



CWS Game 12 Notes: Vanderbilt vs. Louisville Friday, June 21, 2019

Vanderbilt 3, Louisville 2 – Attendance 24,673 – MCWS Total: 262,323; Avg. 21,860 – Time of Game: 3:04

Vanderbilt (57-11, 3-0 CWS):

- Vanderbilt is making its fourth appearance in the College World Series (2011, 2014, 2015, 2019). The Commodores are now 14-6 all-time at the CWS, including the 2014 CWS title. They are 66-39 all-time in the NCAA Tournament.
- Vanderbilt has won at least two games in each of its four trips, with finals appearances in 2014, 2015 and 2019.
- Head coach Tim Corbin has led the Commodores to 15 NCAA Tournament appearances, including all four of the program's CWS appearances. He holds a 62-33 all-time record during the NCAA postseason.
- Vanderbilt advances to the CWS Championship series for the third time in school history. The Commodores won the national title in 2014 before making it back to the final in 2015.
- With its win tonight, Vanderbilt becomes the sixth school to reach the championship round three times in its first four College World Series appearances. The Commodores join Arizona State, Minnesota, Missouri, Texas and Wichita State.
- Vanderbilt is the first school to reach the CWS Finals three times since the College World Series moved to TD Ameritrade Park in 2011. The Commodores are looking to become the first school to win multiple titles at TD Ameritrade Park.
- Vanderbilt handed the Cardinals their first loss when leading after eight innings this season. Louisville entered the game 45-0 when leading after eight frames. Vandy is now 3-8 when trailing after eight.
- With its win, Vanderbilt stretches its single-season victory mark to 57. The Commodores have now won 33 of their last 36 games and 17 of their last 18.
- Vanderbilt and Louisville met for the third time this season, and the Commodores have won all three meetings. Vandy won a 6-2 decision at Louisville on May 7 before defeating the Cardinals 3-1 on June 16 in the two teams' CWS opener.
- The Commodores are now 40-4 when scoring first, despite Vandy trailing for the first time in the CWS tonight.
- The Commodores scored two runs on 3 hits in the 9th inning; only had one run on 3 hits in the first 8 innings.
- Tyler Brown recorded his 17th save of the season and third of the CWS. Brown has retired 14 of the 16 batters he has faced in the College World Series. His 17 saves set a new Vandy single-season record, besting the previous record of 16 (Brian Miller, 2013). Brown is the fourth pitcher in CWS history to pick up a save in each of his team's first three games.
- Ethan Paul recorded the game-tying RBI in the top of the ninth with his double to right field. It marked his 64th career double, a new Vanderbilt record. The previous record of 63 was held by Dominic de la Osa (2005-08).
- Pat DeMarco recorded the go-ahead double in 9th inning. DeMarco has recorded a hit in each game during Vanderbilt's five-game winning streak.
- Mason Hickman threw six scoreless innings, allowing just two hits, retiring 18 of the 23 batters he faced, and throwing a season high-tying 102 pitches. Hickman has now allowed one or no runs in eight of his 12 starts and permitted three or fewer hits in his last five starts.
- Hickman has allowed two or fewer runs in 11-of-12 starts and has not walked more than two batters in nine-of-12 starts.
- With his infield single in the third inning, Austin Martin recorded his 104th hit of the season and stretched his current reached-base streak to 37-straight games. Martin's 104 hits rank third nationally.
- JJ Bleday stretched his reach base streak to 48-straight games when he drew a walk in the top of the ninth before coming around to score the tying run.
- Vanderbilt's first six batters were retired for the first time since April 12 (3-2 win over Arkansas). The Commodores' first six batters have been retired only three times this season including tonight.



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Louisville (51-18, 2-2 CWS):

- The Cardinals are making their fifth CWS appearance (2007, 2013, 2014, 2017) and competing in their 13th NCAA Tournament.
- Head coach Dan McDonnell has led Louisville to 12 of its 13 NCAA Tournament appearances, including all five of its CWS years, and owns a 47-28 mark in the NCAA postseason. Louisville drops to 4-10 all-time in CWS games after winning multiple games in the CWS for the first time in program history.
- Louisville and Vanderbilt met for the 37th time on the baseball diamond Friday evening, 10th time in the NCAA Tournament and third time at the CWS. The Cardinals are now 10-27 all-time against Vanderbilt and 4-6 in the NCAA postseason.
- The Cardinals are now 6-3 against SEC teams in 2019 and have faced an SEC opponent in all four of their CWS games this year (L, 3-1 vs. Vanderbilt; W, 5-3 vs. Auburn; W, 4-3 vs. Mississippi State).
- Louisville suffered its first one-run loss since March 2 and is now 10-3 in one-run games this season.
- The Cardinals lost their first game of the season after holding an opponent to two or fewer runs (23-1) and lost their first game of the season when leading after eight innings (45-1).
- Junior left-hander Luke Smith made his second NCAA Tournament start and first of the CWS. It was his second appearance against Vanderbilt this season, throwing 1/3 inning on May 7. He recorded a career-high 10 strikeouts and tied a career high with 8 1/3 innings pitched. He became the fourth different Cardinal to record double-digit strikeouts in a single game in 2019 and the first in program history to register 10 strikeouts in a CWS game.
- Junior designated hitter Danny Oriente extended his team-leading reached base streak to 11 and extended his hitting streak to six games with a double in the seventh. It was just Louisville's third extra-base hit of the CWS.
- Junior second baseman Justin Lavey registered the Cardinals' first successful stolen base of the CWS in the seventh, stealing third and then tying up the score at 1-1 on a Vanderbilt throwing error. Sophomore center fielder Lucas Dunn stole second moments later. Dunn's go-ahead RBI single up the middle was his first RBI of the 2019 CWS.
- Junior right fielder Drew Campbell connected on a one-out double in the ninth, giving the Cardinals multiple extra-base hits in the same game for the first time of the CWS. Going 2-for-3, Campbell recorded his second-straight multi-hit game of the CWS and fifth of the NCAA Tournament. Campbell finishes the 2019 CWS hitting .455 (15-for-33).
- Lavey recorded two walks in tonight's game, marking his third multi-walk outing of the season.
- In two CWS games versus Vanderbilt, Louisville batters hit 14-for-66 (.212) and freshman catcher went 3-for-8 (.375) with an RBI and run scored.



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Taking the Lead Notes:

- Teams to score in the first inning are 5-0 so far at the 2019 CWS.
- Teams to score first are 9-3 so far at the 2019 CWS.
- There have been three walk-off wins in the CWS in the past four seasons. Mississippi State has been involved in all three games, winning two and losing one.
- There were three lead changes in the first 10 games of the 2019 CWS, two coming on the final pitch of the game, but games 11 & 12 each featured a pair of lead changes. Game 11 saw Texas Tech take a 3-2 lead in the top of the second and Michigan reclaiming the lead 4-3 in the bottom half of the frame. Game 12 saw Louisville take a 2-1 edge in the bottom of the seventh, then Vanderbilt reclaim a 3-2 edge in the top of the ninth ... The first three lead changes saw Mississippi State scored four runs in the ninth inning to walk-off Auburn 5-4 in Game 4, while Louisville scored two in the ninth inning of Game 10 to eliminate Mississippi State. The third lead change came in Game 5 as Texas Tech overcame a 3-0 deficit to beat Arkansas 5-4.
- Game 5 was the second consecutive College World Series game where the winner overcame a 3-run deficit to win; the first time since 2008 that back-to-back games in CWS were won by a team that trailed by 3+ runs (Georgia overcame a 3-run deficit in Game 1 of the CWS Finals and Fresno State returned the favor by coming back from 5 runs down to win Game 2).
- Mississippi State in Game 4 became the first team to win after facing a 3-run deficit after eight innings of a CWS game since LSU scored four in the bottom of the ninth inning to beat Rice, 6-5, on June 17, 2008. Teams leading after eight innings have won 133 of the last 138 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; Oregon State scored three runs in the ninth to beat Arkansas in 2018/CWS Finals Game 2; Mississippi State scored four runs in the ninth to beat Auburn in 2019/Game 4; Louisville scored two runs in the ninth to beat Mississippi State in 2019/Game 10).

Miscellaneous Notes

- Michigan's Jordan Nwogu led off Game 1 with a single through the left side, marking the third consecutive year the lead-off hitter has reached to start the CWS.
- Michigan advancing to the CWS Championship Final marks the first time a Big Ten team has played for a CWS title since Ohio State won the title in 1966. Six of the seven Big Ten teams to reach the championship have won it.
- The last four teams (Louisville – ACC, Michigan – Big Ten, Texas Tech – Big 12, Vanderbilt – SEC) came from four different conferences, which hasn't happened since 2010, when South Carolina (SEC), UCLA (Pac-12), TCU (Big 12) and Clemson (ACC) were the final four teams to play at Rosenblatt Stadium.
- The SEC tied the CWS record for participants from one conference with four this year: Arkansas, Auburn, Mississippi State and Vanderbilt. The conference also sent four teams to Omaha in 2015, 2004 and 1997 ... LSU claimed the National Championship in 1997 and Vanderbilt finished runner-up in 2015, but a team from the SEC did not reach the CWS Finals in 2004 (two semifinalists) ... Of the four years the SEC sent four teams to Omaha, June 15, 2019 marked the first time the conference did not record a victory on the opening day of the event.
- During Game 2, Florida State's J.C. Flowers became the third player to score a run and record a save in the same CWS game since 1999 (also: Florida State's Mike McGee vs. Florida, June 21, 2010; Tulane's Michael Aubrey vs. Nebraska, June 10, 2001).
- Game 2's game time of 2:38 was the shortest CWS game length since a game of 2:26 on June 20, 2016 when UCSB beat Miami (Fla.).
- Last year, Oregon State lost Game 1 of the CWS before rallying to win the 2018 National Championship. 34 of the last 38 eventual champions won their first CWS game. Only exceptions are Oregon State (2018), South Carolina (2010), Oregon State (2006) and USC (1998).
- Game 7 finished at 1:05 p.m. (CT) on Wednesday after starting at 1:07 p.m. (CT) on Tuesday... First College World Series game that was suspended by weather since Game 4 in 2015 (Vanderbilt came back after suspension to beat CSU Fullerton).
- With victories by both Michigan and Vanderbilt on Friday, June 21, this is the first time since 2013 that an "if necessary" game was not played.

Attendance Notes:

- The 12-game total in 2019 is now 262,323 which is 20,886 ahead of last year after 12 games.
- This year's average attendance is 21,860, putting the 2019 CWS on pace to average 20,000+ fans for a 24th straight year.
- This is the 39th straight year the CWS has attracted 100,000+ fans and 17th straight year of 200,000+.
- The Game 3 crowd of 22,704 pushed the 69-year Omaha total of CWS crowds over 10 million to 10,006,028.



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Runs Notes:

- Michigan scored the first run of the 2019 CWS on a sacrifice fly in the top of the 1st inning ... The team to score the first run of the CWS has went on to win two of the past four events (Oregon State, 2018 & Virginia, 2015).
- Of the last 86 teams to score five or more runs at TD Ameritrade Park Omaha (TDAPO), 76 of them have won, including a 6-0 mark this year ... Last year, five teams lost when scoring five or more runs.
- Game 2 marked the 25th 1-0 game in College World Series history ... Eight of those games have come since the move to TD Ameritrade Park Omaha in 2011.
- Before Florida State in Game 6, the last team to win a CWS game via a shutout, then lose its next game by shutout, was Oklahoma in 1975. The Sooners beat Eastern Michigan 7-0 on June 9, then lost 1-0 in 11 innings to Arizona State on June 12th. Before the Seminoles, the last team to be part of a shutout in consecutive CWS games is Arizona in 2016 (lost to Oklahoma State 1-0, beat UCSB 3-0).
- This year marks the 30th consecutive CWS with at least one game decided by one run, and there have been five different 1-run games so far in 2019 (Games 2, 4, 5 and 10). This is the 19th time in the last 20 CWS that there's been three or more 1-run games, with 2018 (1) being the only exception.
- This is the first College World Series where the first seven games were all decided by two or fewer runs. The seven straight games decided by two runs or less matched a CWS record first done in 2002 (Games 2-8).
- Of the 85 runs scored at the 2019 CWS, 24 of the runs have been produced via home runs (28.2 percent) ... Last year 33 of the 169 runs scored were via the long ball (19.5 percent).

Home Run Notes:

- Texas Tech's Brian Klein hit the first home run of this year's CWS on a 2-2 pitch in the bottom of the 3rd inning of Game 1 ... There have been 17 home runs hit through the first 11 games ... A total of 18 home runs were hit during the 2018 series (second-most since CWS moved to TDAPO; stadium record is 23 during 2017 CWS) ... Since moving to TD Ameritrade Park Omaha in 2011, there have been 107 CWS home runs in 134 games. Michigan's Jesse Franklin hit the 100th CWS homer in park history with a first inning blast in Game 6.
- Louisville's Tyler Fitzgerald home run to give Cardinals the lead was the third first-inning home run in this year's College World Series ... That matches 2015 for the most first-inning homers since the CWS moved to TD Ameritrade Park in 2011.
- The Game 3 home run by Vanderbilt's Austin Martin was the first to lead off the bottom of the first inning of a CWS game since Miami (Fla.) star Charlton Jimerson did it on both June 9 (vs. Tennessee) and June 11 (vs. USC) of the 2001 CWS.
- Michigan's Jimmy Kerr became the 62nd to hit multiple home runs in a CWS game. Vanderbilt's Stephen Scott became the 61th player in Game 8, while Vanderbilt's Austin Martin was the 60th to do so, in Game 3. The trio joined LSU's Michael Papierski vs. Oregon State on June 24, 2017 as the only four men to do it in a CWS game at TD Ameritrade Park Omaha ... Vanderbilt's Scott and Martin are the first teammates with multiple-homer games in the same CWS since Cameron Rupp and Russell Moldenhauer (Texas) in 2009, and first to accomplish the feat in the first two games of a team's appearance since Louisville's Logan Johnson and Chris Dominguez in 2007.
- The four combined home runs between Arkansas (1) and Texas Tech (3) in Game 5 tied a TD Ameritrade Park Omaha record, done 5 times previously (Florida vs. Miami on 6/17/15; McNeese St. at Creighton on 5/14/17; LSU vs. Florida St. on 6/21/17; Oregon State vs. LSU on 6/24/17; Oregon St. vs. North Carolina on 6/20/18).
- Josh Jung's (Texas Tech) 6th-inning homer in Game 5 was the 300th home run in this year's NCAA Tournament; this is the first time since the NCAA adopted BBCOR bats in 2011 that there have been that many homers in a single tournament.
- Florida State is the first team to throw a shutout in the CWS, then give up a 1st inning homer in its subsequent game since 1987, when Florida State (and coach Mike Martin) did so. Florida State's Chris Pollack threw a shutout vs. Arizona State on May 31, 1987. In FSU's next game on June 3rd, Texas' Elanis Westbrook hit a leadoff homer vs. FSU's Richie Lewis.

Pitching Notes:

- The 2019 CWS is the ninth consecutive season with at least one shutout (no shutouts between 2007-2010 – final four years at Rosenblatt) ... Last year there were two shutouts (Game 2 & Game 3 of Finals) ... Since the CWS moved to TDAPO there have been a total of 19 shutouts.
- Last 5 CWS Complete Game Shutouts: Matt Boyd, Oregon St. vs. Indiana, 6/19/13; Thomas Hatch, Oklahoma St vs. UCSB, 6/18/16; JC Cloney, Arizona vs. Coastal Carolina, 6/27/16; Kevin Abel, Oregon St vs. Arkansas, 6/28/18; Tommy Henry, Michigan vs. Florida State, Game 6 (6/17/19).
- There have been an average of 9.5 strikeouts per 9 innings through the first 12 games ... Teams have recorded a total of 224 strikeouts in 211.2 innings ... There have been 224 strikeouts compared to 185 total hits through Game 12 ... The highest previous strikeouts per 9 innings mark since the CWS moved to TDAPO is 8.55 in 2017 ... In 2017, 2016 and 2014 the CWS ended with more strikeouts than hits (2017: 266 Ks/227 hits; 2016: 262 Ks/251 hits; 2014: 248 Ks/233 hits).

Official Review Notes:

- There have been 20 official reviews so far in the 2019 CWS ... Two have been overturned, both involving Michigan. In Game 1 when Michigan's Blake Nelson was initially called out on a pick-off attempt at first base ... In Game 11, Texas Tech's Cameron Warren was called out at first on an apparent double-play. The call was reversed upon review as Michigan first baseman Jimmy Kerr came off the bag. Last year there were 10 official reviews with only one call overturned (foul/fair call during Game 1 of CWS Finals).