



## **CWS Game 2 Notes: Washington vs. Mississippi State Saturday, June 16, 2018**

**Mississippi State 1, Washington 0, – Attendance 24,758 (MCWS Total: 46,386; Avg. 23,193) – Time of Game: 2:44**

### **Mississippi State (38-27):**

- Mississippi State is making its 10th College World Series appearance and first under interim head coach Gary Henderson.
- The Bulldogs are now 11-18 (.379) all-time in College World Series games. MSU wins its first game of the CWS for the fourth time in school history.
- Mississippi State vs. Washington is the first walk-off win in the CWS since 2015 when Miami (Fla.) def. Arkansas 4-3 on June 15, 2015.
- MSU secured its third walk-off win of the NCAA Tournament. There have been 13 walk-off wins during this year's NCAA Tournament and the Bulldogs are the only team with more than one.
- Junior Luke Alexander capped off a 3-for-4 night at the plate with the walk-off RBI single in the bottom of the ninth to score junior Hunter Stovall. It marked Alexander's third three-hit game of the season.
- The 1-0 victory marked MSU's third shutout of the season and first since April 4 in a 5-0 win over Southern.
- The Bulldog pitching staff struck out seven batters and didn't issue a walk. The last time the MSU pitching staff didn't issue a walk was May 13 at Kentucky.
- MSU holds a 5-1 advantage in the all-time series between Mississippi State and Washington. Tonight's meeting marked the first between the two squads in 20 years.
- The Bulldog offense entered tonight's game averaging 8.25 runs per game throughout its eight-game NCAA Tournament run.
- Mississippi State has 11 final at-bat wins this season, the most among the teams in the College World Series field; Washington is second with nine.
- Opponents have been held to four runs or less in 24 of MSU's 38 wins this season.
- The Bulldogs entered tonight's game seventh in the nation in fielding double plays. MSU turned one double play against Washington in the third inning to help the Bulldogs escape a bases-loaded, one-out jam unharmed.
- Starting pitcher Ethan Small spun a gem, finishing with a line of no runs on four hits with five strikeouts in 7.0 innings. The seven innings of work tied for the second-longest outing of his career. Small has held opponents to three or fewer runs in 15 of his 17 starts this season.
- The MSU bullpen of JP France, Cole Gordon and Zach Neff limited Washington to just two hits in the final two innings.
- Junior Jake Mangum wasted no time in extending his team-leading hitting streak to 14-straight games as he led off the bottom of the first inning with a base hit. He finished 2-for-3, notching his team-best 30th multi-hit contest of the season.
- Mangum then ripped the first extra-base hit off Washington starting pitcher Joe DeMers with a double in the bottom of the eighth inning. It marked his team-leading 22nd double of the season.
- Mangum's eighth-inning double was the 138th double hit by MSU this season, the most doubles by a Bulldog team since 142 in 2000. The program record is 157, which was set in 1989.
- Junior Elijah MacNamee extended his career-best and team-leading reached base streak to 30 games with a single in the fourth inning. He is now hitting .358 (43-for-120) with 30 runs scored, 11 doubles, eight home runs and 64 RBI during that time. He finished the game with two hits for his 15th multi-hit game of the season.
- Junior Hunter Stovall extended his reached base streak to 24-straight games in the second inning with a leadoff single. He finished the game with three hits to notch his 23rd multi-hit game of the season and seventh three-hit contest.
- Ethan Small's balk during the top of the third inning was the first balk at the College World Series since Austin Bain (LSU) balked with one out in the bottom of the 5th during Game 10 of the 2015 #CWS (6-18-15).



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- **Washington (35-25):**
  - The Huskies are making their first ever appearance in the College World Series
    - All-time postseason record: 27-22
    - NCAA appearances: 11
    - 2018 record: 5-2
  - Prior to the Super Regional format (1999), the Huskies were one win away from reaching the CWS twice (1994 and 1997).
  - Lindsay Meggs owns a 265-238-1 all-time record as the Huskies head coach
    - Career head coaching record: 880-545-5 (25 years)
    - Owns an 8-6 record in three NCAA postseasons (2014, 2016, 2018)
  - UW is 1-5 all-time against MSU, which includes a 1-4 record in NCAA Tournament action.
  - The Huskies six hits all came from different players.
  - Joe DeMers worked 7.1 scoreless frames allowing seven hits with one walk and two strikeouts (Bulldogs were averaging 8.25 runs per game in the 2018 NCAA Tournament) ... It marked the seventh time he didn't allow a run in an outing this year ... Became the third Husky pitcher to amass 300.0-plus innings (Tyler Davis/358.2 IP from 2012-15; Tim Lincecum/342.0 IP from 2004-06) ... Passed Lincecum (125.1 IP/2006) for second place on the single-season innings pitched chart (DeMers 130.1 IP in 2018).
  - AJ Graffanino extended his hit streak (8 games) and on-base streak (15 games) on his ground-rule double down the right field line in the second inning.
  - Nick Kahle's single in the eighth pushed his on-base streak to 13 games.
  - Alex Hardy made his 36th appearance of the season out of the bullpen (75th career) ... Suffered his third loss of the season out of the bullpen (5-3) after allowing the game winning run in the bottom of the ninth with one out (Luke Alexander single to right field).
  - Braiden Ward extended his hit streak to six games with a base hit in the sixth.



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#### **CWS Records Set or Tied in 2018**

- Game 1 of the 2018 CWS lasted 4 hours and 24 minutes marking the longest nine-inning game in CWS history (previous: 4:21 in 2001/Miami defeated Tennessee, 21-13) ... It is also the longest CWS opening game (previous 4:18 in 2001/Stanford beat Tulane, 13-11).

#### **2018 College World Series Notes**

##### **Runs Notes:**

- Of the last 67 teams to score five or more runs at the CWS, 61 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; Oregon State lost 8-6 to North Carolina/2018) – since 2010 at Rosenblatt ... Since the CWS moved to TD Ameritrade Park, teams that score at least 5 runs are 53-6 (.898).
- Game 1 marked just the second time since the College World Series moved to TD Ameritrade Park (2011) that both teams have scored six runs (other: Vanderbilt beat Virginia 9-8 in the 2014 CWS Finals).
- Oregon State trailed by five runs (6-1, mid-3rd) - the last team to overcome a five-run deficit in the CWS was TCU vs. Florida State in 2010 (the year before the CWS moved to TD Ameritrade Park).
- In this year's CWS, nine of the 15 runs scored (60.0%) have been driven in via a hit.
- In other words, six of the 15 runs (40.0%) have scored because of something other than a base hit.
- Actual scoring breakdown: hits (nine), ground out (two), sac fly (two), passed ball (one), error (1).
- Inning breakdown of runs scored: first (one), second (one), third (eight), fourth (none), fifth (none), sixth (none), seventh (four), eighth (none) and ninth (one).
- Through two games, the visiting team has scored 8 runs while home team has 7.
- MSU defeated Washington 1-0 (Game 2) which is the first 1-0 game in the CWS since Arkansas beat South Carolina by the same score on May 31, 1985 in 14 innings ... It was also the last CWS game scoreless through eight innings.
- Last walk-off win in the CWS was on June 15, 2015 (Miami, Fla. beat Arkansas, 4-3).

##### **Taking The Lead Notes:**

- Teams leading after eight innings have won 115 of their last 117 CWS games (Vanderbilt overcame a 3-1 deficit to defeat Cal State Fullerton 4-3 in 2015/Game 4; TCU scored three runs in the top of the ninth to beat Texas Tech in 2016/Game 3).

##### **Miscellaneous Notes**

- Since 1999, Game 1 of the CWS started with an error on the first play four different times (2002, '11, '14, '18) ... Today's game marked the first time in which it happened on the first pitch and did not also include a hit on the play (error allowed runner to move up a base).
- UNC (2) and Oregon State (4) combined to hit six total batters in Game 1, which is tied for third most all-time (combined) ... Last time there was six hit batters in a CWS game was on June 6, 2014 (UC Irvine/4 and Vanderbilt/2).
- Mississippi State's Ethan Small's balk in the third inning (Game 2) was the first balk at the CWS since Austin Bain (LSU) was called for one in the fifth inning of Game 10 in the 2015 CWS (June 18).
- Day 1 of the 2018 CWS did not feature a home run marking the first time since June 18, 2016 that none of the two games had home runs (Oklahoma State vs. UC Santa Barbara and Arizona vs. Miami, Fla.).
- Conference records through Day 1 of 2018 CWS
  - ACC: 1-0
  - SEC: 1-0
  - Pac-12: 0-2