



CWS Game 10 Notes: Louisville vs. TCU Thursday, June 22, 2017

TCU 4, Louisville 3 – Attendance 24,985 (MCWS Total: 225,063; Avg. 22,506) – Time of Game: 3:13

TCU (49-17):

- With the victory TCU improved to 10-9 all-time in the CWS and 7-7 at TD Ameritrade Park Omaha ... The Horned Frogs are making their fourth consecutive CWS appearance ... TCU is the fifth team in the last 30 years to make four straight trips to the CWS and is the fourth team to win at least two games in Omaha in their final trip ... The other three schools that won at least two games during their fourth consecutive appearance advanced to the championship game during their final trip (Texas, 2005 champions; Stanford, 2003 runner-up; Miami, 1999 champions).
- Sean Wymer extended his scoreless streak to nine innings with 4.1 relief innings ... His outing tonight tied his second longest of the season ... Wymer earned the win for the Horned Frogs, allowing two hits, no walks and striking out five batters.
- Starter Nick Lodolo and Wymer each retired the first six batters of the game that they faced.
- Coming into today, Elliott Barzilli had four stolen bases on the season. He recorded two stolen bases in the second inning ... Barzilli also had two stolen bases in a CWS game last year on June 19, 2016 against Texas Tech.
- TCU tied the College World Series record for most stolen bases in one inning with four in the second inning ... Louisiana-Lafayette had four during the 5th inning against Clemson on June 14, 2000).
- TCU outscored Louisville 4-0 in the second inning ... The Horned Frogs have outscored their opponents 80-11 in the second inning through 66 games this season.
- Ryan Merrill's single in the second inning extended his hitting streak to five games, marking his longest streak of the season.
- TCU is 30-5 when scoring first this season.
- TCU's top half of the order (1-4) combined went 3-for-14 (.214), including four strikeouts and one RBI, while the bottom half (5-9) combined went 4-for-15 (.267), including three strikeouts and three RBIs.
- TCU's four second-inning runs were their most in an inning of a CWS game since June 14, 2015 against LSU (10 games).
- Austen Wade has reached base 58 of 61 games this year, after hitting a single in the bottom of the second.
- Josh Watson earned his seventh stolen base of the season on the back-end of a double steal while 1B Connor Wanhnen stole third, recording his 11th steal of the year.
- With six strikeouts today, the TCU pitchers extended their school record to 620, which ties South Florida for second nationally on the season.
- TCU's six strikeouts against Louisville equaled their fewest of the NCAA Tournament (June 5 vs. Dallas Baptist).
- After losing three straight games in the CWS (dating back to last year), the Horned Frogs have now won two straight.
- The last time TCU won two straight games when facing elimination at the CWS was in 2010.
- This was the first time in seven games that TCU has allowed three or more earned runs in a game (since the first game of the NCAA Tournament).
- TCU's record when allowing a home run is 14-13. When a TCU opponent does not hit a home run, the Horned Frogs are 35-4.
- TCU has allowed six home runs in the NCAA Tournament after Louisville hit two homers tonight.
- TCU will next play on Friday at 7 p.m. Central against Florida ... The Horned Frogs will be the visiting team in that game, which will air on ESPN ... TCU must defeat the Gators on Friday to force an additional game on Saturday.



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Louisville (53-12):

- The Cardinals failed to win multiple games in the CWS for the fourth time in school history. Louisville is now 2-8 all-time in the CWS and 1-4 in elimination games. Their only win in an elimination game was during their first appearance in 2007 (12-1 vs. Mississippi State, June 17, 2017).
- Louisville is winless vs. non-SEC schools in the CWS. The Cards are 2-2 against SEC opponents and 0-6 against all other conferences.
- Both ACC representatives were eliminated in consecutive nights as Florida State was eliminated on Wednesday to LSU.
- Nick Bennett allowed at least two ER in eight of his last nine starts (4.83 ERA, 21 ER, 39.1 IP) after going 3-0 with 0.41 ERA in the first four starts of the season.
- Logan Taylor hit in the eighth spot tonight – the only time this season he hit anywhere except leadoff (61 games, 58 starts).
- Taylor's home run in the fifth was his first of the season and second of his career ... His first career home run came June 7, 2015 vs. Cal State Fullerton in the NCAA Super Regional ... The home run also marked the 16th home run hit at this year's CWS, the most in a single event at TD Ameritrade Park Omaha (previous high was 15 in 2015)
- Taylor ended his collegiate career with a .371 average (23-for-62) with two home runs, 18 runs and 15 RBI in postseason play.
- Josh Stowers hit leadoff for ninth time this season. With tonight's 2-for-4 performance, he is 8-for-33 (.242) when leading off.
- Stowers is a team-best 11-for-27 (.407) with a team-high seven extra-base hits and nine RBI during the NCAA Championships. He was 4-for-11 (.364) with one run and one RBI in the CWS.
- Brendan McKay's home run in the fourth was his 18th of the year and his first of the postseason ... McKay's home run was his 15th through 47 games as a position player ... He hit three home runs in 17 games as a pitcher. He hit .372 when not pitching and .254 when pitching.
- McKay's home run was the first surrendered by the TCU pitching staff this CWS.
- Adam Wolf pushed his scoreless-innings streak to eight innings in his third relief appearance of the postseason with 3.1 innings of work vs. TCU.
- Sam Bordner tossed two innings in relief, striking out three batters ... In 10.2 innings of work in the NCAA Championships, he did not allow a hit or a run to score, struck out 13 and walked just two.
- Louisville relievers allowed just one run in 13.1 innings of work in the CWS.
- Only three batters in the Louisville lineup (Lyman, Ellis and Lavey) did not record hits Thursday ... The Cardinals finished with 11 hits.



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Offense Notes:

- Teams to score first at the 2017 CWS are 8-2, with eight straight wins. At the 2016 CWS, teams to score first went 14-3.
- Teams to hit a home run are 7-5 at the 2017 CWS ... With two home runs hit during Thursday's game (both by Louisville), there have now been 16 home runs hit during the 2017 CWS (10 games), which is a new high for home runs in a single year since the event moved to TD Ameritrade Park Omaha in 2011 ... Only 10 total home runs were hit during 17 games last year ... Previous high of 15 homers were hit during the 2015 CWS.
- Of the last 62 teams to score five or more runs at the CWS, 57 of them have won (Virginia lost 10-5 to Florida/2015, Virginia lost 9-8 to Vanderbilt/2014, Texas Tech lost 7-5 to Coastal Carolina/2016, TCU lost 7-5 to Coastal Carolina/2016, Cal State Fullerton lost 6-5 to Oregon State/2017) – since 2010 at Rosenblatt Stadium ... Since the CWS moved to TD Ameritrade Park, teams that score at least 5 runs are 51-5 (.911).
- There has been at least 1 run scored in the first 2 innings in 9 of the first 10 CWS games this year; in the first six years at TD Ameritrade Park Omaha, only 59% of CWS games had a run in the first 2 innings.

Pitching Notes

- The pitching staff with more strikeouts has won 7-of-10 games so far in the 2017 CWS with tonight, Game 9 (LSU/Florida State) and Game 6 (Oregon State/LSU) being the exceptions.

Defense Notes

- Teams to make an error are now 5-10 in the CWS, while teams to play without an error are 5-0 ... The team that commits more errors is 0-7.

Taking The Lead Notes:

- Teams leading after eight innings have won 107 of their last 109 CWS games (Vanderbilt overcame a 3-1 deficit to defeat Cal State Fullerton 4-3 in Game 4 of 2015; TCU scored three runs in top of ninth to beat Texas Tech in Game 3 of 2016)

Miscellaneous Notes

- The sixth video replay review in CWS history (fifth during 2017 CWS) came during the bottom of the 2nd inning of Game 10; TCU's Josh Watson was originally called safe at home on a tag play ... Call on the field was upheld ... 4 of 5 calls have been upheld this year ... The fifth video replay review in CWS history came during the top of the 9th inning of Game 9; LSU's Kramer Robertson was originally called safe at home on a tag play ... Call on the field was upheld ... Third time this CWS that a call was upheld in four total reviews this year ... The fourth video replay review in the CWS history came in the bottom of the 3rd inning of Game 8; Louisville's Logan Taylor was originally sent to first with a walk. Upon review, Taylor was called back as the count should have been 3-2. He went on to strike out ... The third video replay review in College World Series history came during the top of the 4th inning of Game 5; original call was safe at home (Florida State's Cal Raleigh) on a sacrifice fly – first ever review of a safe or out call at home plate ... The call on the field was upheld ... Second video replay of the CWS ... Video review also occurred during the top of the 8th inning of Game 1; original call was a catch by Cal State Fullerton's Scott Hurst against the left-center field wall ... Call on field was upheld – the first time a call was upheld after replay.
- Louisville head coach Dan McDonnell was ejected during the top of the 8th inning and became the first coach ejected from a CWS game since George Horton (Cal State Fullerton vs. UC Irvine, 13th inning) was ejected from a game on June 18, 2007.
- Five national seeds are in this year's field (No. 1 Oregon State, No. 3 Florida, No. 4 LSU, No. 6 TCU, No. 7 Louisville); the most since 2011 (six) ... 2011 is the last year a national seed claimed the national championship when South Carolina won during the first CWS at TD Ameritrade Park Omaha ... A national title is guaranteed to win the national title for the just the third time since No. 5 Rice won the title in 2003 (#3 LSU in 2009; #4 South Carolina in 2011) ... Seven national seeds have won the national championship during 18 years of seeding (since 1999).
- The national seeds are 5-0 in the CWS against unseeded teams. In addition, the higher seed has won all four seeded matchups.
- Oregon State is seeking to become only the second No. 1 national seed to win the title as Miami (FL) won the 1999 crown during the first year of national seeding.
- Each of the eight schools at this year's College World Series have played during at least one CWS at TD Ameritrade Park Omaha (park opened in 2011) ... Two were in last year's field as TCU advanced to its fourth consecutive CWS and Florida is in Omaha for the third consecutive year.
- The eight teams have combined to win more than 74 percent of their games and have the best winning percentage of a CWS field since 2013.
- Every team in the 2017 field has appeared in at least four CWS but only three teams (Oregon State, Cal State Fullerton and LSU) have won national championships.
- Every team has had multiple CWS appearances this decade (since 2010) and every team has appeared in a CWS at TDAPO.
- The 2017 field features teams that have made a total of 26 CWS appearances this decade (since 2010) representing more than 40 percent (26 of 64) of the appearances in that span.
- In the past 36 years, only 4 teams have lost their opening CWS game and bounced back to win the championship (Coastal Carolina 2016, South Carolina 2010, Oregon State 2006, USC 1998).
- Twenty-three of the past 27 champions have been won by a team that started 2-0 in Omaha.
- The designated home teams are 6-4 in the 2017 CWS.