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

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jshifflett2@dailyprogress.com | (434) 978-7250 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 was a tough semester. We went through a lot, and they just hung in there, and they're just such a pleasure to coach. So the championship. they trusted us. It's a credit to the way all the credit to the guys." they were brought up by their families, to their character, to their values, and to run through the NCAA Tournament for (Navy, Ole Miss and Duke) in Charlottes-



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.

this. And the players are really special. It what they prioritize in life. And I'm just Virginia, which only dropped three points manager Jacob Haley who's just a blessso like lucky to have these guys because in six postseason matches on its march to ing and just a difference maker. And so

Sunday's victory capped a dominating first three NCAA Tournament matches

ville, 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. Once of the reason 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 guys stepped up this year big time, and The Hoos cruised to 4-0 victories in its they needed to, and that's probably what

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COLLEGE BASEBALL

ACC Tournament matchups set

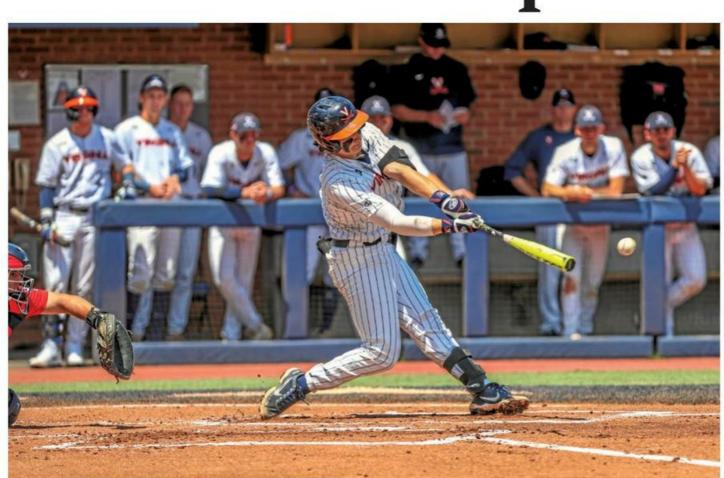
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The last time the Virginia baseball team won the Coastal Division championship in 2011, it went on to win the ACC Tournament in Durham, N.C. and earn a trip to the College World Series. The Cavaliers will have a

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





CAL CARY THE DAILY PROGRESS Virginia's Jake Gelof hit 22 home runs during the regular season, tying

GOLF | PGA CHAMPIONSHIP

Koepka delivers a major performance

DOUG FERGUSON Associated Press

year and won the PGA Champi- in four years.

onship for his fifth major title. three quick birdies early, never the PGA Tour for Saudi-funded lost the lead amid a gritty fight from Viktor Hovland and closed

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

PITTSFORD, N.Y. – All He won his third Wanamaker those injuries that made Brooks Trophy - only Jack Nicklaus and Koepka wonder if he was still Walter Hagen with five and Tiger among golf's elite were put to Woods with four have won the rest Sunday at Oak Hill when PGA Championship more time he beat the strongest field of the — and captured his first major

And to think the 18 months Determined as ever to restore Koepka was so wounded he felt his reputation as the player to he couldn't compete, a decision beat in the majors, Koepka ran off that might have led to him leaving

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Gotham FC at Washington, 5 p.m.

FOOTBALL

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North Division

South Division

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Saturday's results

Sunday's results

Saturday, May 27

Sunday, May 28

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Philadelphia 16, New Orleans 10

Birmingham at New Orleans, 4 p.m.

Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 9 p.m.

Houston at Memphis, 2:30 p.m.

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Michigan at New Jersey, 5:30 p.m.

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8 p.m.	Phoenix	0		1	.00	
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National Championship, Grayhawk Golf Club,	Chicago at Phoenix	(n)				
Scottsdale, Ariz.	Monda		gar	nes	•	
INTERNATIONAL HOCKEY (MEN'S)	No Games schedule Tuesd a		gai	mes	:	
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5 a.m. (Tuesday) NHLN — World Championship Group Stage:		st-o	-			
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9:30 p.m. MLBN — Regional Coverage: Boston at LA	Vegas 3, Dallas 2, C	T				
Angels OR Oakland at Seattle	(Vegas leads series					
NBA PLAYOFFS	Mond Carolina at Florida,		1000	me		
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ESPN – Western Conference Final: Denver	Vegas at Dallas, 8 p	.m.				
at LA Lakers, Game 4	60			D		
NHL PLAYOFFS	50		St. 110	K		
8 p.m. TNT – Eastern Conference Final: Carolina at	MLS					
Florida, Game 3	Eastern	15555 15555	1 (2)	6000	Name and	9,000
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3 p.m.	Philadelphia	6	4	3	21	20
USA - Premier League: Leicester City at	D.C. United	5		4		19
Newcastle United	Orlando City	5		3		16 25
4:50 p.m.	Columbus			3	18	19
FS2 — FIFA U-20 World Cup Group Stage:	Charlotte FC	5		4		15 10
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Monday's game					Saturday's results							
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Adam Hadwin,	Canada	70-73-	73-70-	-286
Lucas Herbert		75-69-		
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Thomas Pieter		69-76-		
J.T. Poston, US		72-70-		
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Scheffler, US	67-68-73-65-273	to an Italian club.
on Davis, Aus.	71-70-71-65-277	1975 – Artis Gilmore scores 28 points
hambeau, US	66-71-70-70-277	and grabs 31 rebounds to lead the Kentucky
tayama, US	70-71-71-65-277	Colonels to a 110-105 victory over the
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Cantlay, US	74-67-72-66-279	Hank Aaron as NL run scoring leader.
Rose, England	69-70-69-71-279	1988 – Atlanta's Dominique Wilkins
on Smith, Aus.	72-72-70-65-279	trades bucket for bucket with Boston's
Conners, Canada	67-68-70-75-280	Larry Bird in the fourth quarter of Game 7
Lowry, Ireland Perez, France	73-67-71-69–280 70-72-69-69–280	of the 1988 Eastern Conference semifinals
el Block, US	70-70-70-71-281	until the Celtics escape with a 118-116
le, US	67-74-70-70-281	victory. Wilkins finishes with 47 points and
Hatton, Eng.	77-68-69-67-281	Bird has 34 – with 20 of his points scored
/ Fleetwood, Eng. oo Lee, Australia	72-71-68-71-282	in the fourth quarter. The teams shoot a
ereira, Chile	73-67-71-71-282 72-69-74-67-282	combined .588 percent from the field, the
Reed, US	72-71-69-70-282	second highest mark in playoff history.
Schauffele, US	72-72-71-67-282	1988 — LPGA Championship Women's Golf, Jack Nicklaus GC: Sherri Turner birdies
ox, N. Zealand	68-73-71-71-283	final 2 holes to win her only major title, 1
w NeSmith, US	70-70-74-69-283	stroke ahead of runner-up Amy Alcott.
nalley, US n Buckley, US	73-72-70-68-283 69-74-71-70-284	1990 – Andre Dawson receives a record
Morikawa, US	71-70-74-69-284	5 intentional walks in a game.
Suh, US	69-68-73-74-284	1991 – NFL Owners agree to add 2 teams
Bradley, US	68-72-74-71-285	in 1994.
irk, US	70-75-69-71-285	1993 - Riddick Bowe successfully defends
n Lee, S.Korea	73-68-75-69-285	his IBF and WBA heavyweight titles with a
suyama, Japan McCarthy, US	72-71-70-72-285 75-70-72-68-285	second-round knockout of Jesse Ferguson
Pendrith, Can.	70-69-74-72-285	at RFK Stadium in Washington.
Rodgers, US	70-75-72-68-285	1994 - Toronto NBA franchise unveils
Scott, Australia	68-74-74-69-285	name "Raptors" & logo.
Spieth, US	73-72-71-69-285	1996 – 4th UEFA Champions League
Tarren, Eng. Varner III, US	71-67-79-68-285 70-71-74-70-285	Final: Juventus beats Ajax (1-1, 4-2 on penalties) at Rome.
s Detry, Belgium	74-71-73-68-286	1997 – The Chicago Bulls win the low-
Hadwin, Canada	70-73-73-70-286	est-scoring playoff game in NBA history, a
Herbert, Aus.	75-69-72-70-286	75-68 victory over the Miami Heat. The 143
lossler, US	71-70-74-71-286	combined points were two fewer than the
Meronk, Poland s Pieters, Bel.	75-69-74-68-286 69-76-70-71-286	previous postseason low set by Syracuse and
ton, US	72-70-75-69-286	Fort Wayne in 1955.
eavie, US	76-68-71-71-286	2003 - Annika Sorenstam becomes the
Svensson, Can.	70-70-73-73-286	first woman to play in a PGA Tour event in
Theegala, US	71-71-71-73-286	58 years when she shoots a 71 in the first
g Harrington, Ire.	72-71-75-69-287	round of the Colonial in Fort Worth, Texas.
Hojgaard, Den, In Jaeger, Ger.	76-67-73-71-287 72-70-69-76-287	Sorenstam misses the cut the next day by
hm, Spain	76-68-72-71-287	four shots.
Burmester, S.Afr.	73-71-72-72-288	2004 – English FA Cup Final, Millennium Stadium, Cardiff (71,350): Manchester
dges, US	75-70-75-69-289	United beats Millwall, 3-0; Ruud van
oma, US	71-72-74-72-289	Nistelrooy scores 2 and Cristiano Ronaldo
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ohnson, US	74-71-74-71-290	2005 - Paula Creamer, 18, makes a
ckelson, US	73-72-75-70-290	15-foot birdie putt on the final hole to win
litchell, US	69-71-73-77-290	the Sybase Classic by one stroke and become
Hoshino, Japan	75-70-75-71-291	the second-youngest first-time winner on
n Kim, US on Lawrence, S.Afr.	75-68-75-73-291 75-69-73-74-291	the LPGA Tour.
Larrazabal, Spain	69-75-74-74-292	2006 – Pat Summitt becomes the newest
Montgomery, US	75-70-76-71-292	millionaire coach – and the first in women's
Thomas, US	72-73-75-72-292	basketball. Tennessee raises Summitt's salary to \$1.125 million for next season
allace, England	73-70-75-74-292	and extends her contract six years.
hmen, US Paul, Germany	74-69-78-72-293 76-69-73-75-293	2009 – Dara Torres sets an American
ylor, England	72-72-78-71-293	record in the 50-meter butterfly at the Texas
inau, US	72-73-73-77-295	Senior Circuit No. 2 meet at Texas A&M. The
Moore, US	74-69-78-74-295	42-year-old, breezes to victory in the 50 fly,
evens, US	71-72-73-79-295	touching the wall in 25.72 seconds to beat
lubbard, US	71-74-79-74-298	her record time of 25.84 seconds from the
Higa, Japan	72-73-77-78–300	morning preliminaries. Both her times beat
		Jenny Thompson's American record of 26.00
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		2010 - UEFA Champions League Final,
FanDuel.co		Madrid: Internazionale beats Bayern
		Munich, 2-0; Inter's 3rd title and first treble
NBA Play	offs	(Italian Serie A & Cup).
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1877 - Baden-Baden, ridden by C. Holloway, catches Leonard just before turning into the stretch and wins the Kentucky Derby by two lengths. 1885 - Tecumseh, ridden by Jimmy McLaughlin, wins the Preakness Stakes by two lengths over Wickham. 1902 - Mastermam, ridden by John Bullman, wins the Belmont Stakes by two lengths over Renald. 1906 – Whimsical, the favorite ridden by Walter Miller, wins the Preakness Stakes by four lengths over Content.

May 22

1954 – Hasty Road, ridden by Johnny Adams, edges favored Correlation by a neck to win the Preakness Stakes. 962 – Roger Maris walks 5 times (record tentionally) in a 9 inning game. 963 – European Cup Final, Wembley ium, London: José Altafini scores twice AC Milan edge Benfica, 2-1 for first title in Italian club. 975 – Artis Gilmore scores 28 points

ght boxer Josh Taylor becomes Britain's undisputed world champion in the r-belt era by beating Jose Ramirez by animous decision in Las Vegas. 2022 - PGA Championship Men's Golf, Southern Hills CC: 2017 champion Justin Thomas beats Will Zalatoris by 1 stroke in **FAVORITE** LINE UNDERDOG LINE a 3-hole playoff after 54-hole leader Mito

From B1

Koepka

LIV Golf in a shocking move thing." last June after the U.S. Open. given way to doubt. "I'm go- ify, and it would be hard to of the 54-hole events. ing to be honest with you, I fathom leaving Koepka off

10 a.m. - Track and field at NCAA East

Thursday

All day – Men's tennis and women's tennis

3 p.m. - Baseball vs. Georgia Tech in ACC Minnesota 1, Portland 0

Regional (Jacksonville, Fla.)

Tournament (Durham, N.C.)

a clear head, and good luck to come. taking down Koepka in the majors.

his last 22 majors, a rate who put on an amazing used to. exceeded only by Woods, show over four days. Block Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer, made a hole-in-one on him at the end. Koepka was the par-3 15th. in the last 75 years.

where he looks. His five ma- 70. Among active players, only Championship next year at ble bogey. Woods (15) and Phil Mickel- Valhalla. It was the best son (6) have more.

of it as a kid, that I'd win that 1986 at Inverness. many," he said.

and Scottie Scheffler, who this – no way in hell." turned to No. 1 in the world. son at Arroyo Trabuco in that was set up for scoring. either until 16."

"To look back to where Mission Viejo, California. so happy right now," Koepka \$290,000 at Oak Hill.

"I'm not even sure I dream Lonnie Nielsen tied for 11 in birdie and suddenly was green.

Koepka looked as pow- ment I've ever had in my gey.

closed with a 65 and re- Block charges \$125 a les- four other players on a day feel like I gave him anything

MONDAY

American League

In the Netflix series "Full Koepka to No. 13 in the scrutiny of his pedestrian

"The most surreal mo- Hovland made double bo- and now he has five ma-

erful as ever and left little life," Block said. "I'm living Scheffler started four a record right there. It's not doubt about his place in the a dream and making sure shots behind and never easy going toe-to-toe with a game with his two-shot win I'm enjoying the moment. got closer than two. His 65 guy like that," Hovland said. over hard-luck Hovland (68) Not getting any better than matched the best score of "He is not going to give you

we were two years ago, I'm He earned just short of stuffing a wedge to 4 feet on said. "This is just the coolest For Koepka, his fifth major and rolling in an 8-foot might have been the sweet- birdie down the hill on the The victory moves est of all considering the par-5 fourth.

-125 Chi. White Sox +105 Pereira double bogeys the 72nd hole.

Swing" that began aired ear- world and No. 2 in the Ry- play brought on by injuries ter on the sixth hole and lier this year, he was quoted der Cup standings. The and his decision to join LIV did well to make bogey, as saying his confidence had top six automatically qual- Golf, where he has won two and another bogey from A month ago at the Mas- trimmed his lead to Hov-

can't compete with these the American team. He can ters, Koepka lost a two-shot land to one shot. guys week in and week out." only early points in the ma- lead in the final round by Hovland pulled within Give him good health and jors, and two more are still playing tentatively and was one shot again with a 10overrun by Jon Rahm. He foot birdie on the 13th. Koepka had to share the vowed he would not do that Koepka answered with a loudest cheers with Califor- again, and Koepka delivered driver he smashed over the He now has won five of nia club pro Michael Block, in a major way, just like he steep bunkers and onto the

Nick Faldo and Ben Hogan the 15th hole while playing one shot ahead on the 16th Hovland hit 9-iron from with Rory McIlroy, and then hole when Hovland hit his the bunker on the 16th and Koepka is in pretty heady made two tough par putts at 9-iron from a bunker that could hear the awful thud company just about every- the end for a fourth straight plugged into the lip in front of it rocketing into the turf of him — the same shot that at the edge of the sand. He jors are as many as Seve Bal- He tied for 15th, giving stopped Corey Conners on knew immediately what lesteros and Byron Nelson. him a return date to the PGA Saturday – and made dou- happened, covered his

Koepka seized on that by the second and third holes,

But he drove into the wathe rough on the seventh

fringe at the reachable 14th, Hovland made it easy for and after they made pars on

mouth with a closed fist. Af-

Koepka gouged out a shot ter a drop into nasty rough, finish by a club pro since from the rough to 5 feet for it took two more to get to the leading by four shots when "Brooks is a great player,

jors. I mean, that's a hell of the tournament, posted by anything, and I didn't really

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UVa

From B1

makes this year maybe a little bit more special."

Junior Chris Rodesch, who helped Virginia take the doubles point against the Buckeys by earning a win with teammate Jeffrey von der Schulenburg, then picked up a victory over Ohio State's Justin Boulais at the No. 1 singles spot, was named the tournament MVP.

He was one of four UVa singles players named to the NCAA all-tournament team. The others were Montes, Ryan Goetz and Alexander Kiefer. The Wahoos also had two of the three all-tournament doubles teams, including Rodesch and von der Schulenburg at No. 2.

"The energy in doubles we had, we came out firing," Rodesch said. "We got those early breaks, and then we took doubles and first sets [in singles]. It just happened really fast. We had amazing body language all throughout doubles. Also in singles. Every time I looked over to Iñaki, the guy had his head up all the time. It gave me so much confidence. And then, at the end, it happened so fast. It's an amazing feeling."

ACC

From B1

at Durham Bulls Athletic Park.

On Sunday, the conference announced the pairings and game times for tournament, which uses a pool-play format that leads into a four-team, single-elimination bracket to determine the league

champion. The Wahoos (44-11, 19-11) are the top seed in Pool B, which also includes No. 7 seed North Carolina (33-21, 14-14) and No. 11 seed Georgia Tech (30-25, 12-18). No. 1 overall seed Wake Forest (45-9, 22-7 ACC) tops Pool A, which also has eighth-seeded Notre Dame (30-22, 15-15) and 12th-seeded Pittsburgh

(23-30, 10-18).No. 3 overall seed Clemson (39-17, 20-10) will be joined in Pool C by No. 6 Boston College (34-17, 16-14) and No. 10 Virginia Tech (30-21, 12-17), while No.

4 Miami (37-18, 18-12) drew the top seed in Pool D, which also features No. 5 Duke (35-19, 16-13) and No. 9 N.C. State (34-18, 13-16). Each team will play one game against each of the

other two teams in its pool. The four teams with the best records within their respective pools will advance to Saturday's semifinals. The championship game will be played Sunday. If all three teams in a pool have 1-1 records at the completion of pool play, the team with the highest seed in the pool will advance.

Virginia will open pool play against Georgia Tech on Wednesday at 3 p.m., then take on North Carolina on Thursday at 3 p.m. Both games will be televised on ACC Network and can be heard in Central Virginia

on WINA (98.9 FM/1070 AM). Pool play begins Tuesday with three games: Boston College vs. Virginia Tech at 11 a.m., North Carolina vs. Georgia Tech at 3 p.m., and Duke vs. N.C.

State at 7 p.m. In addition to the Virginia-Georgia Tech game, Wednesday's other pool play games are Notre Dame vs. Pitt at 11 a.m. and Clemson vs. Virginia Tech at 7 p.m. Thursday's slate begins with Wake Forest vs. Pitt at 11 a.m., followed by Virginia vs. North Carolina at 3 pm. Miami takes on N.C. State in the 7 p.m.

nightcap. The final day of pool play on Friday will be led off by Boston College vs. Clemson at 11 a.m., followed by Duke vs. Miami at 3 p.m. Notre Dame and Wake Forest will meet in the final game of pool play at 7 p.m.

The four pool winners will play in the semifinals on Saturday at 1 p.m. and 5 p.m., with the winners advancing to the ACC Championship Game on Sunday at noon.

ACC pool play schedule

Tuesday Virginia Tech vs. Boston College, 11 a.m.

Georgia Tech vs. North Carolina, 3 p.m.

N.C. State vs. Duke, 7 p.m.

Wednesday

Pitt vs. Notre Dame, 11 a.m. Virginia vs. Georgia Tech, 3 p.m.

Clemson vs. Virginia Tech, 7 p.m.

Thursday

Wake Forest vs. Pitt, 11 a.m.

North Carolina vs. Virginia, 3 p.m. Miami vs. N.C. State, 7 p.m.

Friday

Boston College vs. Clemson, 11 a.m.

Duke vs. Miami, 3 p.m.

Notre Dame vs. Wake Forest, 7 p.m.

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MIKE KROPF 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.

Cavaliers' stunning loss to Furman is not all on Clark

in it."

Exactly.

RLANDO, Fla. – As yet another media wave descended upon Kihei Clark's locker stall, asking him to explain the inexplicable, teammate Ar-



cinctly and **DAVID** accurately. TEEL so many games for us," Franklin said. "It's not all his fault. We

had several times we could

have put this game away.

mise Thursday suc-"He's won

For all the focus on Clark's ill-fated Hail Mary and JP Pegues' subsequent

We just let them creep back

3-pointer, UVa's 68-67 first-round loss to Furman at the Orlando Magic's arena was a collective fail-This wasn't 16th-seeded UMBC routing No. 1 Vir-

ginia 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,

Please see TEEL, Page B3



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.

Shederick was at his best for UVa

GREG MADIA

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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 Please see SHEDRICK, Page B3

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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. Brooks, this weekend is about called March Madness. And as a for the Hokies, both externally preventing the madness.

want his team to fall victim to a a hard task because we know how

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.

paper and that's what makes it here in Blacksburg." But for women's coach Kenny fun for the fans. ... That's why it's Virginia Tech is a No. 1 seed in prevent any kind of madness," go to the Final Four) and internally. the NCAA Tournament for the Brooks said Thursday at a news first time. So Brooks does not conference. "But it's going to be



Chattanooga at Virginia Tech **NCAA Tournament** 5:30 p.m. Friday TV: ESPNU

"The games are not played on good all the teams are that will be

There are high expectations No. 1 seed, we just have to try to (Barack Obama has picked Tech to "Our expectations for ourselves

Please see NCAA WOMEN, Page B3 are a No. 1 seed in the NCAA tournament for the first time.



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

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SPORTS ON TV

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SCOREBOARD THE DAILY PROGRESS

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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. ESPNEWS — 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. NBATV — 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 7:10 p.m.
CBS — NCAA: Providence vs. Kentucky, First Round 7:15 p.m.
TBS — NCAA: Drake vs. Miami, First Round 7:25 p.m. TRUTV — NCAA: Grand Canyon vs. Gonzaga,
First Round 9:20 p.m. TNT – NCAA: FAU vs. Memphis, First Round
9:40 p.m. CBS — NCAA: Montana St. vs. Kansas St., First Round
9:45 p.m. TBS — NCAA: Kent St. vs. Indiana, First Round
9:55 p.m. 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,

1:30 p.m.

ESPN2 - NCAA: Georgia vs. Florida St.,

ESPN - NCAA: Norfolk St. at South

2:30 p.m.

co-champions of the ACC

regular-season and run-

ner-up in the conference

tournament, squandering

a 12-point lead in the final

11-plus minutes. This was

the Cavaliers leading by

six with 6:25 remaining

and the Paladins leading

scorer on the season, Mike

Bothwell, disqualified with

This was a game UVa

"I think we could have

think we should be playing

[in the second round] Sat-

They are not because

the 13th-seeded Southern

Conference champions

Virginia's defense late.

shredded fourth-seeded

They are not because Fur-

desperate ploy from a team

man's 1-3-1 zone trap, a

that plays man-to-man

defense 99% of the time,

confused them for several

And they are not because

Isaac McKneely and Clark

each missed a crucial free

Of all the Cavaliers to

Thursday was Clark's

throw, and yes, because Clark did the unfathom-

possessions.

able.

panic.

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done a lot more," center

Kadin Shedrick said. "I

should have closed.

First Round

First Round

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five fouls.

urday."

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First Round 3 p.m. ESPNU - NCAA: UNLV vs. Michigan, First 3:30 p.m. SPN2 – NCAA: S. Utah at Notre Dame st Round SPN — NCAA: SE Louisiana at Iowa, First 5:30 p.m. SPN2 – NCAA: Hawaii at LSU, First Round SPNU – NCAA: Chattanooga at Virginia h. First Round 6 p.m. SPNEWS - NCAA: Mississippi St. vs. ighton, First Round 7:30 p.m. SPN2 - NCAA: Sacred Heart at Stanford. st Round SPNU - NCAA: Gardner-Webb at Utah, st Round SPNEWS - NCAA: S. Dakota St. vs. ithern Cal, First Round 10 p.m. SPN2 - NCAA: Princeton vs. NC State, st Round SPNU — NCAA: Gonzaga vs. Mississippi st Round **COLLEGE HOCKEY (MEN'S)** BSSN - NCHC Tournament: Colorado ege vs. Denver, Semifinal, St. Paul, Minn. 8:30 p.m. BSSN - NCHC Tournament: North Dakota St. Cloud St., Semifinal, St. Paul, Minn. **COLLEGE LACROSSE (MEN'S)** CCN — North Carolina at Duke **COLLEGE SOFTBALL** AC-12N — Washington at UCLA COLLEGE WRESTLING SPNU — NCAA: Quarterfinals, Tulsa, Okla SPN — NCAA: Semifinals, Tulsa, Okla. GOLF OLF - PGA Tour: The Valspar mpionship, Second Round OLF — PGA Tour Champions: The Hoag ssic, First Round, 1 a.m. (Saturday) OLF – Ladies European Tour: The Aramco m Series, Final Round HORSE RACING 52 - NYRA: America's Day at the Races 6 a.m. ILBN — Spring Training: Tampa Bay (SS) Minnesota, Fort Myers, Fla. (Taped) ILBN — Spring Training: NY Yankees vs. roit, Lakeland, Fla. ILBN – Spring Training: Toronto (SS) vs. adelphia (SS), Clearwater, Fla. (Taped) ILBN - Spring Training: Atlanta vs. ston, Fort Myers, Fla. (Taped) ILBN - Spring Training: Kansas City vs. LA gels, Tempe, Ari. (Taped) 1 a.m. (Saturday) LBN – Spring Training: Miami (SS) vs. NY ts, Port St. Lucie, Fla. (Taped) 4 a.m. (Saturday) LBN - Spring Training: Chicago Cubs (SS) Chicago White Sox, Phoenix (Taped) 7:30 p.m.

10:30 p.m.

NHL HOCKEY

7 p.m.

11:55 p.m.

ACC-record 76 conference

No Cavalier has embod-

ied poise like Clark, and he

instinctive pass to Mamadi

Diakite in the 2019 South

Regional final against Pur-

tying bucket and, eventu-

But with 12.2 seconds

ally, an overtime victory.

remaining Thursday,

Clark triggered another

sequence that will live

in tournament lore and

represents March at its

Clark inbounded the ball

underneath the Furman

goal to Reece Beekman,

who quickly passed the

ues and teammate Alex

crouched low, hoping to

avoid the jump ball that

the Paladins.

ball back to Clark. As Peg-

Williams swarmed, Clark

would return possession to

"I was calling for a foul,"

Clark could have called

Furman coach Bob Richey

said, "but the good Lord

knew they couldn't hear

timeout but said he

couldn't see an official.

UVa coach Tony Bennett

Virginia led 67-65 when

maddest.

due that led to Diakite's

did so famously with the

NBATV – Dallas at LA Lakers

NHLN - Carolina at Toronto

161st and final college

SOCCER (MEN'S) USA - Premier League: Newcastle United at Nottingham Forest Williams McKneely

TENNIS - BNP Paribas Open COLLEGE Virginia schedule 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 All day – Women's swimming and diving at NCAA Championships (Knoxville, Tenn.) All day – Wrestling at NCAA Championships 12 p.m. – Women's lacrosse at Pittsburgh 1 p.m. – Softball at Clemson (doubleheader) Duke (25-6) vs. Iona (26-6), 9:30 p.m. 2 p.m. – Men's lacrosse vs. Maryland 2 p.m. - Baseball at N.C. State All day - Men's golf at Linger Longe NBATV – Golden State at Atlanta ESPNEWS – NCAA: Holy Cross at Maryland, FS2 – NRL: Melbourne at Gold Coast

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 Longe 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 FG FT Reb Min M-A M-A O-T A PF PTS 29 2-10 2-2 2-6 2 4 20 4-8 1-1 0-0 0 5 11 36 5-13 0-0 1-5 1 2 14 29 3-9 4-7 0-3 4 0 11 25 2-5 1-2 0-1 0 2 VanderWal 12 0-0 0-0 1-2 0 1 0-1 0-0 0-0 0 4 0-0 0-0 0-0 0 **200 22-56 14-19 5-27 11 17 68** 1 p.m. Percentages: FG .393, FT .737. **3-Point Goals:** 10-28, .357 (Foster 4-9, Bothwell 2-3, Williams 1-2, Pegues 1-4, Slawson 1-4, Hien 1-5, Whitt 0-1). Team Technical Fouls: None. basketball game. His five seasons included the 2019 national championship and 122 victories, most in program history, and an

Utah-Gardner-Webb winner vs. NC State-Rebounds: 4. Team Turnovers: None. Princeton winner, TBA **Blocked Shots:** 3 (Foster 2, Slawson). Second Round, Monday Turnovers: 9 (Pegues 4, Slawson 3, Whitt, Indiana-Monmouth (NJ)-Tennessee Tech Williams). Steals: 4 (Bothwell, Hien, Pegues, Slawson). **Technical Fouls:** None. winner vs. Oklahoma St.-Miami winner, TBA Villanova-Cleveland St. winner vs. FG FT Reb Washington St.-Florida Gulf Coast winner, Min M-A M-A O-T A PF PTS Semifinals and finals 5-9 5-6 5-13 0 3 15 37 4-9 6-7 1-5 5 1 March 25 and 27, Greenville, S.C. 32 2-7 1-2 1-2 5 2 **GREENVILLE 1** 20 3-6 2-2 0-2 1 2 8 27 5-10 0-1 0-2 0 0 12 First Round, Friday 18 2-3 0-0 0-4 1 2 Columbia, S.C. 11 0-1 1-2 0-0 0 0 Totals 200 24-54 17-22 8-35 13 13 67 South Carolina (32-0) vs. Norfolk St. (26-6), Percentages: FG .444, FT .773. 3-Point Goals: 2-12, .167 (McKneely 2-7, South Florida (26-6) vs. Marquette (21-10), Beekman O-1, Clark O-1, Dunn O-1, Franklin 11:30 a.m. 0-2). Team Rebounds: 4. Team Turnovers: South Bend, Ind. None. Blocked Shots: 7 (Shedrick 4, Creighton (22-8) vs. Mississippi St. (21-10), Beekman 2, Dunn). Turnovers: 8 (Beekman 3, Clark 2, Franklin, Murray, Shedrick). Notre Dame (25-5) vs. S. Utah (23-9), Steals: 4 (Beekman 2, Dunn, Shedrick). 3:30 p.m. 27 41 College Park, Md. -35 Arizona (21-9) vs. West Virginia (19-11), Noon Maryland (25-6) vs. Holy Cross (24-8), **Women's NCAA** 2:30 p.m. Tournament First Round, Saturday **FIRST FOUR** Los Angeles Oklahoma (25-6) vs. Portland (23-8), 9 p.m. Wednesday, South Bend, Ind. UCLA (25-9) vs. Sacramento St. (25-7), Mississippi St. 70, Illinois 56 Wednesday, Stanford, Calif. 11:30 p.m. could have called time but said he didn't know if an official was nearby. But Clark could see the 6-foot-11 Shedrick 50plus feet downcourt, and he unleashed a high-arch ing pass. Shedrick knew immediately that Garrett Hien would intercept it and contemplated fouling able option? him because "I just like if

they got a 3 off, they were

Hien stole the pass and

found Pegues on the right

"All I could do at that

who had missed his three

previous attempts beyond

His shot was true with

2.2 seconds left, and after

a Virginia timeout, Beek-

"It's March," Shedrick

said. "I'm sure America

After the obligatory

handshakes, Clark walked

off the court, head bowed

Shedrick, who had the

game of his life with 15

points, 13 rebounds and

four blocked shots, wept as

teammate Francisco Caf-

faro tried to console him.

a little confused," Shedrick

loved it, but for me, it

point was rise up and

shoot it," said Pegues,

How right he was.

going to make it."

wing.

the arc.

hurt."

Some 15 minutes later, still in uniform, Clark sat in his locker stall replaying the fateful sequence on his phone and wondered: Why hadn't he called timeout? Should he have attempted a pass to McKneely on the right wing? And why choose the worst conceiv-There were no answers, but Clark patiently and

politely endured every question.

"Tough way to go out like this," he said. "We'll talk to him later," Shedrick said. "He just needs his space right now. I think that's the most important thing. He'll be alright, and we'll be there

for him." Meanwhile, at the interview podium, Bennett was not surprised by Clark's man's long 3 went begging. grace.

"You celebrate his ca-

reer," Bennett said, "and this is part of the game. I've used this line before, but when you step between the lines, you take the good and you take the hard with it. You try to handle them with dignity and respect, and he'll do that.... "Would we be in this

spot without him? Nope. So here we are, and I'm "I was just shocked, and grateful for him."

said. "I didn't think it was David Teel reports for the Richmond Times-Dispatch.

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Thursday, Columbus, Ohio

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Monmouth (NJ) (18-15) vs. Tennessee Tech

SEATTLE 4

First Round, Friday

Stanford, Calif.

Stanford (28-5) vs. Sacred Heart (18-13),

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

Iowa City, Iowa

Florida St. (23-9) vs. Georgia (21-11),

Iowa (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),

Second Round, Sunday

Stanford-Sacred Heart winner vs.

Iowa-SE Louisiana winner vs. Florida St.-

Second Round, Monday

Texas-East Carolina winner vs. Louisville-

Duke-Iona winner vs. Colorado-Middle

Regional Semifinals and finals

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),

First Round, Saturday

Bloomington, Ind.

Indiana (27-3) vs. Monmouth (NJ)-Tennessee

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

Bryn Mawr, Pa.

Washington St. (23-10) vs. Florida Gulf Coast

Villanova (28-6) vs. Cleveland St. (30-4).

Second Round, Sunday

LSU-Hawaii winner vs. Michigan-UNLV

Mississippi-Gonzaga winner, TBA

Georgia winner, TBA

Drake winner, TBA

7:30 p.m.

(32-3), 1 p.m.

Tennessee winner, TBA

March 25 and 27, Seattle

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

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Shedrick

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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 if 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 remaining did the same once more.

"I was confident once we figured out how to crack the zone that we'd be all right," Shedrick said. "Kihei started hitting it with the pass fakes and dish downs to me and we started pinging the ball around and once we figured it out, we were good."

The next possession for Virginia netted tying and goahead free throws from guard Reece Beekman before one-and-one free throws from Shedrick extended the Cavaliers' edge to 66-63.

"I had confidence we'd get stops and that we'd be smart with the ball," Shedrick said about pushing UVa's lead to three points with 1:21 to go. "So, yeah, I thought we were going to win. I was very confident we were going

to win at that point." Shedrick tallied with 15 points and 13 rebounds for his first double-double of the year and first since he had 13 points and 13 rebounds against Miami on Feb. 19, 2022.

He had four blocks against the Paladins also, and was 5-of-9 from the field and 5-of-6 from the free-throw line.

In a way, the performance was vindication for Shedrick, who up until last week's ACC Tournament had been relegated from the starting five to little-used off the bench. He didn't get in games against Clemson or Louisville during the final week of the regular season, but in reserve Shedrick logged eight points and seven rebounds in the Cavaliers' ACC semifinal victory over Clemson and five points and seven rebounds in the league title bout against Duke ahead of his start on Thursday.

"It's hard as a basketball player to not play basketball," his teammate and fellow big man Francisco Caffaro said. "What you want to do is be on the court and play against competition. Practice is good, but at the end of the day you want to be able to play against all the teams and it's tough when you don't get to do that.

"But in order to be able to get back in the rotation," Caffaro continued, "you've always got to stay ready when your number is called and help your team out in whatever your role is ... and I think that's what Kadin did."

Shedrick started instead of Caffaro, who had been in the lineup during the ACC Tournament in place of injured forward Ben Vander Plas. Shedrick said he found out on Monday he'd start against the Paladins because of the matchup and the up-tempo style they play with. So, Shedrick said he was completely focused for his NCAA Tournament debut.

Between introductions and the opening tipoff, Caffaro made sure to encourage Shedrick, too.

He rubbed Shedrick's head, leaned in and said, "I told him simple stuff like to be careful with the fouls because he was way bigger and longer than all of those guys they had. I told him to stay down, don't jump and that he didn't have to block shots but just bother shots and just be him. I told him that would be a great game for him and it was. It just didn't end the way it should've for us." Shedrick said he appreciated the support and that those in UVa's locker room have only tried to root him on through his ups and downs during the campaign.

He said associate head coach Jason Williford kept him

prepared for the postseason. "When my minutes went down, he tried to make sure I was locked in," Shedrick said. "He pulled me aside and let me know that everyone goes through challenging

times in their career, but it's about how you respond to them." He was ready on college basketball's grandest stage Thursday from the moment he won the tipoff while

leaping above the center-court March Madness logo. "Kadin really responded," UVa coach Tony Bennett

said, "stuck his free throws and played good, tough basketball, so I was happy for him and proud of him." Said Shedrick about how he'll remember this season:

"I'm proud of myself for staying in it and at the end of the day I know what I can do as a basketball player and I know who I am and what I can do to help this team."

NCAA Women

are through the roof," said forward championship."

for the early rounds.

means a lot to his program.

want to compete for a national is sold out. It sold out Monday, the to this level," Brooks said. "That's people are going to doubt us." an accomplishment, getting a No.

Brooks said getting to host ment for the first time in [15] years. or Sunday. "And now it's time to go out

nounced us back into the tourna- won't be allowed to do that Friday Tech senior associate athletic

"We used to hope to win and there and represent that No. 1 director Bridget McSorley, who is Taylor Soule, whose team is on have hosted NCAA Tournament now we expect to win. And I think seed. And we know people are serving as the tournament direcan 11-game winning streak. "We action since 2004. Friday's game that's a big difference when you get going to come after us. We know tor for the Blacksburg action, said NCAA Tournament rules require It will only feel like a Tech home the games to be treated like a neu-The top four seeds in each "I referenced it to being like 1 seed. I had as many chills and a game Friday to a certain point. tral event. So Tech's P.A. system bracket get to host a first-round we're the Beatles," Brooks said. "It blackout moment when our name The Cassell public address sys-can't play team-preferred music

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doubleheader and a second-round was probably a really bad reference came up there as a No. 1 seed as I tem usually plays "Enter Sand- such as "Enter Sandman."

has been to be good enough to land the Beatles are." one of those seeds and stay home

This is the first time the Hokies

day tickets went on sale.

game. Tech's goal in recent years because my kids don't know who did [two] years ago when they an-man" right before tipoff. But Tech

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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.

CAL CARY PHOTOS, THE DAILY PROGRESS

COMPLETETREAT

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.

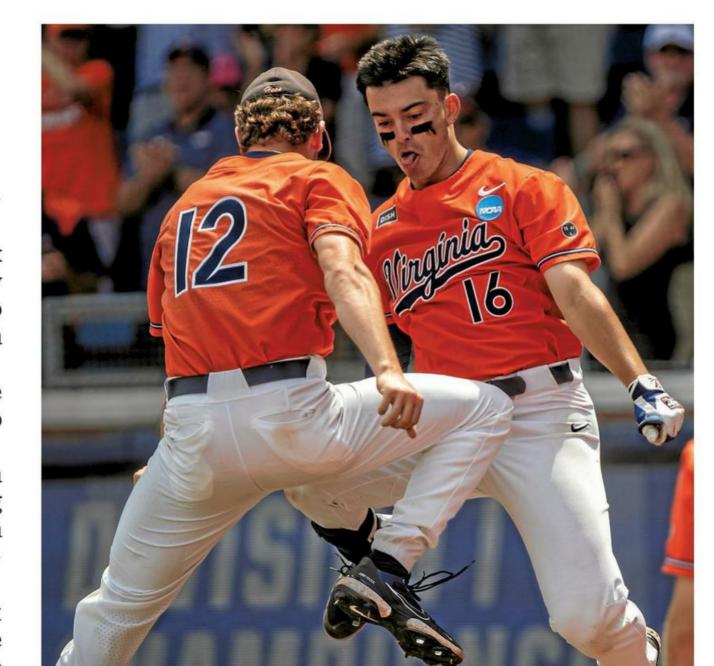
Playing for his fourth college baseball program in six years, graduate right-hander Brian Edgington threw the best start of his career, tossing a complete game to lead UVa past Duke and into the College World Series in Omaha.

"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 Re-

gional, 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." Please see TREAT, Page B4



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

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

To wit: Virginia baseball's super regional conquest of Duke and sixth trip to the Col-



lege 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.

DAVID But when Jay Beshears' TEEL 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. 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

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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 Martin Truex Jr. holds the trophy after winning Sunday's race. Toyota to another victory on the hilly road course at the base of 2019.

career and his second in the last six tires. races after winning at Dover.

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Northern California wine country, from a one-race suspension for

Truex has seven top-10 finishes



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Elliott finished fifth in his return in his last nine races. "Hats off to my team," said where he also won in 2013, 2018 and deliberately wrecking Hamlin at Truex, who finished 26th at like you did last year," Truex said. Mike Rockenfeller. Charlotte. Elliott, who has missed Sonoma last year. "To be so bad Only Jeff Gordon has more vic- seven races this season, twice held last year, and to come back and do tories (five) at Sonoma than Truex, the lead in the final stage before that with basically the same car, who earned the 33rd win of his Cup Truex blew past him on fresher is incredible. ... My team is doing everything right."

Busch, with Chris Buescher in fourth. nia-born driver steadily slipped Truex and Busch, who was 2.979 down the standings. He got back up seconds behind in his Richard Chil- to second in the final stage before dress Racing Chevrolet, had the 11th his pit stop, but he blew a tire with 1-2 finish of their long Cup careers. 14 laps left.

"Not too bad," said Busch, who won last week's Cup race outside BRIEFLY him honest there at the end."

across the start-finish line.

caution with 15 laps left, but Truex car GTE AM class before two late surged up on fresh tires and re- mechanical problems took it out of claimed the lead for good.

"You just never give up and keep

Joey Logano was third behind races, but the Northern Califor- way.

St. Louis. "Just wish we had a little LE MANS: NASCAR celebrated at bit more. I was just trying to keep the 24 Hours of Le Mans when its Garage 56 entry fielded by Hen-Truex appeared to be cruising drick Motorsports completed the toward victory before pole-sitter iconic endurance race. The entry Denny Hamlin spun after he made wasn't eligible to beat any other contact with the wall with 19 laps cars in the race in France, but the

to go. Hamlin's car slid sideways No. 24 Chevrolet Camaro was such a stellar entry that it actually Elliott led coming out of the had a chance to beat the entire 21contention. The car was driven by "This is why you go through years Jimmie Johnson, Jenson Button and

UP NEXT: After a one-week Tyler Reddick started second in break, the Cup Series begins its his bid to win for the fourth time in 10-race sprint to the playoffs on the Cup Series' last six road course June 25 at Nashville Superspeed-

TENNIS | FRENCH OPEN

Djokovic wins 23rd Grand Slam title

HOWARD FENDRICH

Associated Press

ic's main aim and now he finally three from the U.S. Open. stands alone - ahead of Rafael Naracket.

to hold this record, he certainly preparing for this match in the best is how the Slam count looked: 16 could wait for the half-hour or so way possible to win, like any other for Federer, nine for Nadal, one for it took to straighten out his strokes match," Djokovic said, wearing a Djokovic. The climb began with a in the French Open final. And so, red jacket with "23" stitched on the trio that year and accelerated lately: after a bit of a shaky start in thick, chest. "Of course I would lie if I say He has clutched the trophy at 11 of humid air and under foreboding that I didn't think about the finish the last 20 Slams, a remarkable run charcoal clouds Sunday, he im- line that is right there and that one made even more so when considerposed himself. The opponent at more match is needed to win a tro- ing that he did not participate in two Court Philippe Chatrier, Casper phy – a historic one." Ruud, never really stood a serious chance after that.

moving three in front of the retired Djokovic came close to pulling off last year's U.S. Open under a rule underfoot elsewhere. Federer, with a 7-6 (1), 6-3, 7-5 vic-that feat in 2021, when he won the that since has been lifted. tory over Ruud that was not in doubt Australian Open, French Open and

French Open titles he earned in 2016 PARIS — Novak Djokovic made with at least three from each major clear for years this was his goal. event. He won his very first at the 3. What drove him. What inspired 2008 Australian Open and now him. The biggest titles from his possesses a total of 10 trophies from that he can switch (on) when a sport's biggest stages were Djokov- there, seven from Wimbledon and Grand Slam comes," said his coach,

on the line, but I try to focus my better." If Djokovic could wait this long attention and my thoughts into

Serbia, puts this one alongside the before losing to Daniil Medvedev.

Djokovic will resume that pursuit and 2021, making him the only man at Wimbledon, which begins on the grass of the All England Club on July

"He has this software in his head Goran Ivanisevic. "The day we ar-"I knew that going into the tour- rived here, he was better, he was dal, ahead of Roger Federer, ahead nament, going into the match, es-more motivated, he was more hunof every man who ever has swung a pecially, today, that there is history gry. Every day, he played better and

Entering the 2011 season, this

Also worth noting: He again is he did not get vaccinated against halfway to a calendar-year Grand COVID-19. Djokovic was deported

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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 means he will return to No. 1 in the Court won some of her all-time ATP rankings on Monday, replacrecord of 24 Slam trophies in the ing Carlos Alcaraz. Djokovic alamateur era.

majors during that span because Djokovic is the oldest singles cham- or woman — since the inception pion at Roland Garros, considered of computerized tennis rankings a the most grueling of the majors be-Djokovic earned his men's - record Slam — winning all four majors in in January 2021 before the Austra - cause of the lengthy, grinding points 23rd Grand Slam singles champion - one season - something no man has lian Open, and he was not allowed required by the red clay, which is Alcaraz in the semifinals on Thursship, breaking a tie with Nadal and achieved since Rod Laver in 1969. to fly to the United States ahead of slower than the grass or hard courts day, wearing him down over two

who wrapped up her career last year, had arthroscopic surgery on June 2. 6-1.

Djokovic's triumph on Sunday ready has spent more weeks at the At 20 days past his 36th birthday, top spot than any player — man half-century ago.

It was Djokovic who eliminated thrilling sets until the 20-year-old Nadal's 22nd major arrived in Spaniard's body cramped up badly. Getting to 23 not only sets the Paris a year ago, two days after he Alcaraz continued to play, but the for most of its 3 hours, 13 minutes. Wimbledon and made it all the way mark for men, but it also lets turned 36. He has been sidelined scores of the last two sets of the Djokovic, a 36-year-old from to the title match at the U.S. Open Djokovic equal Serena Williams, since January by a hip injury and four-set match told the story: 6-1,

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From B1

scores of the day, two runs in the been dominant. He pitched Vir- 5-0. top of the sixth, with a four-spot ginia past Army in the regional in the bottom of the sixth.

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

difficult to do," O'Connor said. "It breaths and staying in the motakes a lot of things. It takes a lot ment." more than just talent. And that's that wear our uniform."

with four RBI and first baseman off both the first and second inning, Ethan Anderson hit a two-run Higgins got the hook with two on coach Chris Pollard said. "If you O'Connor said. "I think sometimes mbarber@timesdispatch.com home run for the Cavaliers, who and nobody out in the bottom of make a mistake, if you don't exe- as coaches we can outthink it. Lets @RTD_MikeBarber on Twitter

went a combined 5-1 in the regional the second after just 29 pitches. and super regional.

"Getting to Omaha is very, very said. "So, I was just taking deep ting Virginia's lead to 5-2.

Catcher Kyle Teel went 2 for 5 ing up a double and a walk to lead stands.

Edgington, who started his ca-slow down the Cavaliers. Harrireer at Saint Joseph's, spent a year son Didawick, Griff O'Ferrall and Virginia's lineup stayed hot, at Mercer Community College and Ethan O'Donnell all followed with striking for five runs in the second three seasons at Elon, is in his first RBI singles, before Teel's single to

> opener, throwing five perfect in- thing across against Edgington in the sixth inning, when Jay Beshears thing like this before," Edgington field for a two-run home run, cut-

The Cavaliers' bats, as they did game." Saturday, had an answer. UVa out of the second inning. After giv- son's home run into the left field after eight.

momentum."

UVa added two runs in the sevinning and answering Duke's only NCAA Tournament. And he has right plated a pair and put UVa up Edgington went out for the ninth. "After that eighth inning, I was urday. Duke (39-24) finally got some- really hoping they weren't going to say I was done," Edgington said. "Because I was going to tell them

O'Connor said Edgington had Duke's starting pitcher, sopho- scored four runs in the bottom of nothing to worry about. He had with the Cavaliers' potent lineup why I'm so proud of these players more Ryan Higgins, didn't make it the sixth, going up 9-2 on Ander- no thoughts of pulling Edgington made sure that didn't happen this

> "Sometimes the best thing is "They're just so explosive," Duke just to leave the guy out there,"

cute a pitch, or you give them a free match up here. Match up there. But Higgins departure didn't base, they can just use that and it When you're pitching like he was feeds them and they get going with pitching, the best thing is, send him back out there."

Virginia dropped the series enth and one in the eight before opener on Friday, 5-4, but bounced back to trounce Duke, 14-4, on Sat-

Virginia entered Sunday 4-1 alltime in Super Regional Game 3s, beating Ole Miss in 2009, UC Irvine "I've never experienced some-sent a pitch just over the wall in left I was going back out no matter in 2011, Maryland in 2014, and Dalwhat. I'm just happy they gave me las Baptist most recently, in 2021. the opportunity to try to finish the Its lone Game 3 loss came in 2010 at home to Oklahoma.

Edgington's outing combined

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Teel

From B1 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.

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"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 the rest of this season, the rest of their career but in life."

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

After yielding Beshears' home run Sunday, UVa starter Brian Edgington blanked Duke over the final 32/3 innings to finish a 114-pitch complete game, the Cavaliers' first such postseason outing since Brandon Waddell in the 2014 CWS against Vander-

bilt. Similarly, after giving up three runs in the fourth Saturday, Connelly Early pitched another 31/3 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... Candidly, 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 im-

portantly, 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 Notre 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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