



CWS Game 16 – CWS FINALS Game 2 Notes:

Florida vs. LSU

Tuesday, June 27, 2017

Florida 4, LSU 3 – Attendance 26,607 (MCWS Total: 357,646; Avg. 22,353) – Time of Game: 3:16

Florida (52-19):

- Florida wins its first CWS title in program history following two fruitless appearances in the CWS Finals (2005 and 2011).
- For the first time in three CWS Finals appearances, the Gators go undefeated. They were previously 0-4 in two Finals appearances (2005 and 2011).
- Starting pitcher Tyler Dyson picked up his first victory as a starting pitcher in just the second start of his career.
- Dyson threw six innings, breaking both his personal innings-pitched marks as a reliever and a starter. His longest career start was 1.2 on April 11 vs. Florida State, and his longest outing as a reliever was 5.0 on June 12 vs. Wake Forest.
- Dalton Guthrie earned his team-best 22nd multi-hit game of the season with a 2-for-5 performance.
- Guthrie's two hits are a team-high 14 for the NCAA Tournament. They also added up to his sixth hit of the CWS. He tied Deacon Liput for most hits among Gators this series.
- Guthrie extends his school record for most career CWS hits to 11, and Schwarz moves up the list to a tie for second with Mike Rivera with 10.
- Plating a run in first inning is a rare occurrence for Florida. The Gators had been outscored 32-20 in the first inning coming into today's game.
- Florida is 11-2 when scoring in the first inning and 32-7 when scoring first.
- Nick Horvath earned his first hit of the CWS tonight. It was his first hit in five at-bats in the series.
- Blake Reese was the only Gator with playing time in this CWS who did not have a hit (13 of 14 batters).
- Liput lead the Gators with 12 RBI in the NCAA Tournament and seven in the CWS.
- Despite totaling 52 hits during the regular season, Larson was just 1-for-19 in the CWS. His lone hit of the CWS came in Game One of the CWS Finals.
- Florida recorded its 37th sac fly in the eighth inning. The Gators tied for fifth-most in the country.
- The Florida bullpen held LSU scoreless in five innings of relief in the CWS Finals.
- Jackson Kowar is the third consecutive pitcher to earn his first career save in the CWS title game. Nathan Kirby (Virginia, 2015), Alex Cunningham (Coastal Carolina, 2016).
- Christian Hicks and Rivera were each issued intentional walks.
- Florida's 68 strikeouts in the CWS were the third highest of any team, trailing only Arizona State's 77 (1967) and Arizona's 75 (2016).



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LSU (52-20):

- LSU's wasn't able to claim its seventh national championship. The Tigers are now 6-1 when playing for the CWS championship ... LSU had won the title in its previous six trips to the championship.
- LSU wasn't able to avoid elimination for the fourth time this CWS ... The Tigers made it this far after surviving elimination three times in this year's CWS for the first time in program history.
- LSU has the highest winning percentage in NCAA Tournament history with a 152-61 (.714) record ... The Tigers have a 40-27 (.597) all-time mark in CWS games.
- LSU leads the overall series with Florida 61-49-1 ... Florida now holds an 11-10 advantage in the last 21 meetings... LSU suffered its first-ever losses to Florida in the CWS and now holds a 4-2 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 11-10 in CWS games at LSU and 12-12 in CWS games overall, as he also led Notre Dame to the 2002 CWS ... Mainieri holds a 46-20 (.697) NCAA Tournament record.
- Mainieri wasn't able to become the 16th coach to win multiple CWS titles ... His lone title came with the Tigers in 2009.
- LSU hit eight home runs in this year's CWS, the most by a team in a single season since the move to TDAP0.
- The Tigers hit home runs in six of their seven CWS games.
- The Tigers committed three errors, their most since June 2 when LSU had five errors against Texas Southern ... LSU had just three errors in its first six games of the CWS combined.
- Jared Poche' wraps up his LSU career as the all-time winningest pitcher in school history with 39 wins ... He made his school-record 70th career start Tuesday night ... The senior finished with a line of two unearned runs on seven hits with three strikeouts in 5.2 innings ... He finishes his career never earning a win over Florida.
- LSU finishes the season 15-4 when Jared Poche' starts.
- Seventeen of the Tigers' 20 losses this season came when their opponent scored first, including tonight's game.
- Zack Hess, who earlier in the CWS became the first LSU pitcher to record three saves, gave up his first runs of the CWS against Florida ... He hadn't surrendered a run in 6.1 IP until Florida plated four in the bottom of the eighth.
- LSU got four hits off Florida reliever Michael Byrne, the most the Gator closer has given up in a single outing as a reliever this season.
- Jake Slaughter drew just the fourth walk off Florida pitching of the CWS in the top of the fifth inning.
- Cole Freeman entered Tuesday's game 3-for-21 in the CWS, but managed the Tigers' only multi-hit game with a 2-for-4 showing at the plate
- Earlier in the CWS, Michael Papierski is the 10th player in LSU history to hit three homers in a single CWS, and the first to do it since Ryan Schimpf in 2009.
- LSU's season's comes to a close at 52-20 ... The Tigers recorded their 13th 50-win season, the most among SEC schools ... The Tigers have won at least 50 games in four of the past nine seasons under head coach Paul Mainieri.



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2017 College World Series Notes

Attendance Notes:

- The total attendance of 357,646 is the most in a single CWS, surpassing the total of 353,378 (set in 2015).

CWS Finals Notes:

- Teams that claim the opening game of the CWS Finals are 11-4 (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).
- Eight times the team to win game 1 has claimed a sweep in the CWS Finals.

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]).
- 13 of 16 CWS games have lasted longer than 3 hours.
- Twenty-four 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 13-3 (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 7-of-10 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 8-8 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).

Offense Notes:

- Florida became the fifth consecutive team to claim its first CWS Title, joining UCLA (2013), Vanderbilt (2014), Virginia (2015) and Coastal Carolina (2016).
- Teams to score first at the 2017 CWS went 14-2, with 14 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 (16 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 65 teams to score five or more runs at the CWS, 60 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 13 of the first 16 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-16 games so far in the 2017 CWS with Game 16 (LSU/Florida), 12 (TCU/Florida), Game 10 (TCU/Louisville), Game 9 (LSU/Florida State) and Game 6 (Oregon State/LSU) being the exceptions.



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Defense Notes

- Teams to make an error are now 6-11 in the CWS, while teams to play without an error are 10-5; 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 113 of their last 115 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.