



CWS Finals Game 3 Notes: Virginia vs. Vanderbilt

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Virginia 4, Vanderbilt 2 – Attendance 17,689 (MCWS Total: 353,378; Avg. 22,086) – Time of Game: 3:37

Virginia won its first Men's CWS Title becoming the second Atlantic Coast Conference school to claim a national baseball championship (first since Wake Forest in 1955)

Virginia (44-24):

- Virginia is just the third champion to lose the first game of the CWS Finals, and then win the next two games, joining Oregon State (2006) and Fresno State (2008). The Beavers and Bulldogs were the only previous No. 3 or No. 4 Regional seeds to win a CWS title, as well ...
- Virginia is the first ACC school to win an NCAA title since Wake Forest in 1955. The Cavaliers are the 45th different team to reach the CWS since then as a member of the ACC (Clemson 12, North Carolina 10, Florida State 10, Virginia 4, Miami 3, Georgia Tech 3, North Carolina State 2, Duke 1) ... Runners-up from the ACC in that time included Georgia Tech/1994, Florida St./1999, North Carolina/2006 & 2007, and UVa/2014 ...
- Virginia was participating in its fourth College World Series (2009, 2011, 2014-15) and its second-straight CWS Finals ... Last year the Cavaliers lost to Vanderbilt in the three-game finals (L/9-8, W/7-2, L/3-2) ...
- The CWS Finals is a rematch from last year marking only the third rematch in CWS history (2006-07, Oregon St. vs. North Carolina; 1972-73, Southern California vs. Arizona St.). Oregon St. and USC both repeated ...
- UVa has claimed 23 NCAA Championships in its athletics history with the previous most recent coming in 2015 when the men's tennis program claimed its second title in three years ... In all, the Cavaliers have won titles in men's soccer (7), men's lacrosse (5), women's lacrosse (3), women's cross country (2), rowing (2), men's tennis (2), boxing (1) and now bowling (1) ...
- The Cavaliers have completed in 15 NCAA Tournaments, including the last 12 posting a 52-34 all-time record including 40-18 over the last seven seasons ...
- Under Brian O'Connor (since 2004), UVa is 46-28 in the NCAA Tourney and owns six regional championships – all in the last seven seasons (2009-11, 2013-15) – and four super regional titles ...
- Virginia is 12-8 all-time in CWS games (1-2 in 2009, 2-2 in 2011, 4-2 in 2014, 5-2 in 2015) ...
- UVa played its 11th consecutive CWS game against an SEC opponent: Ole Miss and Vanderbilt (3 CWS Finals games) in 2014; Arkansas (Game 1), Florida (Game 6, 11 and 13) and Vanderbilt (Games 1, 2 & 3 of the CWS Finals) in 2015 ...
- Virginia owned a 10-2 record in the 2015 NCAA Tournament (3-0 in the Lake Elsinore Regional, 2-0 in the Charlottesville Super Regional, 5-2 at the College World Series) ... Seven of the 10 wins have been the come-from-behind variety, including tonight as UVa rallied from a 2-0 deficit after one frame ... The Cavaliers are the first team to rally from a 2-run deficit to win a championship game since Cal State Fullerton in 2004 vs. Texas.
- The Cavaliers continue to get the job done late in the game having scored the go-ahead run in the fifth inning or later in all 10 postseason wins ... Has scored 40 of its 57 runs in the NCAA Tournament after the fifth inning ... Seven of their 10 tourney wins were by two runs or fewer ...
- The Cavaliers 44 wins were the fewest by a team in a CWS title game since 1998 when Arizona State had 41 victories, and the fewest by a team to finish as CWS champion since USC finished 43-12-1 in 1968 ...
- Virginia is the fourth team to win the CWS after finishing as runner-up in the previous season, joining Texas (2005), Ohio State (1966) and USC (1961) ...
- Kenny Towns extended current hit streak to 10 games with a single in the seventh inning ... He also extended school records in NCAA Tourney play in games (32) and hits (37) ... He also owns UVa postseason records for RBI (28) and doubles (9) ...
- In seven CWS games, the Cavaliers tallied 24 two-out hits which resulted in 15 two-out runs ...
- Brandon Waddell made his school-record 53rd career start. It was also his 19th start of the 2015 season, tying him for the national lead with Florida's Logan Shore and Vanderbilt's Carson Fulmer. It was also Waddell's fifth career CWS start, tying him for fifth-most all-time with eight other men. The only other players since the turn of the century to do so is South Carolina's Michael Roth, who owns the career mark with eight CWS starts, and current Vanderbilt ace Carson Fulmer. Virginia won all five of Waddell's CWS starts.
- Brandon Waddell earned his second straight CWS All-Tournament Team recognition, becoming the first person to do so in consecutive seasons since South Carolina's Michael Roth and Christian Walker (2011 & 2012) ...
- Nathan Kirby made his first relief appearance since June 8, 2013 when he came on in the eighth inning. He'd made 29 starts since then. Kirby earned his first career save, with it coming in his 54th career college appearance (23rd relief outing) ...



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- Freshman Pavin Smith tied the game in the second inning with his seventh homer of the season, and first since May 19th vs. Georgia Tech. Smith added a go-ahead RBI in the fifth inning for his fourth career three-RBI game, tying a season-high ...
- Adam Haseley, who threw five shutout innings on Tuesday, walked twice and singled twice in his first four plate appearances on Wednesday and scored what turned out to be the go-ahead run for the Cavaliers ...

Vanderbilt (51-21):

- The Commodores reached consecutive College World Series Finals (2014-15) ...
- Vanderbilt owns an 11-6 all-time record in the CWS, including a 4-2 mark in 2015 ... Posted a 2-2 mark in Omaha back in 2011 and 5-2 in 2014 ...
- The Commodores have made 10-straight NCAA Tournament appearances and 11 under head coach Tim Corbin, who is in his 13th year as the skipper ... Sports a 46-21 record in 14 NCAA Tournament appearances ...
- Prior to Corbin's arrival in Nashville, Vanderbilt had never recorded a 40-win season ... Corbin has led the Commodores to eight 40-win campaigns ... He has guided Vandy to three-straight 50-win seasons (54 in 2013, 51 in 2014 and 51 in 2015) ...
- Vandy has registered 36 NCAA Tournament wins since 2000, tying South Carolina ... Virginia is third on the list with 34 ...
- The Commodores have outscored their opponents 72-19 in 10 NCAA Tournament games (+53) and had recorded three shutouts ...
- Vanderbilt was the fifth team to start 2-0 at the College World Series despite scoring five or fewer runs in the first two games ... Four of the five reached the championship game (Arizona State/1972/3 runs/runner-up; UCLA/2013/4 runs/won title; Virginia/2014/5 runs/runner-up; St. John's/1968/5 runs/2-2 in CWS) ...
- Dansby Swanson is the 10th No. 1 overall Major League Baseball Draft pick to appear in the CWS and first since Pat Burrell, who was the top selection in the 1998 Draft by the Philadelphia Phillies out of Miami (Fla.) ... Others: Rick Monday/1965, Floyd Bannister/1976, Bob Horner/1978, Ben McDonald/1989, Phil Nevin/1992, Paul Wilson/1994, Kris Benson/1996 and Matt Anderson/1997 ...
- Vanderbilt dropped consecutive games with two losses to Virginia in CWS Finals for the first time this season since May 8-9 vs. Florida ...
- Behind the plate, Vandy catchers have thrown out five would-be base stealers in this year's NCAA Tournament ... Conversely, the Commodores are 16-for-16 in stolen base attempts in the NCAA Tourney ...
- The SEC posted an 8-8 record in the 2015 CWS with Vanderbilt winning four of those contests ...
- Walker Buehler worked three-plus innings allowing a pair of runs (both earned) on three hits with four walks and three strikeouts – this match his lowest outing of his CWS career, which was three innings in Game 1 of the 2014 CWS Finals ... In two CWS outings this season, he has allowed three runs (all earned) on seven hits with 11 strikeouts to five walks in 9.2 innings ...
- John Kilichowski (3-4) suffered the loss allowing one run (earned) on no hits in 1.1 innings ...
- Bryan Reynolds walked to start the bottom of the first extending his on-base streak to 15 games ...
- Rhett Wiseman recorded his 25th multi-hit game of the season with his single to right in the third frame ... Started the contest with a double to left field and scored on Zander Wiel's double for the game's second run ... Reached base three total times (single, double and walk) ...
- Swanson drove in his first run of the CWS (64th of the season) with a ground out to short in the first frame scoring Reynolds from third ...
- Wiel extended his hit streak (7) and on-base streaks (11) with an RBI double down the left field line in the first scoring Wiseman ... Reached base twice (double and walk) ...
- Penn Murfee tallied his fifth multi-hit game of the season with a two-out single to left field in the ninth ... He also doubled in his second at-bat of the contest ...
- Ben Bowden set a new CWS Finals record appearing in all three games on the mound ... Worked one-third of an inning allowing a hit in Game 3 of CWS Finals ...
- Vandy was 1-for-8 with RISP ... Tallied just one two-out hit pushing its CWS total to 13 ...
- Members of the CWS All-Tournament Team: Zander Wiel (1B) and Bryan Reynolds (OF) ...



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CWS Records Set or Tied in 2015:

- Attendance (total): 353,378 – **new record**
- Sac Flies (Single-Game): 2 by David Thompson (Miami vs. Florida on June 23) – **tied record**
- Runs (inning): 11 by Florida (vs. Miami, Fla. on June 23) – **tied record**
- Runs (game): 15 by Florida (vs. Miami, Fla. on June 23) – most in a CWS game at TDAPO
- Pitchers used (CWS game): 8 by Miami, Fla. (Game 2) and LSU (Game's 3 and 10) – **tied record**
- Balks (career): 3 by Carson Fulmer (Vanderbilt/2014-15) – **tied record**
- Combined Strikeouts (game): 25 (Vanderbilt/11 and TCU/14 on June 16) – **tied record for nine-inning game**
- Total Wins (series): 3 by Josh Sborz (Virginia) – **tied record**

Individual CWS Finals Records Set or Tied in 2015:

- Most Appearances Series: 3, Ben Bodwen, Vanderbilt, 2015 – **new record**

Team CWS Finals Records Set or Tied in 2015:

- Assists: 20 by Virginia (vs. Vanderbilt on June 24) – **new record**

2015 College World Series Notes

Runs Notes:

- The 2015 College World Series ended with 134 total runs in 16 games, an average of 8.38 runs per contest ... That's the best since the 2010 CWS averaged 9.6 runs per game ...
- In this year's CWS, 101 of the 134 runs scored (75.4%) have been driven in via a hit ...
- In other words, 33 of the 134 runs (24.6%) have scored as a result of something other than a hit ...
- Actual scoring breakdown: hits (101), sac flies (13), groundout/fielder's choice (7), error (4), walk (2), wild pitch (2), passed ball (1), balk (1), ground ball (1), hit by pitch (1), and sac bunt (1) ...
- The 134 runs scored are the most in a CWS since 154 in 2010 ... Last year there were 101 runs in the entire 2014 CWS ...
- The winning team in 10 of 16 CWS games have scored at least five runs (Virginia/3 times, Florida/3 times, TCU/twice, Vanderbilt/twice, LSU/once) ... Of the last 45 teams to score five or more runs at the CWS, 43 of them have won (Virginia lost 10-50 to Florida/2015, Virginia lost 9-8 to Vanderbilt/ 2014) ...
- There were on two teams to score 10-plus runs (Florida/3 times and TCU/once) ... It's the first time in TDAPO history with four games of 10 or more runs ... Last CWS with four double-digit run games was 2010 (four) ... From 2011-14 in the CWS, three teams scored double-digit runs (Arizona and Florida State/2012, Oregon State/2013) ... The last team to reach double figures three times in the same College World Series was South Carolina in 2002 ...
- With TCU's 10 runs in Game 3, it marked the first time in the CWS there have been back-to-back games with double-digit runs (other: Arizona State 12/June 18/Game 10 and LSU 14/June 19/Game 11 in 2009) ...

Hits Notes:

- Through 15 games there have been 253 hits with 62 going for extra bases (15 home runs, 43 doubles, 4 triples) ... 27 of the 191 singles in the CWS have come via an infield singles ...
- Vanderbilt (three hits in Game 8) became the first team to win a CWS game with three or less hits since North Carolina defeated Louisville 3-1 on three hits June 19, 2007 ...
- Game 2 of CWS Finals was just the second game of this years series to not have an extra base hit (other: Game 6, UVa vs. Florida, 1-0; seven total hits – all singles) ...



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Attendance Notes:

- In Game 3 of the CWS Finals, the crowd of 17,689 pushed the total CWS attendance number to 353,378 – a new record ...
- CWS Finals Game 2 attendance of 24,645 makes this year's CWS the fourth-best attended CWS in history (335,689 total fans) ...
- CWS Finals Game 1 attendance of 21,652 pushed the CWS total to 311,044 marking the 10th-straight year that the CWS crowds surpassed 300,000 fans ...
- Game 12 attendance of 26,011 is the eighth largest in TDAPO history ... It also set a new Game 12 mark, which was previous 25, 947 in 2013 between North Carolina and UCLA ...
- Game 10 attendance of 26,803 (sellout) is 13th largest in CWS history and 3rd largest in TDAPO history ...
- Game five total between Arkansas and Miami (Fla.) was 18,734 pushing the CWS all-time total to over 9 million fans ...
- Game three attendance between TCU and LSU was 24,506 which is less than 100 from a Session 3 record ...
- Game two attendance between Miami and Florida was announced as 26,377 which is the 19th largest in CWS history and fourth largest in TDAPO ...

Home Run Notes:

- Joe McCarthy (UVa) and Andrew Benintendi (Arkansas) each belted solo home runs in Game 1 of the CWS marking the 17th time (in 205 games at TDAPO) with two home runs in a game (never had a three in one game) ... Last time with two home runs in a CWS game was in 2012 (Game 11) FSU vs. Arizona (Robert Refsnyder and Bobby Brown hit home runs in the same game) ... Last time two home runs in a game (one by each team) was in 2012 (Game 3/ Kent State vs. Arkansas) ... Jimmy Rider (Kent State) and Jake Wise (Arkansas) ...
- Joe McCarthy's (UVa) home run in the second inning is the first in Game 1 (vs. Arkansas) of CWS since Stony Brook's Pat Cantwell in 2012 against UCLA ...
- There have been 15 home runs in this year's CWS, which are the most in a CWS since 2010 (32) ... With Pavin Smith's two-run shot in CWS Finals Game 3, the total number of home runs at TDAPO is 40 (75th CWS game in park history) ... CWS home run chart at TDAPO including Sunday: LF/14, LCF/7, CF/3, RCF/1 and RF/15) ...
- Jeren Kendall's (Vanderbilt) two-run walk-off homer in Game 4 vs. Cal State Fullerton is the first in TDAPO history (span of 208 games) ... Last walk-off in CWS was Connor Rowe (Texas) against Arizona State on June 19, 2009 at Rosenblatt Stadium ...
- Wiel's home run in Game 8 marked the second-straight year a 1-0 CWS game was decided by a home run (other: C.J. Hinojosa/Texas vs. UC Irvine) ...
- Florida's Harrison Bader led off Game 9 with a solo home run to left center marking the first leadoff home run of the CWS since Michael Hollander (LSU) vs. North Carolina on June 15, 2008 ... It's the third leadoff home run in TDAPO history (others: Cam Gibson/Michigan State on May 21, 2011 and Ryan Busch/Georgetown on May 22, 2015) ...
- Last time a team homered twice in an inning at CWS was Arizona vs. Florida State on June 21, 2012 (Robert Refsnyder and Bobby Brown) in the fourth inning ... Florida (Game 9) was the third team with two HRs in same inning at TDAPO joining Dallas Baptist (May 12, 2012) and Arizona (June 21, 2012) ...
- Florida is the first team to hit two home runs in the first inning of CWS game since Florida State vs. TCU on June 23, 2010 (Sherman Johnson and Mike McGee) ...
- The Gators' four home runs in Game 9 set a new TDAPO record for round-trippers in a single game ... Last time a team hit four home runs in a CWS game was Texas vs. LSU on June 22, 2009 (Longhorns hit five) ...
- Florida's six home runs in this year's CWS are the most by any team in an entire CWS at TDAPO ... The six homers by UF are the most in a CWS since 2010 ... That year, two teams had six or more (TCU/9, South Carolina/7) ...
- Alonso and Bader each have two home runs in this year's CWS marking the first time a player hit two in the same CWS since Arizona's Robert Refsnyder had a pair in 2012 ... According to the *ESPN* Home Run Tracker, Alonso's ball went 429 feet which is the longest home run in a CWS game in TDAPO history ... His first home run in the CWS (Game 9) was calculated at 421 feet – then the longest ... Top-five longest home runs in CWS at TDAPO are Alonso (429'/Game 13 in 2015), Alonso (421'/Game 9 in 2015), Harrison Bader (414'/Game 9 in 2015), Buddy Reed (412'/Game 9 in 2015) and Bader (410'/Game 13 in 2015) ...



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Taking The Lead Notes:

- Teams leading after eight innings have won 81 of the last 82 CWS games (Vanderbilt overcame a 3-1 deficit to defeat Cal State Fullerton 4-3 in Game 4 this year) ...
- Teams leading after eight innings at TD Ameritrade Park Omaha are 187-6 all-time at TDAPO in 219 games ...
- On Virginia's third run of the CWS Finals Game 3 (fifth inning) it marked the first lead change in a winner-take-all CWS title game since 2002 (none in last 5 title games) ...

Miscellaneous Notes

- Since the College World Series started in 1947, no team outside of Arizona or California has won a CWS title when there was a horse racing triple crown winner (Arizona State/1977; Southern California/1948, 1973 and 1978) ...
- Games 4 & 5 were the first time since June 17, 2014 that consecutive CWS games have been won in a team's final at bat (Game 7: Ole Miss 2, Texas Tech 1; Game 8: Virginia 3, TCU 2 in 15 innings) ... Vandy topped Cal State Fullerton 4-3 with a 2-run walk-off homer in Game 4; Miami 4-3 walk-off single over Arkansas in Game 5 ...
- Teams that score first in this years CWS are 10-6 (Vanderbilt scored two runs in the first in Game 3 of CWS Finals) ...
- With its 7-1 win over TCU in Game 12, Vanderbilt is the seventh different team in the CWS at TDAPO to run through its bracket with a perfect 3-0 record to reach the CWS Finals (others: South Carolina and Florida/2011; Arizona/2012; Mississippi State and UCLA/2013 and Virginia/ 2014) ...
- Vanderbilt extended a streak of SEC teams reaching the CWS Finals to eight-straight which started with Georgia in 2008 ...
- This was the third finals rematch in CWS history (USC vs. Arizona State/1972-73; Oregon State vs. North Carolina/2006-07) ... USC and Oregon State consecutive titles ... 10th time in the last 12 years that a non-national seed will win the national title ... Third time that both finalists were non-national seeds (others: 2006 and 2013) ...
- Virginia was just the third No. 3 seed or lower to reach a CWS Finals since seeding began in 1988 and win ... Other lower seeds were Oregon State (No. 3 in 2007) and Fresno State (No.4 in 2008) – both won the CWS National Title ...
- In Game 1 of the CWS Finals between Vanderbilt and Virginia, both teams were scoreless through five innings for the first time since the best of three finals started in 2003 ... Previous long with both teams scoreless in the final series was four innings back in 2010 (UCLA-South Carolina) ... The last "CWS Finals game" or winner-take-all title game that was 0-0 after five innings was back in 1961 (USC vs. Oklahoma State) that was scoreless through seven innings ...
- Virginia's Adam Haseley is the second starting pitcher to also hit leadoff at the CWS ... Other was Clemson's Bailey Hendley on June 15, 1958 ...
- The three total runs in Game 2 of the CWS Finals tied the lowest combined score in a CWS Finals game (others: South Carolina 2-1 over UCLA in 2010, South Carolina 2-1 over Florida in 2011) ...
- Tonight's game was the 75th CWS contest at TDAPO ...
- There have been 10 ACC vs. SEC matchups, setting a new CWS record for most games between the two conferences in a single CWS ... Virginia (ACC) and Vanderbilt (SEC) capped off the CWS Finals with a three-game tilt in which the Cavaliers captured their first Men's CWS Title ...
- Virginia is the first team to win the first and last game of the same CWS since Texas in 1983 ...
- Vanderbilt finished the NCAA Tournament 16-for-16 trying to steal, while holding foes to 0-for-5 when attempting to steal ...
- The 2015 College World Series contained a collective fielding percentage of .97897, the best mark of any CWS in history. The previous mark was 1992 (.97867) ...