



CWS Game 3 Notes: Texas A&M vs. Louisville Sunday, June 18, 2017

Louisville 8, Texas A&M 4, – Attendance 23,437 (MCWS Total: 47,961; Avg. 23,799) – Time of Game: 3:38

Texas A&M (41-22)

- With the loss, Texas A&M has lost seven consecutive College World Series games since winning CWS opener in 1993. Only Cal State Fullerton (8) has a longer active CWS losing streak.
- The Aggies' all-time College World Series record is now 2-11.
- The loss breaks up the Aggies' 5-game postseason-win streak.
- Corbin Martin threw 1.2 innings, the shortest starting appearance of his career through 16 career starts. Previously, his shortest start was 3.0 innings, on three separate occasions. Martin allowed four runs on five hits in the bottom of the second inning before being lifted.
- The five runs allowed by Martin as a starter in the second inning ties the most runs allowed in an inning this season, the last time was during Martin's last start against Davidson on June 10.
- Martin fell to 7-4 on the season, his first loss in the postseason.
- Brigham Hill relieved Corbin Martin at the mound, his first appearance as a relief pitcher this season, breaking a 26-game starting appearance streak.
- Texas A&M's leadoff hitter reached a base each time in the first five innings, but no runner scored until Cole Bedford in the fourth inning, when he was driven in by Walker Pennington.
- Bedford has now amassed 24 runs this season after scoring twice today, while teammate Blake Kopetsky has 33 runs this season.
- Blake Kopetsky had three hits during four at-bats and scored two runs for the Aggies.
- Blake Kopetsky and Cole Bedford have combined for nine of the Aggies' 34 runs in the NCAA Tournament.
- The Louisville bullpen held the Aggies to no baserunners in the last four innings.
- Texas A&M is 0-7 this season when opponents score more than eight runs.
- Texas A&M is now 17-13 when opponents score first this season.
- Aggies' Head Coach Rob Childress is still seeking win No. 500 in his career, sitting at 499-260-2 in his career spanning 12 years at Texas A&M.
- The Aggies are now 5-1 in the NCAA tournament, and have given up 30 runs in six NCAA Tournament games so far, including the eight runs given up today.
- The last three times Texas A&M has lost their first contest in the College World Series, they lost their second game. Only once did the Aggies come back from a 0-1 start and that was in 1951, but the Aggies fell in their third game.
- This was the first meeting between the two programs. Louisville now leads the series 1-0.
- Senior Nick Choruby had two hits through five at-bats today, and is now hitting .481 (13-for-27) in the NCAA Tournament.
- Texas A&M had its five-game win streak snapped. It was the Aggies fifth different streak of five or more wins this season.
- Texas A&M falls to 0-1 in the 2017 CWS and will play an elimination game on Tuesday, June 20, at 1 pm Central on ESPN. It will face the loser of tonight's TCU/Florida contest.



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Louisville (53-10):

- Louisville is making its fourth CWS appearance, including three in the last five seasons.
- This was the first meeting between Louisville and Texas A&M.
- The Cardinals move to 2-6 in the College World Series games.
- Louisville earned its first College World Series win since defeating Mississippi State on June 17, 2007, breaking a five-game losing CWS streak.
- Both of Louisville's College World Series victories have been on Father's Day. They are 2-0 on Father's Day and 0-6 on every other day.
- Today marks the first time Louisville won its first game at a CWS. It had been 0-3.
- The Cardinals are 14-0 on Sundays this season.
- The Cardinals are 36-3 in day games this season.
- Louisville is 34-4 against right-handed starting pitchers this season.
- Louisville extends its winning streak to six games. The Cardinals are perfect in the month of June, not losing since May 26 to Florida State.
- Louisville is 44-0 when leading after six innings this year.
- Louisville is 44-0 when up after seven innings this year.
- The Cardinals are 50-0 when ahead after eight innings this year.
- In their last nine wins, including today's win, the Cardinals have scored at least five runs.
- Brendan McKay, the 4th pick in 2017 MLB Draft, is first top-5 pick to reach the CWS since 2015 (#1 Dansby Swanson of Vanderbilt; #2 Alex Bregman of LSU).
- With six strikeouts today, Brendan McKay extends his school records for career strikeouts to 391 and single-season strikeouts to 146.
- The Cardinals' five-run second inning marked the 17th time this season the team has scored five or more runs in a single inning. The last time was on June 3 against Oklahoma when the team scored seven runs in the eighth inning.
- After six strikeouts today, LHP Brendan McKay is nine strikeouts away from becoming the first CWS pitcher to have 400 career strikeouts since Carlos Rodon (NC State, 2012-14 - pitched in the 2013 CWS).
- LHP Brendan McKay tied a season-high by allowing eight hits in five innings pitched. The last time he allowed eight hits was on June 10 against Kentucky.
- LHP Brendan McKay gave up four earned runs, making it just the fourth time this season he's given up four or more earned runs.
- LHP Brendan McKay has pitched at least 5.0 innings in all 17 appearances this season.
- LHP Brendan McKay moves to 11-3 on the season after earning the win today against Texas A&M.
- After going 1-3 today, Josh Sowers extends his reached-base streak to 12. 2B Devin Mann, CF Logan Taylor and SS Devin Hairston each extended their reached-base streak to six.
- CF Logan Taylor has reached base in 50 of 56 starts this season after reaching on a walk.
- After not getting a hit, CF Logan Taylor ended his hitting streak (five).
- RHP Sam Bordner has thrown 8.2 innings of hitless ball so far in the NCAA Tournament after allowing zero hits today in 3.0 innings pitched.
- RHP Sam Bordner faced the minimum nine batters in three innings pitched today. Bordner now has an ERA of 0.43 this season.
- Senior OF Colin Lyman went 2-4 earning his 13th multi-hit game of the season.
- Colby Fitch recorded his 17th multi-hit game this season after going 2-4.
- Junior SS Devin Hairston went 2-3, improving to 24 multi-hit games this season. He is now tied with Drew Ellis for most multi-hit games this season.
- Junior C Colby Fitch recorded a team-high four RBIs, tying his career high. It was the sixth time this season he's had three or more RBIs and the third time this season he's had four RBIs.
- Louisville's bullpen (RHP Sam Bordner and RHP Lincoln Henzman) retired a perfect 12 batters in 4.0 innings pitched, allowing no hits, no runs, no walks and no batters hit by pitches.
- Louisville improves to 1-0 in the 2017 CWS and will play in a winner's bracket game on Tuesday, June 20, at 6 pm Central on ESPN. It will face the winner of tonight's TCU/Florida contest.
- Louisville's victory was its 374th since the start of the 2010 season, tying it for the most nationally with LSU and Virginia.



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Offense Notes:

- Of the last 58 teams to score five or more runs at the CWS, 53 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 ... Since the CWS moved to TD Ameritrade Park, teams that score at least 5 runs are 47-5 (.904).
- Teams to score first at the 2017 CWS are 1-2.
- Teams to hit a home run are 1-2 at the 2017 CWS.
- The leadoff man has reached to open each of the first three games of the 2017 CWS.
- There has never been a CWS where each of the first three games had a run in the top of the 1st inning; a streak that stayed alive in 2017 when Texas A&M was held scoreless in the first inning today.

Pitching Notes

- Both men to start on the mound for Texas A&M in its last CWS appearance (2011), Ross Stripling and Michael Wacha, went on to reach the Major Leagues.
- Texas A&M used six pitchers in Game 3, most of any team in a 2017 CWS game, and the most since Game 11 of the 2016 CWS when Oklahoma State used six hurlers against Arizona (June 24, 2016).

Defense Notes

- Teams to make an error are now 1-3 in the CWS, while teams to play without an error are 2-0.

Taking The Lead Notes:

- Teams leading after eight innings have won 100 of their last 102 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).
- No team has overcome a 5-run deficit to win a CWS game since TCU on June 23, 2010. The Horned Frogs trailed 7-2 and rallied to beat Florida State, 11-7. Louisville led 5-0, saw its lead trimmed to 5-4, before pulling away for an 8-4 victory.

Miscellaneous Notes

- The second ever video replay in College World Series history came 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Oregon State's CWS appearance is the 99th appearance by teams that make up the current Pac-12 conference which is tops among all conferences.
- There has never been a CWS where the first three games were all decided by one run. Each of the first two games of the 2017 CWS yesterday had been decided by exactly one run.
- In the past 36 years, only 3 teams have lost their opening CWS game and bounced back to win the championship (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 same three teams above, plus Coastal Carolina last year, are the only exceptions).
- This is Texas A&M's first CWS appearance as a member of the Southeastern Conference. Texas A&M is the 12th different SEC school to reach the CWS.
- The home team has won all three games of a CWS for the first time since 2007. The home team hasn't won the first four games of a CWS since 2001.
- The 32 runs through 3 games of the CWS are the second-most since 2010, trailing only the 39 runs in 2015 after 3 games.