



CWS Game 14 Notes: Florida vs. TCU Saturday, June 24, 2017

Florida 3, TCU 0 – Attendance 18,093 (MCWS Total: 305,360; Avg. 21,811) – Time of Game: 2:53

Florida (50-19):

- Florida advances to the College World Series Finals for the third time in school history and first time since 2011 ... They lost to South Carolina in 2011 and fell to Texas in 2005.
- Florida earned its sixth 50-win season in school history with the victory over TCU. Four of the six have come during Kevin O'Sullivan's tenure (2011, 2015, 2016, 2017).
- The Gators and the Horned Frogs met for only the third time in the postseason on Saturday night ... All three times have been at the 2017 College World Series.
- With 11 strikeouts against the Horned Frogs, Alex Faedo passed LSU's Alex Lange for the most strikeouts in Division 1 this season. Before tonight, Faedo was in second place with 146, while Lange was in first with 150. Faedo now has 157 this season.
- Alex Faedo broke the school record for most strikeouts in a single inning in the top of the second after throwing his 149th strikeout this season ... He passed Rob Bonanno who had 148 in 1994.
- Faedo walked four batters on Saturday night. He had only walked six in his previous three CWS starts (including 2015 and 2016 CWS).
- Alex Faedo recorded double-digit strikeouts for the second consecutive game after recording 11 on June 18 and 11 tonight ... His 11 strikeouts tied the CWS record for single-game strikeouts in Florida history ... He set the record earlier this series and fellow Gator Jackson Kowar tied it yesterday against this same TCU team.
- Faedo becomes the fifth pitcher in the last 30 seasons have two 10-K games in the same College World Series, joining Trevor Bauer (2010), Jason Windsor (2004), Seth Etherton (1998) and Kris Benson (1996).
- Alex Faedo pitched 7.1 innings. It's the third consecutive College World Series game that he's pitched at least seven innings (including 2016 CWS).
- Alex Faedo threw 113 pitches against the Horned Frogs tonight, which is the most pitches he's thrown in a College World Series game (including 2015 and 2016).
- With 14 strikeouts tonight, Florida leads the series with 52, followed by TCU (50) and LSU (47).
- Mike Rivera extended his reach-base streak to 29 after being hit by a pitch ... It is a new season long.
- In Florida's four 2017 College World Series games, each starting pitcher has recorded at least nine strikeouts. (RHP Alex Faedo did it twice) ... Prior to this year, only one Florida pitcher had struck out nine batters in a College World Series game.
- JJ Schwarz got his first hit since the series opener against the Horned Frogs ... He had previously been 1-for-12 in the 2017 College World Series prior to tonight ... He is now 2-for-16 in the series after going 1-for-4 tonight with a double and three strikeouts.
- JJ Schwarz got his ninth CWS hit on Saturday, tying Mike Rivera, Dalton Guthrie, Mike Zunino and Preston Tucker for the school record.
- Including tonight, Florida has gotten its leadoff hitter on base in only seven times in the last 35 innings. Today, the leadoff hitter got on base just two times (5th – HBP, 6th – 2B).
- Ryan Larson (previously leadoff hitter, but in the ninth spot tonight) continued to struggle on Saturday night, going 0-for-3, with no walks and one strikeout. He is now 0-for-14 in the 2017 College World Series and 2-for-28 since the start of the Super Regionals. He has been struck out (13) times since then.
- Florida's seven hits are the most since June 2 when the team had 10.
- Florida advances to Game 1 of the 2017 College World Series Finals and will face LSU in a best-of-three series. Florida will be the visiting team in Game 1 and Game 3 (if necessary) and the home team in Game 2.



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TCU (50-18):

- TCU fell to 3-1 in elimination games this CWS and 6-6 all-time in CWS elimination games ... This was the first CWS the Frogs had won three elimination games in a single trip to Omaha.
- The Frogs finish with 50 wins in a single season for the third time in program history ... Their first 50-win season came in 2010 (54) and their last was 2015 (51) ... They appeared in the CWS all three of those seasons.
- The TCU pitching staff owns the best earned run average of the CWS with a 2.45 ERA through 44.0 IP.
- TCU's pitchers end the CWS with (currently) the third-most strikeouts among the eight-team field with 50 ... Florida leads the series with 52, and LSU is sitting on 47 with at least two games to play.
- Evan Skoug's single in the first inning was his 14th career CWS hit, extending his lead for most CWS hits in school history.
- Skoug's single was also just his second hit in this NCAA Tournament that did not go for extra bases ... Eight of Skoug's 10 hits in the NCAA Tournament were for extra bases (two single, four doubles, four home runs), while 14 of his 22 outs are strikeouts.
- Connor Wanhanen's single in the seventh tied Dane Steinhagen for second all-time at TCU for most career CWS hits (11).
- Four hits are the least the Frogs have collected in a single game since being held to three hits March 19 vs. Kansas.
- Following 2.0 innings of scoreless relief tonight, the TCU bullpen did not allow a run to cross in 18.1 innings of relief in the CWS.
- The Frogs' bullpen did not allow a run to score in 23.2 consecutive innings of relief to end the season ... The last run the TCU relievers allowed was a solo home run in the ninth inning to Dallas Baptist's Devlin Granberg on June 5 in the final game of the Fort Worth Regional.



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Offense Notes:

- Teams to score first at the 2017 CWS are 12-2, with 12 straight wins. At the 2016 CWS, teams to score first went 14-3.
- Teams to hit a home run are 9-7 at the 2017 CWS ... There have been 22 home runs hit during the 2017 CWS (13 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 64 teams to score five or more runs at the CWS, 59 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 52-5 (.912).
- There has been at least 1 run scored in the first 2 innings in 12 of the first 14 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

- During tonight's game, Florida and TCU combined for 26 strikeouts (Florida 14, TCU 12), the most in a nine-inning game in CWS history ... Previous high of 25 happened four times, last by LSU (15) and Alabama (10) on June 7, 1997.
- The pitching staff with more strikeouts has won 11-of-14 games so far in the 2017 CWS with Game 12 (TCU/Florida), Game 10 (TCU/Louisville), Game 9 (LSU/Florida State) and Game 6 (Oregon State/LSU) being the exceptions.

Defense Notes

- Teams to make an error are now 6-10 in the CWS, while teams to play without an error are 8-4; Three games, Game 11 (LSU/Oregon State), Game 13 (LSU/Oregon State) and Game 14 (Florida/TCU) did not feature an error and Florida did not commit an error during Game 12 (TCU/Florida) but lost ... The team that commits more errors is 1-7 (TCU during Game 12 became the first team to win while committing more errors).

Taking The Lead Notes:

- Teams leading after eight innings have won 111 of their last 113 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)

Video Replay Notes

- The eighth video replay review in CWS history (seventh during the 2017 CWS) -- came during the top of the 7th inning of Game 12 for a fair or foul call of a home run off the bat of Elliott Barzilli; original call was a foul ball ... The call on the field was upheld ... 6 of 7 calls have been upheld this year
- The first, and seventh video replay review in CWS history (sixth during 2017 CWS) came during the bottom of the 2nd inning of Game 12; Florida's Dalton Guthrie hit a double off the wall down the left-line, and the play was reviewed for fair or foul ... Call on the field was upheld. 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 ... 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.



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Miscellaneous Notes

- With wins by LSU and Florida, this is the fifth CWS where the championship game will feature teams from the same conference, and the third time it involves SEC schools (South Carolina/Florida, 2011 [SEC]; USC/Arizona State, 1998 [Pac-10]; LSU/Alabama, 1997 [SEC]; Stanford/Arizona State, 1988 [Pac-10]).
- Game 13 between LSU and Oregon State was the shortest by time during the 2017 College World Series (2:40) ... 11 of 14 CWS games have lasted longer than 3 hours ... Both games on Saturday finished in under 3 hours.
- Only four of 14 teams to start 2-0 have failed to reach the CWS finals since the series moved to TD Ameritrade Park in 2011, including Oregon State this year.
- With LSU advancing to the CWS Finals, three of the four teams to reach the Finals during the 2016 and 2017 CWS did not start 2-0 (exception of Florida this year).
- Twenty-three of the past 27 champions have been won by a team that started 2-0 in Omaha ... Florida started the 2017 CWS 2-0.
- Five national seeds reached the CWS 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).
- So far in the 2017 CWS, the "higher seed" is 11-3 (Three upsets: Game 12: No. 6 seed TCU defeated No. 3 Florida; Game 11: No. 4 seed LSU topped No. 1 Oregon State) ... There have been at least five seed upsets in every CWS since 2002. Since national seeds were introduced in 1999, the fewest seed upsets in the CWS has been two (in 1999, the only time the No. 1 national seed won the title).
- The national seeds are 5-0 in the CWS against unseeded teams. In addition, the higher seed has won 5-of-8 seeded matchups. There was one match-up of unseeded teams, where Florida State topped Cal State Fullerton.
- 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 four 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).
- The designated home teams are now 7-7 in the 2017 CWS.
- Today's win was LSU's 377th since the start of the 2010 season, most in the nation, and just ahead of Louisville (374), Virginia (374), Vanderbilt (370) and Florida (370, including tonight's win).
- This year marks the second consecutive CWS that both "if necessary" games were needed to determine a bracket champion ... Only four times has both brackets required the "if necessary" games (1988, 2010, 2016, 2017).