



CWS Game 2 Notes: Florida State vs. LSU Saturday, June 17, 2017

LSU 5, Florida State 4 – Attendance: 25,305 (MCWS Total: 47,961; Avg. 23,981) – Time of Game: 3:14

LSU (49-17):

- LSU is making its 18th CWS appearance, which is tied for seventh among all teams. All 18 appearances have been within the last 32 years (since 1986).
- LSU is searching for its seventh NCAA Championship, which would be the second-most of any team.
- The Tigers improved their record to 49-17 (third-most wins of any team in the field) and currently has the second-longest active winning streak in Division I baseball at 17 games.
- LSU head coach Paul Mainieri is 2-4 in CWS first games. In appearances in '02 (Notre Dame), '08 (LSU), '09 (LSU), '13 (LSU) and '15 (LSU), his lone win in the first game of the CWS prior to tonight came in 2009 over Virginia. LSU went on to win the CWS.
- LSU is 2-4 all-time at TD Ameritrade Park. Prior to tonight, the Tigers' lone win at TD Ameritrade came June 16, 2015 in a 5-3 victory over Cal State Fullerton.
- LSU is averaging 9.0 runs per game (54 total runs) in its six NCAA Tournament games more than any other team in the NCAA Tournament.
- Dylan Busby's two-run home run in the top of the first is just the 10th home run of the season, and second of the NCAA Tournament, surrendered by LSU's Alex Lange.
- Busby's home run is the first home run given up by the Tigers in the first innings since June 3 vs. Southeastern Louisiana. LSU rallied to win the game 11-6.
- LSU's first run of the game scored on a third-strike wild pitch. Antoine Duplantis scored from first after stealing second and advancing to third and home on the wild pitch. The batter, Greg Deichmann, reached first safely on the play.
- In 54 innings played in the CWS at TD Ameritrade Park, LSU has now led in just 12 of those innings.
- Along with extending its winning streak to 17 games, the LSU pitching staff has allowed just 39 earned runs in their last 149 innings with 154 strikeouts. It has limited opponents to a .203 batting average in the span.
- The LSU offense is hitting .304 as a team during its 17-game winning streak with 27 doubles, four triples, 20 homers and 141 runs scored. LSU has outscored its opponents 141-49 during the winning streak.
- The Tigers are hitting .311 in postseason games (NCAA & SEC) with 17 doubles, three triples, 12 home runs and 89 runs. They have outscored their opponents 89-29.
- The pitching staff owns a 2.30 postseason ERA, boasting a 10-0 record through 86.0 innings of work. The LSU arms are holding opposing batters to a .192 average, striking out 92 batters while walking just 29. Twenty-nine runs have crossed the plate in the postseason, but just 22 have been earned.
- Cole Freeman and Antoine Duplantis each stole one base in the contest, improving each of their totals to 18 stolen bases. They share the LSU leads for most bases swiped this season.
- Duplantis' single in the eighth tied the game 4-4, and extended his mark of most multi-hit games for LSU to 26.
- Greg Deichmann gave the Tigers a 5-4 lead in the bottom of the eighth, singling through the right side to drive home Duplantis.
- Duplantis, Deichmann and Papierski each tallied hits to extend their team-high active hitting streaks to three games. The longest non-active hitting streak of the season is held by Zach Watson (15).
- Senior left-hander Jared Poche' entered in the seventh for his first relief appearance of the season. In 18 appearances this season, he has started 17.
- Poche' tied LSU all-time wins leader Scott Schultz (38, '92-'95) with his win in relief tonight. He is currently tied with Lane Mestepey ('01-'05) for most starts in LSU history (68).
- Starting pitcher Alex Lange received no decision following eight strikeouts on 101 pitches over six innings of work. He left the mound after walking the seventh inning's leadoff batter. He is two strikeouts away from 400 career Ks.
- Lange allowed six of seven leadoff hitters to reach first safely. The runner went on to score on three occasions.
- Michael Papierski's fifth-inning home run was his ninth of the season and second of the postseason. His last home run came June 2 vs. Texas Southern. He now ranks second behind Deichmann (19) in home runs this season.
- LSU turned three double plays in the contest, tying its game-high. The Tigers have now converted 43 doubles plays in the season.
- LSU scored two men from first base tonight. The first on a strikeout/wild pitch, the second via two errors charged to the right fielder.



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Florida State (45-22):

- FSU is making its 22nd CWS appearance, which is the most among teams in the 2017 field and tied for the third most all-time...16 of those appearances have been under head coach Mike Martin.
- Florida State will be trying to win its first NCAA Championship in baseball. The Seminoles do have three runner-up finishes.
- FSU now stands at 6-2 in the NCAA Tournament this season. The Seminoles lost their opener in the Tallahassee Regional before rebounding to win six-straight.
- Seminoles have 73 home runs on the season and 10 in the NCAA Tournament...both are tops among teams in the CWS.
- Florida State now holds a 28-43 all-time record in the CWS ... Martin is 20-31 all-time in the CWS and 5-11 all-time in first games of the CWS.
- The Seminoles are 1-3 against LSU all-time in the CWS...FSU's only win over the Tigers was in 1994, a 6-3 victory.
- Florida State has now lost its CWS opener for the fifth-straight time. The last time the Seminoles won their opening CWS game was in 1999 against Texas A&M (7-3)...In FSU's 22 previous CWS appearances, they have rebounded to win game 2 after losing game 1 six times.
- Taylor Walls reached base in his first three trips to the plate, extending his reached base streak to 14-straight plate appearances and setting a school record...it bested the previous record of 13 that was set by Paul Sorento in 1985...Walls came around to score 11 runs during that streak.
- Walls drew three walks in the game, running his season total to 66, the most of any player in Division I.
- Dylan Busby knocked his team-best 15th home run of the season and second of the NCAA Tournament in the top of the first inning... it was the second homer ever in TDAPO history (309 games) to the gap between the seats in center field (Florida's Peter Alonso did it vs. Virginia on June 20, 2015).
- The homerun stretched Busby's hitting streak to seven-straight games.
- Busby accounted for FSU's first 3 RBI of the game...he moved his season totals to 22 multi-hit games and 18 multi-RBI games.
- Quincy Nieporte recorded his 79th RBI of the season in the fifth inning, which are the most for a Seminole since Buster Posey had 93 in 2008... Nieporte also stretched his reached base streak to a team-best 18-straight games.
- Starting pitcher Tyler Holton surrendered a season-high eight hits and six runs...he falls to 10-3 on the season and 1-1 in the NCAA Tournament...It is his first loss since April 29 vs. Virginia...Holton is now 5-2 in eight appearances against nationally ranked teams this season.
- Matt Henderson went 2-for-3 to notch his 11th multi-hit game of the season.
- The Seminoles had their leadoff hitter reach base in seven of nine innings (six of which were against LSU's Alex Lange). Three of those runners came around to score.
- Florida State will play Cal State Fullerton in an elimination game at 1 p.m. Monday. The Seminoles will be the designated visiting team.



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Home Run Notes:

- Each of the first two games featured a home run in the top of the first inning. Prior to today, just 19 first inning home runs have been hit in 307 contests.
- There have been 94 CWS games played at TDAPO, including today. There have been nine home runs hit in the first inning, with seven of those coming in the top half of the frame.
- Busby's first inning blast was the second homer ever in TDAPO history to the gap between the seats in CF. Florida's Peter Alonso did it vs. Virginia on June 20, 2015.
- The three home runs hit on the first day of the CWS are the most in any year at TDAPO.
 - 2011 (1), 2012 (2), 2013 (0), 2014 (0), 2015 (2), 2016 (0), 2017 (3).

Miscellaneous Notes

- 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.
- Seven national seeds have won the national championship during 18 years of seeding (since 1999).
- 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.
- For the second time in the past three years none of the participating teams are making their first appearance in Omaha.
- 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.
- Both Game one & Game two began with a walk to the leadoff hitter.
- 33 of the last 36 CWS Champions have won their first game.
- LSU's comeback win (two runs in the 8th) marks just the 11th time a team has overcome a deficit in a CWS game at TDAPO when trailing after five innings.
- Both of Saturday's games were decided by one run, marking the first time since 2015 that two games were decided by a single run. The record for one-run games in a CWS is 8 (2014 & 1972).
- Based on coin flips.
 - Florida State will be the visitor in the elimination game with Cal State Fullerton on Monday, June 19th at 1:00 pm.
 - LSU will be the home team against Oregon State on Monday, June 19th at 6:00 pm.