



N.C. State 29, Virginia 24



Cracked armor

Cavaliers can't find late-game heroics

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RALEIGH, N.C. — The team that never cracks finally did. Virginia has made a living of pulling out close games, with five wins by less than a touchdown this year. But the Cavaliers' run of living dangerously finally ended Saturday night at Carter-Finley Stadium in a 29-24 loss to N.C. State. "It was right there at the end. We thought we could win it," UVA defensive end Chris Long said. "We've got to stop putting ourselves in those positions." Virginia (7-2, 4-1 ACC) watched its school-best seven-game winning streak come to an end. It was N.C. State (3-5, 1-3 ACC) whose players came through in the clutch, no one more than wide receiver Donald Bowen. The sophomore had a career-high 11 catches for 202 yards and two

touchdowns, including the game-winner on a fade pattern over freshman cornerback Ras-I Dowling in the corner of the end zone with 7:37 left to put the Wolfpack up by five. "It didn't discourage the UVA bench. "Everybody was shouting, 'We've been here before! They haven't been here before!'" tailback Mikell Simpson said. Not quite like this. Virginia's comeback was made more difficult by the absence of quarterback Jameel Sewell, who had thrown for a career-high 260 yards and a touchdown before succumbing to cramps with seven minutes left. He didn't return. "It was as frustrated as I've ever been," Sewell said. True freshman Peter Lalich, who had taken two snaps in the previous four games, couldn't produce the same come-from-behind magic. He stepped into a third-and-11 situation on his first play and got popped, throwing an incomplete. Please see **UVA**, Page C4

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Mikell Simpson, Virginia tailback

ABOVE: N.C. State's Owen Spencer (13) hugs Marcus Stone as UVA's Ras-I Dowling (19) walks by.

Liberty 48, Presbyterian 14



Liberty's Rashad Jennings makes his way to the end zone during the second half of Saturday's win over Presbyterian.

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Flames foil any comeback

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Danny Rocco didn't want to bring up any negatives in the locker room at halftime. His Flames were up 20 points Saturday against Presbyterian, but one game loomed in the minds of some of Liberty's players: Last year's Big South opener against Gardner-Webb at Williams Stadium. The Flames led

by 17 at halftime and were dominant defensively, much like they were Saturday. But after a second-half collapse, the Flames lost. LU running back Rashad Jennings didn't forget that debacle, vowing at halftime to keep running hard at the Blue Hose. That he did, slamming through the undersized Presbyterian front for a 64-yard touchdown run early in the third quarter that sent the

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Pioneers fall from unbeaten rank

Heritage suffers first loss of the season to determined Bee squad

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The full moon that hung low over City Stadium on Saturday night must have felt eclipsed by the performance of Brookville's Logan Thomas. The junior led the Bees' to a 28-21 defeat of previously unbeaten Heritage. "(Thomas) is the truth," Brookville coach Jeff Woody said. "We are lucky to have him on our sideline."

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Staff photo by Chet White

Brookville's Corby Weiss makes a diving grab over Heritage defender Mike Petty on Saturday.

Boston 10 **Colorado 5**
Red Sox only one game away

The Associated Press
DENVER — Mile high or sea level, nothing is stopping the Boston Red Sox. Even when the Rockies rallied late, their chance to get back into the World Series vanished into Coors Field's thin air. Rookies Jacoby Ellsbury and Dustin Pedroia sparked the Red Sox from the top of the order. Daisuke Matsuzaka pitched shutout into the sixth inning and Boston beat Colorado 10-5 on Saturday night and moved within one win of a Series sweep.

Ellsbury became the first rookie in 61 years with four hits in a Series game, getting three of Boston's seven doubles. Pedroia had three hits, including a bunt single that helped set up a six-run third against Josh Fogg. Down 6-0, Colorado came back with two runs in the sixth, and Matt Holliday's three-run homer in the seventh on Hideki Okajima's first pitch cut the Red Sox lead to 6-5. But then Ellsbury lofted an RBI double down the right-field line off Brian Fuentes in the

eighth that just eluded Brad Hawpe's attempt at a sliding, backhand catch, and Pedroia followed with a two-run double to right that put Boston back in front by four runs. Jason Varitek added a sacrifice fly in the ninth. On Oct. 27 three years ago at old Busch Stadium, the Red Sox completed a sweep of St. Louis for their World Series title in 86 years. Having won seven straight Series games for the first time in franchise history, Boston will try for its seventh championship Sunday.

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