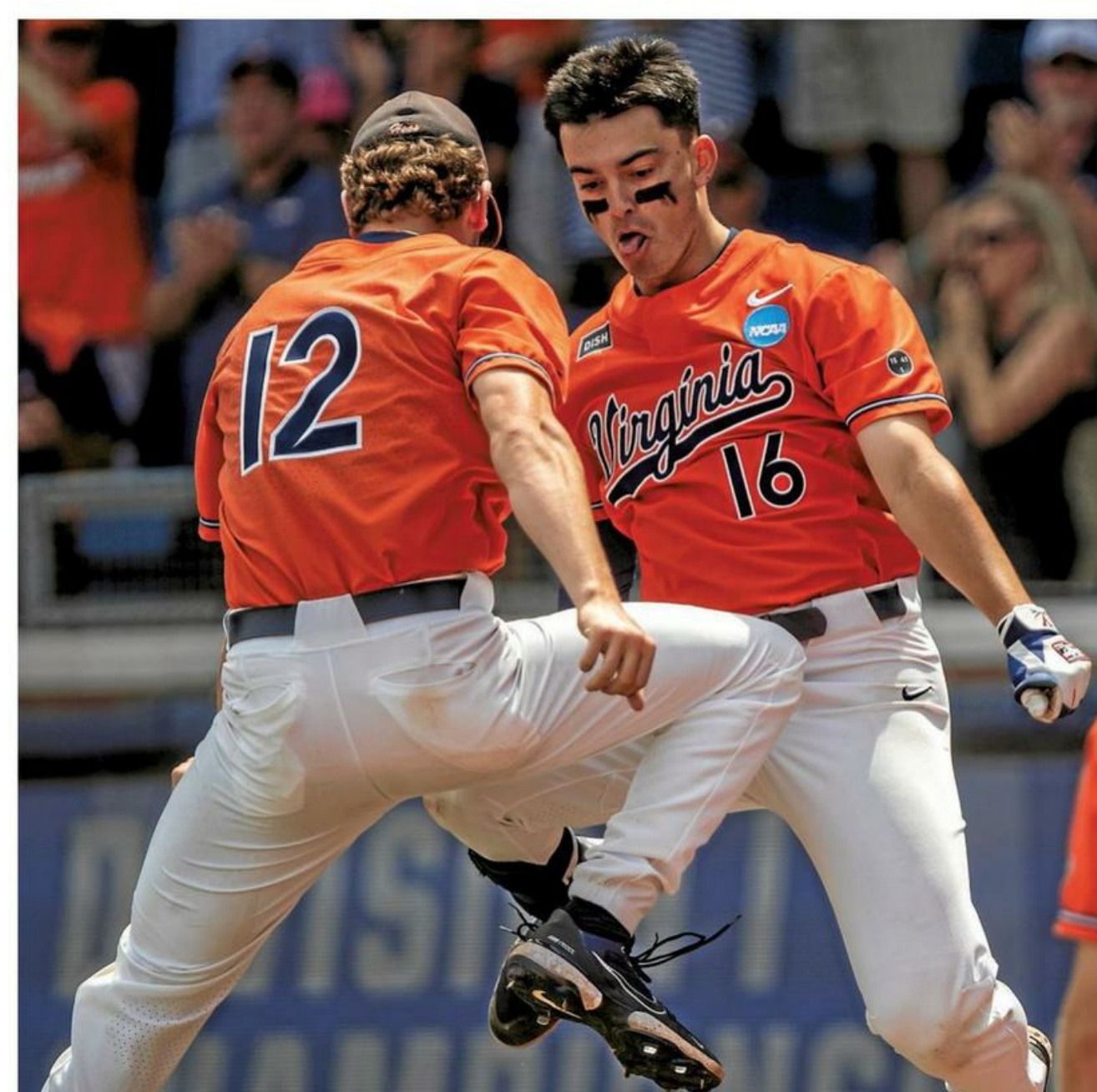
Playing for his fourth college baseball program in six years, graduate right-hander Brian Edgington threw the best start of his career, tossing a complete game to lead UVA past Duke and into the College World Series in Omaha.

"He's a winner," Virginia coach Brian O'Connor said. "He wants the ball at the biggest times and he's continued to deliver for us all year long."

Mixing a sharp split-finger with his fastball, Edgington held Duke to two runs on nine hits over his career-long nine-inning outing, striking out 11 as the Cavaliers won the decisive third game of the Charlottesville Super Regional, 12-2.

"I had my splitter working today," Edgington said. "I just stuck to the game plan, attacked the hitters. Obviously we have a great offense, so just doing my part to just throw up zeros or ones and keep us in the game."

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Virginia's Justin Rubin (12) and Anthony Stephan celebrate during the Cavaliers' win over Duke in Game 3 of the Charlottesville Super Regional on Sunday at Disharoon Park.

Wahoos counterpunch ticket to Omaha with rout of Blue Devils

Champions counterpunch. Teams. Individuals. They absorb an opponent's best shot and respond with stronger punishment of their own.

To wit: Virginia baseball's super regional conquest of Duke and sixth trip to the College World Series.

The Cavaliers dismissed the Blue Devils 12-2 in Sunday's decisive Game 3 at raucous, sold-out Disharoon Park and will open CWS competition Friday in Omaha, Nebraska against Florida.

But when Jay Beshears' two-run, sixth-inning homer trimmed UVA's lead to 5-2,


Cavaliers faithful had reason to be anxious. Duke had mastered late-game comebacks this season, and its bullpen had authored three consecutive scoreless innings.



DAVID TEEL


Please see **TEEL**, Page B4

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NASCAR

Truex holds off Busch at Sonoma

Gibbs driver trails only Gordon for most wins on California road track

GREG BEACHAM
Associated Press

SONOMA, Calif. — Martin Truex Jr. won at Sonoma Raceway for the fourth time in his career Sunday, passing Chase Elliott for the lead after a final-stage restart and holding off Kyle Busch for his second NASCAR Cup Series victory of the season.

The 42-year-old Truex confidently drove his Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota to another victory on the hilly road course at the base of Northern California wine country, where he also won in 2013, 2018 and 2019.

Only Jeff Gordon has more victories (five) at Sonoma than Truex, who earned the 33rd win of his Cup career and his second in the last six races after winning at Dover.



DARREN YAMASHITA, ASSOCIATED PRESS

Martin Truex Jr. holds the trophy after winning Sunday's race.

Elliott finished fifth in his return from a one-race suspension for deliberately wrecking Hamlin at Charlotte. Elliott, who has missed seven races this season, twice held the lead in the final stage before Truex blew past him on fresher tires.

Truex has seven top-10 finishes

in his last nine races.

"Hats off to my team," said Truex, who finished 26th at Sonoma last year. "To be so bad last year, and to come back and do that with basically the same car, is incredible. ... My team is doing everything right."

Joey Logano was third behind

Busch, with Chris Buescher in fourth.

Truex and Busch, who was 2.979 seconds behind in his Richard Childress Racing Chevrolet, had the 11th 1-2 finish of their long Cup careers.

"Not too bad," said Busch, who won last week's Cup race outside St. Louis. "Just wish we had a little bit more. I was just trying to keep him honest there at the end."

Truex appeared to be cruising toward victory before pole-sitter Denny Hamlin spun after he made contact with the wall with 19 laps to go. Hamlin's car slid sideways across the start-finish line.

Elliott led coming out of the caution with 15 laps left, but Truex surged up on fresh tires and reclaimed the lead for good.

"This is why you go through years like you did last year," Truex said. "You just never give up and keep going."

Tyler Reddick started second in his bid to win for the fourth time in the Cup Series' last six road course races, but the Northern Califor-

nia-born driver steadily slipped down the standings. He got back up to second in the final stage before his pit stop, but he blew a tire with 14 laps left.

BRIEFLY

LE MANS: NASCAR celebrated at the 24 Hours of Le Mans when its Garage 56 entry fielded by Hendrick Motorsports completed the iconic endurance race. The entry wasn't eligible to beat any other cars in the race in France, but the No. 24 Chevrolet Camaro was such a stellar entry that it actually had a chance to beat the entire 21-car GTE AM class before two late mechanical problems took it out of contention. The car was driven by Jimmie Johnson, Jenson Button and Mike Rockenfeller.

UP NEXT: After a one-week break, the Cup Series begins its 10-race sprint to the playoffs on June 25 at Nashville Superspeedway.

TENNIS | FRENCH OPEN

Djokovic wins 23rd Grand Slam title

HOWARD FENDRICH
Associated Press

PARIS — Novak Djokovic made clear for years this was his goal. What drove him. What inspired him. The biggest titles from his sport's biggest stages were Djokovic's main aim and now he finally stands alone — ahead of Rafael Nadal, ahead of Roger Federer, ahead of every man who ever has swung a racket.

If Djokovic could wait this long to hold this record, he certainly could wait for the half-hour or so it took to straighten out his strokes in the French Open final. And so, after a bit of a shaky start in thick, humid air and under foreboding charcoal clouds Sunday, he imposed himself. The opponent at Court Philippe Chatrier, Casper Ruud, never really stood a serious chance after that.

Djokovic earned his men's-record 23rd Grand Slam singles championship, breaking a tie with Nadal and moving three in front of the retired Federer, with a 7-6 (1), 6-3, 7-5 victory over Ruud that was not in doubt for most of its 3 hours, 13 minutes.

Djokovic, a 36-year-old from Serbia, puts this one alongside the

French Open titles he earned in 2016 and 2021, making him the only man with at least three from each major event. He won his very first at the 2008 Australian Open and now possesses a total of 10 trophies from there, seven from Wimbledon and three from the U.S. Open.

"I knew that going into the tournament, going into the match, especially, today, that there is history on the line, but I try to focus my attention and my thoughts into preparing for this match in the best way possible to win, like any other match," Djokovic said, wearing a red jacket with "23" stitched on the chest. "Of course I would lie if I say that I didn't think about the finish line that is right there and that one more match is needed to win a trophy — a historic one."

Also worth noting: He again is halfway to a calendar-year Grand Slam — winning all four majors in one season — something no man has achieved since Rod Laver in 1969. Djokovic came close to pulling off that feat in 2021, when he won the Australian Open, French Open and Wimbledon and made it all the way to the title match at the U.S. Open before losing to Daniil Medvedev.

Djokovic will resume that pursuit at Wimbledon, which begins on the grass of the All England Club on July 3.

"He has this software in his head that he can switch (on) when a Grand Slam comes," said his coach, Goran Ivanisevic. "The day we arrived here, he was better, he was more motivated, he was more hungry. Every day, he played better and better."

Entering the 2011 season, this is how the Slam count looked: 16 for Federer, nine for Nadal, one for Djokovic. The climb began with a trio that year and accelerated lately: He has clutched the trophy at 11 of the last 20 Slams, a remarkable run made even more so when considering that he did not participate in two majors during that span because he did not get vaccinated against COVID-19. Djokovic was deported in January 2021 before the Australian Open, and he was not allowed to fly to the United States ahead of last year's U.S. Open under a rule that since has been lifted.

Getting to 23 not only sets the mark for men, but it also lets Djokovic equal Serena Williams, who wrapped up her career last year,



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Serbia's Novak Djokovic celebrates winning the men's singles final against Norway's Casper Ruud during the French Open at the Roland Garros stadium on Sunday in Paris.

for the most by anyone in the Open era, which began in 1968. Margaret Court won some of her all-time record of 24 Slam trophies in the amateur era.

At 20 days past his 36th birthday, Djokovic is the oldest singles champion at Roland Garros, considered the most grueling of the majors because of the lengthy, grinding points required by the red clay, which is slower than the grass or hard courts underfoot elsewhere.

Nadal's 22nd major arrived in Paris a year ago, two days after he turned 36. He has been sidelined since January by a hip injury and had arthroscopic surgery on June 2.

Djokovic's triumph on Sunday means he will return to No. 1 in the ATP rankings on Monday, replacing Carlos Alcaraz. Djokovic already has spent more weeks at the top spot than any player — man or woman — since the inception of computerized tennis rankings a half-century ago.

It was Djokovic who eliminated Alcaraz in the semifinals on Thursday, wearing him down over two thrilling sets until the 20-year-old Spaniard's body cramped up badly. Alcaraz continued to play, but the scores of the last two sets of the four-set match told the story: 6-1, 6-1.

Treat

From BI

Virginia's lineup stayed hot, striking for five runs in the second inning and answering Duke's only scores of the day, two runs in the top of the sixth, with a four-spot in the bottom of the sixth.

UVA (50-13) will play in the CWS for the sixth time in the last 14 years, all under O'Connor.

"Getting to Omaha is very, very difficult to do," O'Connor said. "It takes a lot of things. It takes a lot more than just talent. And that's why I'm so proud of these players that wear our uniform."

Catcher Kyle Teel went 2 for 5 with four RBI and first baseman Ethan Anderson hit a two-run home run for the Cavaliers, who

went a combined 5-1 in the regional and super regional.

Edgington, who started his career at Saint Joseph's, spent a year at Mercer Community College and three seasons at Elon, is in his first NCAA Tournament. And he has been dominant. He pitched Virginia past Army in the regional opener, throwing five perfect innings.

"I've never experienced something like this before," Edgington said. "So, I was just taking deep breaths and staying in the moment."

Duke's starting pitcher, sophomore Ryan Higgins, didn't make it out of the second inning. After giving up a double and a walk to lead off both the first and second inning, Higgins got the hook with two on and nobody out in the bottom of

the second after just 29 pitches.

But Higgins' departure didn't slow down the Cavaliers. Harrison Didawick, Griff O'Ferrall and Ethan O'Donnell all followed with RBI singles, before Teel's single to right plated a pair and put UVA up 5-0.

Duke (39-24) finally got something across against Edgington in the sixth inning, when Jay Beshears sent a pitch just over the wall in left field for a two-run home run, cutting Virginia's lead to 5-2.

The Cavaliers' bats, as they did Saturday, had an answer. UVA scored four runs in the bottom of the sixth, going up 9-2 on Anderson's home run into the left field stands.

"They're just so explosive," Duke coach Chris Pollard said. "If you make a mistake, if you don't exe-

cute a pitch, or you give them a free base, they can just use that and it feeds them and they get going with momentum."

UVA added two runs in the seventh and one in the eighth before Edgington went out for the ninth.

"After that eighth inning, I was really hoping they weren't going to say I was done," Edgington said. "Because I was going to tell them I was going back out no matter what. I'm just happy they gave me the opportunity to try to finish the game."

O'Connor said Edgington had nothing to worry about. He had no thoughts of pulling Edgington after eight.

"Sometimes the best thing is just to leave the guy out there," O'Connor said. "I think sometimes as coaches we can outthink it. Lets

match up here. Match up there. When you're pitching like he was pitching, the best thing is, send him back out there."

Virginia dropped the series opener on Friday, 5-4, but bounced back to trounce Duke, 14-4, on Saturday.

Virginia entered Sunday 4-1 all-time in Super Regional Game 3s, beating Ole Miss in 2009, UC Irvine in 2011, Maryland in 2014, and Dallas Baptist most recently, in 2021. Its lone Game 3 loss came in 2010 at home to Oklahoma.

Edgington's outing combined with the Cavaliers' potent lineup made sure that didn't happen this year.

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Teel

From BI

And, oh by the way, Oregon had erased an 8-0 deficit Friday to defeat Oral Roberts 9-8, reminding us that sports remain delightfully unscripted.

Virginia's counterpunch Sunday was a four-run bottom of the sixth highlighted by Ethan Anderson's two-run homer that all but ended the Blue Devils' quest for their first trip to Omaha since 1961.

Sound familiar?

In Saturday's Game 2, Duke, the designated home team, scored three times in the bottom of the fourth to draw within 4-3. UVA answered with a 4-spot in the top of the fifth that included a 3-run homer by — you guessed it — Anderson.

The moral of our story: The Cavaliers get really irritated when challenged.

"I think one thing I realized a lot this year is how playoff baseball is so momentum-driven," Virginia shortstop Griff O'Ferrall said, "especially in front of a crowd like this. So when we got punched, being able to punch right back in the next opportunity we had at the plate just really evened the playing field back up and got this crowd back into it."

The theme applies to this super regional writ large. After losing 5-4 in Friday's Game 1, Virginia outscored Duke 26-6.

And how about the Cavaliers' clutch hitting? They went 2 for 13 with runners in scoring position Friday, 10 for 18 the remainder of the weekend.

"It's a hallmark of a really good offense," Duke coach Chris Pollard said.

"When you do it and respond like we have the last two days," O'Connor said, "coming after losing Game 1 is — I told them in

the huddle after — it's a special quality that they have learned that will be an asset for them for the rest of their life, not only for the rest of this season, the rest of their career but in life."

The Cavaliers' hitters weren't the only ones who counter-punched. Their pitchers bordered on remarkable — again.

After yielding Beshears' home run Sunday, UVA starter Brian Edgington blanked Duke over the final 3 2/3 innings to finish a 114-pitch complete game, the Cavaliers' first such postseason outing since Brandon Waddell in the 2014 CWS against Vanderbilt.

Similarly, after giving up three runs in the fourth Saturday, Connelly Early pitched another 3 2/3 scoreless innings. Early, Edgington and Nick Parker, transfers all, have teamed to start all six games this postseason, with a microscopic 2.20 ERA. All this is a testament to

fourth-year pitching coach Drew Dickinson, whom O'Connor hired from the same position at Illinois when staff staple Karl Kuhn left to become Radford's head coach. O'Connor didn't know Dickinson before the job interview, but knew of him.

"I think any good coach or administrator keeps a list of people and keeps updating that in case something happens with your staff," O'Connor said. "That's what good leaders do... Can-didly, I'd heard a lot from professional scouts in the Midwest of the job he did at Illinois, not only for them to end up being high draft picks, but also, most importantly, getting the most out of his pitching staff."

Dickinson has certainly done that at Virginia, helping the program advance to Omaha twice in the last three years. This is O'Connor's eighth time competing at the CWS — once as a Creighton pitcher, once as a No-

tre Dame assistant coach and six occasions in 20 seasons at UVA.

That Omaha is across the Missouri River from his boyhood home in Council Bluffs, Iowa merely adds to the allure. But O'Connor is acutely aware that most of his current players are CWS rookies.

"Although this is our sixth appearance," he said, "this is their appearance. I said it last weekend: This baseball program is here for these players to wear this uniform and compete for a championship. It's not for us as coaches. We get to enjoy it because of the work they deliver and their performance. So I'm just so excited for every one of them to have an opportunity to walk in that stadium and ... compete for a national championship."

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