



## CWS Game 2 Notes: Florida State vs. Arkansas Saturday, June 15, 2019

**Florida State 1, Arkansas 0 – Attendance 26,155 – 8<sup>th</sup> largest crowd in TD Ameritrade Park history (MCWS Total: 50,303; Avg. 25,151) – Time of Game: 2:38**

### **Florida State (42-21):**

- Florida State is making its 23rd College World Series appearance, fourth in the last 10 years, and 17th under 40th-year head coach Mike Martin ... The Seminoles rank third among all programs in CWS appearances, while Martin's 17 trips are tied for the most of any coach in NCAA history.
- Entering the day, FSU was 0-5 against Arkansas with its last matchups against the Razorbacks coming in the 2009 Super Regional (7-2 and 9-8) ... All six of the Seminoles' meetings with Arkansas have come in postseason play, Saturday's game is the first in the CWS.
- The victory marks the 30th CWS win for the Seminoles, who are now 30-44 all-time at the NCAA championship.
- The win is the first in a CWS opener for FSU since 1999 (Texas A&M, 7-3) when the Seminoles finished as national runner-up for the second time in program history ... FSU improves to 9-14 in CWS openers.
- Martin, the *Perfect Game* Coach of the Year, who has reached the postseason and won at least 40 games in each season as the winningest coach in NCAA history, earned his 2,029th victory.
- The Seminoles record their fifth shutout in the CWS, matching USC for the fifth-most shutouts by any school in CWS games.
- Each of FSU's last five wins in this year's NCAA Tournament have come against SEC opponents, the only other team to accomplish the feat was Texas in 2004 ... The Longhorns went on to lose in the CWS finals against Cal State Fullerton.
- FSU is only one of two unbeaten teams in the 2019 NCAA Tournament, joining Mississippi State.
- FSU moves to 16-6 in Saturday affairs in 2019 and remains perfect in the month of June (5-0).
- The Seminoles are now 6-3 on the season when tied after eight innings and are 5-3 against the SEC.
- Left-handed pitcher Drew Parrish tossed eight scoreless innings for just the second time this season, earning a win in both contests (6-2 vs. Clemson, April 12).
- Parrish's nine strikeouts and eight innings on the mound surpass his previous CWS appearance in 2017 versus Cal State Fullerton (4 K's, 5.2 IP) ... Also his nine strikeouts are the most strikeouts by an FSU pitcher in a CWS game since Tim Davis struck out nine against California in 1992.
- For the second time this season, J.C. Flowers scored the game-winning run while also picking up the save. ... He did so on Feb. 22 versus Youngstown State (4-2), his first career save ... Flowers also 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)
- Flowers picked up his 13th save of the season, he is now one of only 22 pitchers in the nation with 13 or more saves in 2019.
- Freshman catcher Matheu Nelson went 2-for-3 in his CWS debut, while fellow freshman Nander De Sedas provided the game-winning RBI with a sacrifice fly in the top of the ninth.
- Entering Saturday, FSU had lost five-straight CWS openers, only two schools have had longer streaks: South Carolina (7) and Maine (6).



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### Arkansas (46-19):

- This year marks the 10<sup>th</sup> time Arkansas has advanced to the CWS and the first time in back-to-back years ... It's also the sixth trip under head coach Dave Van Horn.
- Starting pitcher Isaiah Campbell struck out 10 batters, which set an Arkansas record for CWS games ... It was the fifth game this season with at least 10 strikeouts for Campbell and first since an April 18 game against Mississippi St.
- Campbell walked two batters in his seven innings of work ... It was the 15<sup>th</sup> time in 18 starts this season that the righty issued two or fewer free passes ... It also marked the 10<sup>th</sup> time that Campbell pitched at least seven innings.
- Counting his two starts in last year's CWS, Campbell has now pitched 14.1 innings in Omaha, allowing nine hits, five runs (four earned), walking three and striking out 20. He's thrown 236 pitches in those outings and has a 2.55 earned run average.
- The Razorbacks have been shut out 22 straight innings in College World Series play ... The Hogs did not score in their final four at-bats of Game 2 of last year's College World Series final and were shut out by Oregon St. in Game 3 before getting blanked by the Seminoles tonight ... In those 22 innings, Arkansas is batting 9-72 (.125).
- Arkansas was held to five hits or fewer four times in its first 54 games ... Then the Razorbacks were held to exactly five hits in four straight games (last game of the regular season and all three games at the SEC tournament) from May 18-24 ... The Hogs had between nine and 13 hits in their six NCAA tournament games before tonight, when they were held to five.
- Arkansas came into tonight's game 27 extra base hits in six NCAA tournament games but were held to one double tonight by Florida State pitching ... It was the 14<sup>th</sup> time this season that the Razorbacks had zero or one extra base hit in 65 games.
- The Hogs suffered their third shutout in College World Series play ... They lost 5-0 to Oregon State in last year's national championship game and were blanked 2-0 by South Carolina in 2012.
- This was the second time this season Arkansas was held scoreless ... Alabama beat Arkansas 10-0 on March 23.
- The Razorbacks were 0-for-7 with runners in scoring position.
- Arkansas fell to 5-5 in CWS openers ... Arkansas won its first game at the CWS in 1979, 1985, 2009, 2012 and 2018, and dropped its opener in 1987, 1989, 2004, 2015 and 2019.
- Arkansas fell to 1-3 in neutral-site games this season.



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#### **Runs Notes:**

- Michigan scored the first run of the 2019 CWS on a sacrifice fly in the top of the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 81 teams to score five or more runs at TD Ameritrade Park Omaha (TDAPO), 71 of them have won ... Last year, five teams lost when scoring five or more runs.
- The lone run in Game 2 also came with a sacrifice fly from Florida State's Nander De Sedas to drive in J.C. Flowers during the top of the ninth inning.
- Game 2 marked the 25<sup>th</sup> 1-0 game in College World Series history ... Eight of those games have come since the move to TD Ameritrade Park in 2011.

#### **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 18 shutouts.

#### **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 3<sup>rd</sup> inning with one out ... 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 the CWS moved to TDAPO (2011), there have been 92 home runs in 126 games.

#### **Taking the Lead Notes:**

- Teams leading after eight innings have won 128 of the last 131 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).

#### **Miscellaneous Notes**

- Arkansas' Jack Kenley became the first Razorback to reach base safely in Game 2 when he was awarded first base on a catcher's interference during the bottom of the 2<sup>nd</sup> inning with two outs (catcher was Florida State's Matheu Nelson) ... First catcher's interference at the CWS since Oregon State's Steven Kwan was awarded first base against Cal State Fullerton in 2017 (Game 1; catcher was CSF's Chris Hudgins).
- 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's Jordan Brewer was called out for batter's interference for the first out in the top of the 7<sup>th</sup> inning of Game 1 ... First player to be called out for batter's interference since Texas Tech's Gabe Holt last year against Florida (Game 4).
- Game 1's attendance of 24,148 marked the largest CWS Game 1 crowd since 2015 (24,228 for Arkansas/Virginia) ... Game 2's crowd was the largest crowd since Florida beat LSU in the 2017 title game (26,607) ... Also the largest Game 2 crowd since 2015, when Florida beat Miami (Fla.) by a 15-3 count before 26,377.
- Last year, Oregon State lost Game 1 of the CWS before rallying to win the 2018 National Championship.
- 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, tonight marks 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 also 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 is the shortest CWS game length since a game of 2:26 on June 20, 2016 when UCSB beat Miami (Fla.).



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### **Official Review Notes:**

- A total of four official reviews took place during the first day of the CWS ... First official video review of the 2019 CWS came during the top of the 3<sup>rd</sup> of Game 1 ... Michigan's Blake Nelson was initially called out on a pick-off attempt at first base but the call was overturned ... All three reviews confirmed calls during Game 2 ... Last year there were 10 official reviews with only one call overturned (foul/fair call during Game 1 of CWS Finals).