



CWS Game 15 – CWS FINALS Game 1 Notes:

Florida vs. LSU

Monday, June 26, 2017

Florida 4, LSU 3 – Attendance 25,679 (MCWS Total: 331,039; Avg. 22,069) – Time of Game: 3:22

Florida (51-19):

- Starting pitcher Brady Singer improved to 2-1 with a 2.66 ERA and 40 strikeouts in four starts (five appearances) in this year's NCAA Tournament.
- Singer is now 2-0 with a 2.57 ERA and 21 strikeouts in two starts in this year's CWS.
- Singer posted a CWS Finals record-setting 12 strikeouts in his seven-inning outing.
- Singer's 11th strikeout in the sixth inning broke the record for most strikeouts in a single CWS Championship Finals game (first set in 2004 by Cal State Fullerton's Jason Windsor and tied four other times).
- Singer's 12th strikeout in the seventh broke the record for most strikeouts in a CWS Championship Finals series. The record was most recently held by Texas' Chance Ruffin (11), set in 2009 vs. LSU.
- Singer's 12 strikeouts also tie the CWS-high for most strikeouts in a game at TD Ameritrade Park.
- With 13 strikeouts on the night, the Gators broke into the top-five for most strikeouts by a team in a single CWS appearance with 65. They are currently tied for third with Southern California and Texas. Arizona State holds the record at 77, set in 1967 through six games.
- The 4-3 victory is the Gators' first ever CWS Finals victory. Prior to tonight, Florida was 0-4 in two CWS Finals appearances.
- Dalton Guthrie's first-inning single was the 10th CWS hit of his career, setting a new UF record for hits in the series. He was previously tied with Mike Zunino and Preston Tucker with nine.
- Guthrie's single in the first inning was the first first-inning hit for Florida since Nelson Maldonado doubled in the first inning of Game Four vs. TCU. The Gators were retired in order in the first inning of their last three games.
- Ryan Larson's single in the third was his first hit of the CWS and third of the NCAA Tournament. He was in an 0-for-24 slump before the hit.
- Austin Langworthy's sacrifice fly in the fourth resulted in his sixth RBI of the tournament and second of the CWS.
- Langworthy's sac fly was Florida's first of the CWS and sixth of the NCAA Tournament. The Gators rank eighth in the country with 36 sacrifice flies.
- Florida struck for three runs in the fourth inning. The Gators have outscored opponents 62-34 in fourth innings this season. Statistically, fourth innings are their most productive.
- Along with LSU's two runs in the frame, the sixth inning stands as Florida's worst statistical inning. The Gators' 2017 opponents hold a 40-26 advantage in sixth innings. They've been outscored 6-0 during the sixth inning of the CWS.
- Closer Michael Byrne earned his 19th save of the season and third of the CWS. Three saves is tied for the 2017 CWS-high with LSU's Hess, and his 19 of the season lead the nation.
- Florida has won 19 one-run games this season. No other school has more than 14 (Oregon State).



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LSU (52-20):

- LSU is vying for its seventh CWS Championship ... The Tigers have won the title each of the previous six times LSU made it to the Championship ... A seventh title this season would snap a tie with Texas for second-most in CWS history.
- LSU has the highest winning percentage in NCAA Tournament history with a 152-60 (.717) record ... The Tigers have a 40-26 (.606) all-time mark in CWS games.
- LSU's previous titles came in 2009 (vs. Texas), 2000 (vs. Stanford), 1997 (vs. Alabama), 1996 (vs. Florida State), 1993 (Wichita St.) and 1991 (Wichita St.).
- If the Tigers want to win their seventh championship, they'll need to stave off elimination once again Tuesday ... LSU has already fought off elimination three times this CWS, a first in the program's history.
- If LSU wins the title, it would be the first time the Tigers won while fighting through the losers' bracket ... The previous six times the Tigers started 2-0.
- The Tigers' 6-0 record when playing for the title is one of the best in any sport in Division I ... Minnesota is the only other team to make it to the CWS championship game even three times without a loss.
- LSU leads the overall series with Florida 61-48-1 ... The last 20 meetings are now tied 10-10... LSU suffered its first-ever loss to Florida in the CWS and now holds a 4-1 all-time mark against the Gators in CWS games ... The Tigers won two-straight games over the Gators in Omaha in both 1991 and 1996 en route to national championships.
- Head Coach Paul Mainieri is looking to become the 16th coach to win multiple CWS titles ... He helped the Tigers to the 2009 title.
- Mainieri is 11-9 in CWS games at LSU and 12-11 in CWS games overall, as he also led Notre Dame to the 2002 CWS ... Mainieri holds a 46-19 (.708) NCAA Tournament record.
- LSU has hit eight home runs in this year's CWS, the most by a team in a single season since the move to TDAPC.
- LSU has hit a home run in every game of the CWS (6 games).
- LSU batters struck out a season-high 13 times against Florida pitching ... It marked the sixth double-digit strikeout game of the season for the Tiger bats.
- LSU's two-run sixth inning marked the second time in the CWS that the Tigers scored multiple runs outside of the second inning ... LSU scored two in the eighth inning of game two.
- Antoine Duplantis hit the first home run off Florida pitching this CWS to put LSU on the board in the bottom of the sixth ... It snapped Florida's 15.2-inning scoreless streak and was the first HR given up by Gator pitcher Brady Singer in the NCAA Tournament ... It was Duplantis' second home run of the season and first since March 18 against Georgia.
- All three of LSU's pitchers turned out season-long efforts on the mound.
- LSU's Russell Reynolds entered today with highest ERA (8.59), fewest starts (0) & least innings pitched (14.2) of any starting pitcher in a CWS Finals game (since 2003).
- Russell Reynolds (1-1 entering today) has the fewest victories of any starting pitcher in the CWS Championship Finals since Mississippi State's Trevor Fitts was 0-0 on 6/24/2013 vs. UCLA. UCLA won the game, 3-1.
- Reynolds threw a season-high 3.1 innings, finishing with a line of three earned runs on two hits, three walks and two strikeouts ... He was saddled with the loss.
- Freshman Nick Bush fired a career-high 3.1 innings of relief, besting his previous high of 2.0 IP (two occasions vs. Missouri 5/24 and South Carolina 5/7)... He finished with a career high-tying 51 pitches and two strikeouts.
- Hunter Newman threw a season high-tying 2.1 innings of relief ... He also fired 2.1 frames on March 5 against Texas Tech.
- Beau Jordan knocked his fourth RBI of the CWS and 29th of the season in the bottom of the sixth inning to pull LSU within one run.
- Michael Papierski got his first caught stealing of the CWS to end the top of the third inning when he gunned down Florida's Ryan Larson ... Prior to that, runners were 3-for-3 attempting to steal against LSU in Omaha and 10-for-11 in the NCAA Tournament.
- Papierski knocked his fifth hit of the CWS and just second hit that wasn't a home run to notch LSU's first hit of the game in the bottom of the third inning.
- Greg Deichmann smacked his third double of the CWS and 15th of the season in the bottom of the eighth inning.
- Josh Smith tallied his second RBI of the CWS in the bottom of the eighth to drive home Deichmann and make it a one-run game.
- LSU finished with a 9-6 hit advantage, marking just the fifth time this season the Tigers have lost when they out-hit their opponent ... LSU is 39-5 when out-hitting its opponent.
- The Tigers are now 1-16 when trailing after eight innings and 9-8 in one-run games.
- LSU will need to win tomorrow night's 8 p.m. ET/7 p.m. CT game against the Gators to force a decisive game three Wednesday.



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2017 College World Series Notes

Offense Notes:

- Teams to score first at the 2017 CWS are 13-2, with 13 straight wins. At the 2016 CWS, teams to score first went 14-3.
- Teams to hit a home run are 9-8 at the 2017 CWS ... There have been 23 home runs hit during the 2017 CWS (15 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 15 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 11-of-15 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 9-5; Four games, Game 11 (LSU/Oregon State), Game 13 (LSU/Oregon State), Game 14 (Florida/TCU) and Game 15 (Florida/LSU) 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 112 of their last 114 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)

CWS Finals Notes:

- Teams that claim the opening game of the CWS Finals are 10-4 (since the format was changed to best of three in 2003). Teams rallied from dropping the first game in 2006 (Oregon State), 2008 (Fresno State), 2015 (Virginia) and 2016 (Coastal Carolina).
- Six times the team to win game 1 has claimed a sweep in the CWS Finals.



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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.

Miscellaneous Notes

- 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]).
- 12 of 15 CWS games have lasted longer than 3 hours.
- 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.
- 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).
- 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 12-3 (Three upsets: Game 12: No. 6 seed TCU defeated No. 3 Florida; Game 11&13: 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 6-of-9 seeded matchups. There was one match-up of unseeded teams, where Florida State topped Cal State Fullerton.
- 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.
- The designated home teams are now 7-8 in the 2017 CWS.
- LSU has 377 wins since the start of the 2010 season, most in the nation 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).