



CWS Game 9 Notes: LSU vs. Florida State Wednesday, June 21, 2017

LSU 7, Florida State 4 – Attendance 22,872 (MCWS Total: 200,078; Avg. 22,231) – Time of Game: 3:18

LSU (50-18):

- LSU improves to 50-18 on the season ... The Tigers have now won 50 games for the 13th time in school history, most among SEC teams and sixth-most in Division I baseball ... LSU has won at least 50 games in four of the past nine seasons.
- The Tigers have won 18 of their last 19 games and 23 of their last 26.
- LSU's record in the NCAA Tournament improves to 150-59 (.717), including a 38-25 (.633) record in the College World Series ... LSU becomes the sixth team in Division I to win 150 NCAA Tournament games.
- The Tigers won their third game at TD Ameritrade Park Omaha all-time, improving their record to 3-5 at TDAPO.
- With the win, LSU ties the all-time series with Florida State, 9-9 ... The Tigers are now 4-2 against the Seminoles in the NCAA Tournament, including a 4-1 record in the CWS with a pair of wins in 2017 ... LSU is now 9-4 against teams from Florida in the College World Series.
- The Tigers have eliminated Florida State from the College World Series for the second time, as LSU defeated FSU 6-3 in Game 12 in 2000 to end the Seminoles' season in the teams' last meeting before Game 2 of the 2017 CWS.
- LSU improves to 5-7 all-time against ACC teams in the College World Series.
- LSU is now 9-8 in College World Series games under Paul Mainieri, and Mainieri is now 10-10 in CWS games overall ... Mainieri now has a 44-18 (.710) NCAA Tournament record.
- LSU improves to 14-11 all-time in elimination games at the College World Series...The Tigers are now 3-3 under Paul Mainieri when facing elimination at the CWS.
- The Tigers improve to 14-4 this season in games following a loss.
- LSU is now 32-3 when scoring first this season ... The Tigers are now 39-2 when leading after seven innings and 43-2 when leading after eight innings this season.
- After mustering just one extra base hit on Monday against Oregon State, the Tigers notched four extra base hits (three doubles, one home run) Wednesday.
- The Tigers turned a 5-4-3 double play in the third inning as well as a 5-4 double play in the fifth...LSU now has seven double plays in the College World Series and 47 on the season.
- Jared Poche' made his 69th career start on Wednesday, passing Lane Mestepey (68 starts, 2001-05) for most all-time in program history.
- Poche' earned his 39th career victory, setting a new LSU record ... Poche' passes Scott Schultz (38 wins, 1992-95) for most in school history ... Poche' also earned the win in Saturday night's Game 2 victory over Florida State after pitching 2.2 innings of scoreless relief ... He is the first player in the 2017 CWS to record two wins.
- Poche' tied a season high with 8 IP Wednesday night (Feb. 25 vs. Maryland)...He has now thrown 10.2 IP in the CWS after pitching 2.2 innings against Florida State in Saturday's Game 2.
- Poche' has now thrown 411 career innings, which ranks second all-time at LSU (Lane Mestepey is LSU's all-time leader with 480 IP, 2001-05) ... Poche' ranks sixth in SEC history in innings pitched ... Wednesday night was the eighth time in 17 starts this season that he went seven IP or more
- Poche' gave up a second-inning homer to FSU's Drew Mendoza, as well as a pair of ninth-inning home runs, but keeping with a consistent trend from 2017, LSU won the game...LSU is now 6-1 in games in which Poche' gives up a home run...Mendoza's home run was just the second Poche' had given up in his last 36.1 IP.
- LSU is now 15-3 (.833) in games in which Poche' starts, the most wins and the highest winning percentage among Tiger starters.
- Jake Slaughter hit a three-run homer in the second inning, his third of the season and first extra base hit of the NCAA Tournament ... It was Slaughter's first round-tripper since March 15...The three-run shot gives Slaughter 26 RBI on the year ... His three RBI ties a career high, which he's now hit three times this season ... Slaughter now has five multi-RBI games in 2017 ... LSU is now 3-1 when Slaughter homers this season and 2-1 when he drives in three or more runs.
- Josh Smith drove in LSU's first run of the game with a single in the second inning, recording his first hit and RBI of the College World Series ... Smith now has five RBI on the NCAA Tournament and 44 on the season.
- Beau Jordan drove in his 26th run of the season with a sacrifice bunt in the second inning, his fifth sacrifice hit on the season ... The run was Jordan's first RBI of the College World Series and his third RBI of the NCAA Tournament.
- Jordan reached base by way of a walk in the fourth inning, keeping alive his streak of eight-consecutive games reaching base, which is the longest active streak on the team.
- Antoine Duplantis had a pair of singles Wednesday night, his 27th multi-hit game of the year, which leads the team ... Duplantis drove in a ninth-inning run on a fielder's choice, his 59th RBI of the season, seventh of the NCAA Tournament and second of the College World Series.
- Kramer Robertson singled in the ninth inning to break an 0-12 spell to begin the College World Series...Robertson stole second base in the ninth inning, his ninth stolen base of the season and his second of the NCAA Tournament.
- Zach Watson recorded three hits on the night, including a pair of singles and an RBI double in the ninth ... Wednesday was Watson's 19th multi-hit game of the year and his sixth three-hit game ... He now has 37 RBI on the season and 10 in the NCAA Tournament, which leads the team ... Watson stole second base in the second inning, his 11th stolen base of the season and third of the NCAA Tournament.
- Zack Hess pitched a scoreless ninth inning, striking out three of the four batters he faced...In two appearances against FSU in the CWS (1.1 IP), Hess has struck out four Seminoles while walking just one without allowing a hit.
- LSU will play Oregon State at 2 pm CT on Friday afternoon in Game 11 of the CWS. The Tigers must defeat the Beavers on Friday and again on Saturday to advance to the CWS Championship Finals.



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Florida State (46-23):

- Florida State now holds a 29-44 all-time record in the CWS ... Head Coach Mike Martin is 21-32 all-time in the CWS and 3-9 all-time in third games of the CWS.
- The Seminoles are 1-4 against LSU all-time in the CWS ... FSU's only win over the Tigers was in 1994, a 6-3 victory ... LSU claimed both CWS meetings this year.
- FSU is 2-7 all-time vs. SEC teams in the CWS.
- Florida State made 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 Martin.
- Florida State was not able to win its first NCAA Championship in baseball ... The Seminoles do have three runner-up finishes.
- The Seminoles are 11-14 against ranked teams this season.
- FSU won five games when facing elimination in this year's NCAA Tournament, the most of any school this year and tied for the fourth-most in a single season in school history.
- The Seminoles finished with 77 home runs on the season and 14 in the NCAA Tournament ... Both are tops among teams in the CWS.
- Quincy Nieporte and Cal Raleigh accomplished a rare feat in the bottom of the ninth when the two Seminoles hit back-to-back home runs on back-to-back pitches ... It was the first time that had been done in the CWS since June 21, 2006 when North Carolina's Jay Cox and Tim Federowicz went yard on back-to-back pitches against Cal State Fullerton.
- It marked the first time in TDAPO history (316 games) that players hit back-to-back home runs and the first time in the CWS since June 23, 2010 when Florida State's Sherman Johnson and Mike McGee did so against TCU.
- Florida State also became the first team since Florida in 2015 (6/17/15) to hit three home runs in a single CWS game ... The Gators hit four during that game, the most of any team at TD Ameritrade Park Omaha.
- Freshman Drew Mendoza smacked his 10th home run of the season in the bottom of the second inning ... Five of those 10 home runs have come in the postseason (ACC Tournament and NCAA Tournament) ... It was his second HR of the CWS and second HR in as many games ... It was just the second HR LSU's Jared Poche' had given up in his last 36.2 IP.
- Mendoza's homer was the fifth home run hit by a freshman at this year's CWS ... Five of the 14 HRs at the CWS have been hit by freshman ... Before this year, there had only been 3 HR by freshmen since the CWS moved to TD Ameritrade Park in 2011.
- Mendoza followed the home run with a single in his next at-bat to record his 11th multi-hit game of the season.
- Reliever Andrew Karp turned out his longest appearance in relief of the season with his 5.1-inning outing ... Karp has thrown 7.0 innings on three occasions in starts this season ... He finished Wednesday's performance with a strong line of no runs on three hits and tallied seven strikeouts.
- The FSU bullpen kept the Tigers off the board from the third through eighth innings.
- Quincy Nieporte finished with 82 RBI this season, the most for a Florida State player since Buster Posey drove in 93 runs in 2008 ... He knocked his 11th home run of the season in the bottom of the ninth.
- Cal Raleigh recorded his ninth home run of the season.
- Taylor Walls finished the season leading all of Division I with 67 walks...Walls set a FSU record in game one of the CWS when he stretched his reached base streak to 14-straight plate appearances...the record was previously 13, set by Paul Sorento in 1985.
- Starting pitcher Cole Sands threw his shortest outing of the season as he surrendered five runs, four of which were earned, on four hits in 1.1 innings ... His previous shortest appearance was a 1.2-inning effort against Clemson in which he surrendered six earned runs on six hits.
- FSU's season ends at 46-23.



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Offense Notes:

- Teams to score first at the 2017 CWS are 7-2, with seven straight wins. At the 2016 CWS, teams to score first went 14-3.
- Teams to hit a home run are 6-5 at the 2017 CWS ... 14 home runs have been hit through nine games ... Only 10 total home runs were hit during 17 games last year ... The highest total for home runs during a single CWS at TD Ameritrade Park Omaha was 15 in 2015.
- Florida State's Quincy Nieporte and Cal Raleigh hit back-to-back home runs during the bottom of the 9th, marking the first time players have hit back-to-back home runs in TD Ameritrade Park history (316 games) ... Last two players to hit back-to-back home runs at the CWS were Florida State's Sherman Johnson and Mike McGee on June 23, 2010 ... Home runs also came on back-to-back pitches ... First time players to hit back-to-back home runs on back-to-back pitches since Jay Cox and Tim Federowicz (North Carolina vs. Cal St. Fullerton, 6/21/06).
- Of the last 62 teams to score five or more runs at the CWS, 57 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 51-5 (.911).
- There has been at least 1 run scored in the first 2 innings in 8 of the first 9 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.
- Beau Jordan's (LSU) RBI sacrifice bunt during the 2nd inning was the first RBI sacrifice bunt at the CWS since UC Santa Barbara's Ryan Clark did so during the 6th inning of Game 5 of the 2016 CWS against Miami.
- Florida State pinch-hitters went 0-for-0 with a walk in Game 9 ... Pinch-hitters are now batting 4-for-15 during the 2017 CWS.

Pitching Notes

- The pitching staff with more strikeouts has won 7-of-9 games so far in the 2017 CWS, tonight's game and Game 6 (Oregon State/LSU) being the exceptions.

Defense Notes

- Teams to make an error are now 5-9 in the CWS, while teams to play without an error are 4-0 ... The team that commits more errors is 0-6.

Taking The Lead Notes:

- Teams leading after eight innings have won 106 of their last 108 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)

Miscellaneous Notes

- Wednesday's game temperature was 96 degrees, which tied the warmest game-time temperature in the 7-year history of TD Ameritrade Park Omaha history (tonight was game 316) ... It was also 96 degrees on May 10, 2011, when Creighton defeated Nebraska 9-8. ... The previous warmest game-time temperature for a CWS game at TD Ameritrade Park Omaha was 95 degrees on June 18, 2012, when Kent State defeated Florida 5-4.
- 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.
- 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 ... With Florida State's loss, a national seed will 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).
- The national seeds are 5-0 in the CWS against unseeded teams. In addition, the higher seed has won all three seeded matchups.
- 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.
- 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 4 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).
- Twenty-three of the past 27 championships have been won by a team that started 2-0 in Omaha.
- The designated home teams are 5-4 in the 2017 CWS.