GUARDS PACE CHARGE

VPI Blasters Virginia

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ROANOKE, Va. (AP) -- Virginia's three earliest points came from Trevis Mitchell III's 37 points from its starting guards, breaking the Cavaliers' second-half run and ran away from the University of Virginia, 80-64. The Cavaliers won the second half and ran away from the University of Virginia, 80-64. After Virginia had controlled most of the first half, leading by as many as 15 points, the Cavaliers scored 21 of their 40 first-half points in the first six minutes. Virginia scored three field goals in a row, and led by 19-9 at the 11:55 mark.

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