



## CWS Game 13 Notes: Florida vs. Virginia

### Saturday, June 20, 2015

**Virginia 5, Florida 4 – Attendance 15,560 (MCWS Total: 289,392; Avg. 22,601) – Time of Game: 3:08**

*Virginia advances to CWS Finals and will play Vanderbilt on Monday, June 22 at 7 p.m. (CT) ... Vanderbilt will be the home team in Game 1, Virginia in Game 2*

*Florida has been eliminated from the College World Series with a 3-2 record*

#### **Virginia (42-23):**

- The Cavaliers are participating in the College World Series for the fourth-time (2009, 2011, 2014, 2015) ...
- Virginia joins Florida as the only schools to appear in four CWS since 2009 ...
- UVa is 10-7 all-time in CWS games (1-2 in 2009, 2-2 in 2011, 4-2 in 2014, 3-1 in 2015) ...
- With tonight's victory, the Cavaliers return to the CWS Finals for the second-straight year, setting up a rematch with Vanderbilt. It is 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 ...
- Virginia advanced to the CWS Finals, becoming the seventh team from the Atlantic Coast Conference to reach that stage ... Wake Forest won the national championship in 1955, but no ACC team has won the title since ... Runners-up included Georgia Tech in 1994, Florida St./1999, North Carolina/2006 & 2007, and UVa/2014 ...
- UVa will play its ninth and 10<sup>th</sup> 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 and 2 of the CWS Finals) in 2015 ...
- Virginia improved to 8-1 in the 2015 NCAA Tournament (3-0 in the Lake Elsinore Regional, 2-0 in the Charlottesville Super Regional, 3-1 at the College World Series). Six of the eight wins have been the come-from-behind variety ...
- Six of the eight postseason wins by the Cavaliers have been the come-from-behind variety ...
- The Cavaliers continue to get the job done late in the game. Tonight marked the seventh time in eight postseason wins in which the winning run scored in the seventh inning or later ...
- UVa starter Brandon Waddell made his 52<sup>nd</sup> career start, the most all-time in the program's history ...
- Matt Thais' first-inning homer was his 10<sup>th</sup> of the season, which leads the Cavaliers. It was just UVa's third home run of the NCAA Tournament. Joe McCarthy, who didn't have any homers in 21 regular-season games, had the first two postseason homers for the Hoos, including the only one of the CWS before Thais' blast ...
- Thais' homer staked the Cavaliers to a 1-0 lead, meaning UVa has scored first in each of their first four CWS games ...
- Waddell hadn't allowed a home run this postseason before Florida's Peter Alonso drilled a two-run shot to centerfield, giving the Gators a 2-1 lead. Waddell had pitched 23.1 innings without allowing a home run in the NCAA Tournament. Later he allowed another homer, a solo shot in the fifth to Harrison Bader. It was only the third and fourth home runs Waddell allowed all year in 103 innings of work ...
- Waddell had only allowed multiple home runs one other time in his career: May 10, 2013, when he gave up a pair in a game in which he received a no decision in what eventually was a 6-5 UVa victory over Duke ...
- Waddell had a streak of seven consecutive starts of lasting at least six innings snapped ...
- Daniel Pinero's single in the third inning extended his hitting streak to seven games. He also singled in the fifth, giving him a team-leading eight hits in the College World Series. He is now 8-14 (.571) in the CWS ...
- Pavin Smith's fourth-inning triple was his fourth of the season, which leads the Cavaliers ...
- The double by Kenny Towns was his 21<sup>st</sup> of the season, which leads the team. It was also his 28<sup>th</sup> extra-base hit, which ties Thais for the team lead. Thais' homer tonight was his 28<sup>th</sup> extra-base hit ...
- Josh Sborz made his seventh appearance in this NCAA Tournament, and his 13<sup>th</sup> all-time, which is the most in UVa history ...
- Sborz made his 57<sup>th</sup> career relief appearance and his four innings of work was the second longest relief outing of his career. The only other appearance out of the pen that was longer was February 22, 2015 versus Marist, when he pitched five innings of scoreless relief in what was eventually a 5-4 18-inning win for the Cavaliers ...
- Sborz entered May with just one win but tonight picked up his fifth win since May 10 ...
- Towns came up with the bases loaded with one out in the bottom of the seventh and, as usual, he delivered. The senior hit a game-winning sacrifice fly, making him 7 for 8 with 17 RBI this year with the bases loaded. His three RBI tonight gave him a team-best 66 for the season ...
- Towns played in his 29<sup>th</sup> NCAA Tournament game tonight, started his 27<sup>th</sup>, and picked up his 33<sup>rd</sup> hit and increased his RBI total to 27. Those are all UVa postseason records ...
- Virginia did not commit an error, snapping a streak of eight consecutive games with at least one miscue ...



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- Virginia continued to play back-and-forth games. Tonight's game marked the fifth time in 13 postseason games (counting the ACC tournament) in which there were at least two lead changes. One of those games was Game 1 of the CWS, a 5-3 win for UVa over Arkansas. No other CWS game has had multiple lead changes ...
- Virginia improved to 31-8 this season when scoring at least five runs ...
- The Cavaliers have never lost two straight CWS games in their 17-games in Omaha ...

### Florida (52-18):

- Florida (No. 4 National Seed) and Virginia met for the third time in this year's CWS with UVa taking the two of three games (Game 6 and Game 13), Florida won Game 11 ... The Gators are 5-3 all-time against the Cavaliers ... Prior to this year's CWS, the two clubs last met in NCAA Tournament play (1985 NCAA Atlantic Regional in Coral Gables, Fla.) ... Both teams split those games (UVA won the tournament opener, 14-1 on May 25, but the Gators bounced UVa from the regional with a 15-2 win on May 26) ...
- This is the ninth time the Gators have reached the CWS (1988, 1991, 1996, 1998, 2005, 2010-2012, 2015) ...
- Florida has made the NCAA Tournament in all eight years of Kevin O'Sullivan's tenure – the longest NCAA run in school history ...
- O'Sullivan lettered at UVa 1990 and 1991 and returned to serve as the pitching coach in 1996 and 1997 ...
- O'Sullivan is 6-8 all-time in the CWS guiding the Gators to a second-place finish in 2011 and third in 2015 ...
- UF is 14-19 all-time in the CWS and is a two-time National runner-up (2005 and 2011) ... They sport a 93-66 record in 31 NCAA Tournament appearances ...
- The Gators have reached the 50-win plateau (52 in 2015) for the fourth time in school history (win vs. Miami (Fla.) in Game 2 of CWS) having hit the mark in 1991 (51-21), 1996 (50-18), 2011 (53-19) and 2015 (50-16) ...
- In 10 NCAA Tournament games, Florida has outscored teams 92-28 (29-3 in Regionals, 24-9 in Super's, 39-16 in CWS) ...
- Florida dropped to 8-2 in NCAA Tournament games this season and had its six-game elimination win streak in 2015 snapped (4 in SEC Tournament, 2 in CWS) ...
- The loss was the third one-run setback for the Gators since the start of SEC Tournament play (including NCAA Tournament) ...
- Florida is the first team since TCU in 2010 to hit multiple home runs in two different CWS games ... The Gators had four in Game 9 and two in Game 13 ...
- Taylor Lewis (6-2) suffered the loss allowing one run (earned) on one hit in 1.2 innings or relief ...
- Starter Dane Dunning worked 4.2 innings allowing three runs (all earned) on four hits with a pair of walks and one strikeout ...
- Peter Alonso belted his fifth home of the season (second in CWS) coming on a 1-0 offering from Brandon Waddell in the second inning ... It was the 12th homer of this years CWS and first to straight-away center field ... He is first player with two home runs in the same CWS since Arizona's Robert Refsnyder had a pair in 2012 ... Recorded his ninth multi-RBI game of the season (15th career) extending his consecutive on-base streak to 20 games ...
- JJ Schwarz extended his on-base streak to 16 games with his walk in the second ... Scored on Alonso's two-run homer two pitches later ...
- Josh Tobias extended his on-base streak to 32 games with a walk in the third inning ... Finished 0-for-3 ...
- Harrison Bader's collected his first four-hit game of the season going 4-for-5 ... Extended on-base streak to 13 games with an infield single in the third frame ... Belted 17th home run of the season (second of CWS) in the fifth inning staking Florida to a 3-2 lead ... Tallied 20th multi-hit game of the season and 54th of his career ... Swiped UF's first base of the series and his eighth of the second in the seventh inning ... Second Gator to hit two home runs in the CWS this year joining Alonso ...
- Mike Rivera recorded his 15th multi-hit game of the season with his RBI single to center in the sixth ...
- In five CWS games, UF has scored 39 runs which are the most since LSU plated 51 runs in the 2009 CWS ...
- UF tallied a pair of two-out hits ... Recorded 22 two-out hits and scored 17 two-out hits in this year's CWS ...



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#### **Records Tied/Broken**

- David Thompson tied a CWS single-game record with two sac flies in Game 2 ... It has happened 15 times and it's the first since June 13, 2009 ... He is also the first player in TDAPO history (span of 206 games) with two sac flies in the same contest ... Before Game 2 there had been 122 players with a sac fly – never two by the same player ...
- Florida scored 11 runs in in the fourth inning, which tied a CWS single-game record in Game 2 ... It's the eighth time in CWS history that a team has scored 11 runs in an inning and first since Stanford (vs. Florida State) in the ninth on June 14, 2008 – final score was 16-5 ...
- Florida's 15 runs against Miami are the most in a CWS game at TDAPO and most since Fresno State's 15-run output against Georgia on June 24, 2008, which was at Rosenblatt Stadium ...
- Miami (Game 2), LSU (Game's 3 & 10) used eight pitchers which tied a CWS team record ... It's the seventh time eight hurlers has been used in a single game (2007/once, 2009/once, 2012/once, 2013/once and 2015/three) ...
- Carson Fulmer (2014-15) tied the CWS career record for balks in the top of the third frame of Game 4 (third career) joining Frank Carbajal (Northern Colorado/1959-60) and Cole St. Clair (Rice/2006-08) ...
- In Game 8 pitchers combined for 25 strikeouts (Vandy/11, TCU/14) which tied a single-game CWS nine-inning record set in 1970 and tied three times prior to tonight ...
- There have been seven ACC vs. SEC matchups, setting a new CWS record for most games between the same two conferences in a single CWS ... Virginia (ACC) and Vanderbilt (SEC) will meet in the CWS Finals playing a minimum of two games and potential third ... Monday will be the eighth time the ACC and SEC have met in this CWS ...

#### **Runs Notes:**

- After 13 games of the 2015 CWS, 87 of the 119 runs scored (73.1%) have been driven in via a hit ...
- In other words, 32 of the 119 runs (26.9%) have scored as a result of something other than a hit ...
- Actual scoring breakdown: hits (87), sac flies (13), groundout/fielder's choice (6), error (4), walk (2), wild pitch (2), passed ball (1), balk (1), ground ball (1), hit by pitch (1), and sac bunt (1) ...
- The 119 runs scored through 13 games of the CWS are the most since 123 in 2010 ... Last year there were 101 runs in the entire 2014 CWS ...
- The winning team in nine of 13 CWS games have scored at least five runs (Virginia/5, 5 & 5, Florida/15, 10 & 10, TCU/10 & 8, LSU/5, Vanderbilt/7) ... Of the last 42 teams to score five or more runs at the CWS, 40 of them have won (Virginia lost 10-50 to Florida/2015, Virginia lost 9-8 to Vanderbilt/ 2014) ...
- Through 13 games of the CWS, there have been 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 13 games there have been 210 hits with 55 going for extra bases (14 home runs, 37 doubles, 4 triples) ... 21 of the 155 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 ...



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#### 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 14 home runs in this year's CWS, which are the most in a CWS since 2010 (32) ... With Matt Thaiss (Virginia), Peter Alonso (Florida) and Harrison Bader (Florida) in Game 13, the total number of home runs at TDAPO is 39 (72nd CWS game in park history) ... CWS home run chart at TDAPO including Sunday: LF/14, LCF/7, CF/3, RCF/1 and RF/14) ...
- 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) ...

#### Taking The Lead Notes:

- Teams leading after eight innings have won 78 of the last 79 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 184-5 all-time at TDAPO in 217 games ...



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### Miscellaneous Notes

- With Vanderbilt's 4-3 win over Cal State Fullerton in Game 4, defending champs at the CWS have won the last seven openers following their championship ... Last defending champ to lose and opening game of CWS was Oklahoma (1995) ...
- Jeren Kendall's walk-off home run in the ninth of Game 4 (two-run homer) is the first in TDAPO history ...
- Last walk-off in CWS was Connor Rowe (Texas) vs. Arizona State on June 19, 2009 at Rosenblatt Stadium ...
- 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 ...
- Chris Sciambra's (LSU) single in the second inning of Game 7 was the 1000th hit in the CWS at TDAPO ...
- With LSU's 5-3 win over Cal State Fullerton in Game 7, three SEC schools have recorded a win in this year's CWS marking the first time since 2011 that three teams from the same conference collected at least one victory (SEC) ...
- Both Vanderbilt and Virginia were 2-0 for the second-straight CWS ... Last time two schools were 2-0 in back-to-back CWS was 1996-97 (LSU and Miami) ...
- Florida is the first team since 1993 (Wichita State) to score double-digit runs and be shut out in its next game at the CWS ... Wichita State defeated Oklahoma State 10-4 in the bracket two final and lost 8-0 to LSU in the Championship Game ... TCU was also shut out after scoring 10 runs in a CWS game this year marking the first time since 1977 (Clemson and Southern Illinois) that two teams were blanked immediately after scoring 10 or more runs in a contest ...
- The Gators (Game 9) are the first team since South Carolina (2004) to score 10 or more runs in two games and be shut out in another at the same CWS ... First team since Wake Forest (1955) to sandwich the shutout with double-digit CWS games ...
- Miami (Fla.) was outscored by 19 runs in this year's CWS ... It was the worst run differential since Northern Colorado in 1961 (-19) ... Worst differential for a team that won a CWS game since Northern Colorado in 1955 (went 1-2 with a minus 29) ...
- Florida's Josh Tobias scored the first run in TDAPO history on a passed ball in the third inning ... Last time a run was scored on a passed ball in the CWS was on June 26, 2010 (Blair Dunlap of UCLA vs. TCU in the sixth inning) ...
- Teams that score first in this year's CWS are 8-5 (Virginia scored a run in the bottom of the first taking a 1-0 lead over Florida in Game 13) ...
- 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 ...
- With the Virginia win, it sets up a rematch from 2014 against Vanderbilt ... Its 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 ... Guarantee's this is the 10th time in the last 12 years that a non-national seed will win the national title ... This is the third time that both finalists were non-national seeds (others: 2006 and 2013) ...
- It also marks just the third No. 3 seed or lower to reach a CWS Finals since seeding began in 1988 (Virginia was a No. 3 seed in the UCLA Regional) ... Other lower seeds were Oregon State (No. 3 in 2007) and Fresno State (No.4 in 2008) – both won the CWS National Title ...
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