



CWS Game 6 Notes: Michigan vs. Florida State Monday, June 17, 2019

Michigan 2, Florida State 0 – Attendance 23,541 – MCWS Total: 138,455; Avg. 23,076 – Time of Game: 2:52

Michigan (48-20, 2-0 CWS):

- This is Michigan's eighth CWS appearance and first since 1984 when it finished seventh. Its other CWS appearances were in 1953 (first place), 1962 (first place), 1978 (fifth place), 1980 (fifth place), 1981 (seventh place), 1983 (third place), and 1984 (seventh place).
- Michigan is one win away from reaching the CWS Finals; the Wolverines won the title the two previous times they started 2-0 in the College World Series (1953 and 1962).
- Head coach Erik Bakich made his CWS debut on Saturday and earned his second CWS win tonight.
- The Wolverines became the first Big Ten team to start 2-0 in the College World Series since Ohio State in 1966; that Buckeyes team was also the last Big Ten team to win the College World Series.
- Michigan became the fourth team seeded third or fourth in its regional to start 2-0 in the CWS since the NCAA tournament expanded in 1999; each of the previous three won the title (Virginia in 2015, Fresno State in 2008, Oregon State in 2007).
- Michigan improved to 14-12 (.538) in CWS games.
- Michigan and Florida State have met nine times, with the Seminoles holding a 7-2 advantage on the all-time series. The Wolverine's only two wins over the Seminoles came during the CWS (2-0 on June 17, 2019 and 10-7 on June 13, 1962). The 1962 win resulted in Michigan's second and most recent national championship. Tonight's game was the first meeting since 1995.
- The Wolverines are 12-4 in neutral site games this year, including 6-2 when playing at TD Ameritrade Park Omaha in the postseason.
- Michigan is now 43-4 when leading after six innings and 41-1 when up after eight innings.
- Jimmy Kerr is believed to be part of the only grandson-grandfather combination to both play in a game at the CWS (John Kerr, 1962, Michigan). John's son Derek was also a member of Michigan's CWS squads in 1983 and 1984 but did not appear in a game.
- Sophomore Jesse Franklin hit the 100th CWS home run since the move to TD Ameritrade Park in 2011. Monday's game was the 130th contest. That long ball by Franklin on the second pitch of the game was his team-leading 13th home run of season as well. Franklin also leads the team with 58 runs on the year.
- That first-inning home run gave the Wolverines a lead they would never relinquish and marked Franklin's first home run since May 7 vs Michigan State.
- Michigan has four players with at least 10 home runs (Franklin – 13, Brewer – 12, Nwogu – 12, and Kerr -12), the first time since the 1985 season that four Wolverines have reached double figures in that category.
- With Franklin's run in the first inning, Michigan has now scored in 29 contests this season in the opening frame. The Wolverines are 23-6 when scoring in the opening inning and 37-6 when scoring first.
- Starting pitcher Tommy Henry improved to 11-5 on the year and 4-2 in the postseason, including a 3-1 mark in the NCAA Tournament. The junior lefty threw 100 pitches with 71 of them being for strikes. It was his second shutout of the year, joining a 1-hit blanking of The Citadel on Feb. 22nd.
- Henry broke Michigan's single-season strikeouts record when he fanned Matheu Nelson in the fifth inning. He finished the game with 10 strikeouts and currently has 127 on the year. He also shifted up to sixth all-time on the career charts with 240 strikeouts. The junior has now registered double-digit strikeouts on four different occasions this season.
- Henry had a one-hitter going through 6.2 innings. He allowed a leadoff double to Mike Salvatore but then retired 20 of his next 21 batters before relinquishing another double in the seventh. Florida State's J.C. Flowers was hit by a pitch during that stretch for Henry's only blemish.
- Henry is the second Wolverine to strike out 10+ batters in a CWS game (11 by Frederick B. Fisher II, 1962).
- Henry became the third Michigan pitcher to throw a shutout in the College World Series, joining Steve Howe (1978 vs Baylor) and Marvin Wisniewski (1953 vs Stanford).
- Jesse Franklin finished with two hits in the game for his 14th multi-hit contest of the year. Of those 14 games, he tallied two hits in 11 of them, three hits in two of them and four hits in one of them.
- Jordan Brewer tallied his team-leading 25th stolen base of the year in the third inning.
- Christian Bullock was thrown out in the fourth inning trying to steal marking Michigan's first caught stealing since May 25th against Nebraska in the Big Ten tournament. The Wolverines stole 11 bases during that stretch of 77.0 innings.
- Kerr's fifth inning RBI was the senior's team-leading 59th of the year ... He has two of Michigan's three hits with RISP in the 2019 College World Series.
- The Wolverines currently have nine shutouts this season; only UCLA (11) and Tennessee (10) have more in Division I.



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Florida State (42-22, 1-1 CWS):

- Florida State is making its 23rd appearance in the CWS and 17th under head coach Mike Martin...With the loss against Michigan, Martin has a 22-32 record at the CWS with the Seminoles.
- Including tonight's loss, Florida State is 7-2 all-time against Michigan...the last time these two teams met was 24 years ago...Until tonight, Michigan had not beat Florida State since the 1962 CWS...Coach Martin is now 6-1 against the Wolverines.
- This game marks the second time in the postseason that Florida State has given up a run in the first inning of a game, the last coming against Georgia on June 1 when the Bulldogs hit a leadoff homer in the first...Michigan's Jesse Franklin added a run in the first inning with a home run over the right-field fence.
- Mike Salvatore's double in the first inning marks his 23rd double of the season and puts him in the top-10 for doubles in Division I baseball this season...He recorded his first hit in the CWS in the first inning with a double to right-center ...Had two of the Seminoles' three hits in the game...Marks his fifth multi-hit game in seven games in this year's NCAA Tournament.
- Florida State starter CJ Van Eyk suffered his first loss in his career when striking out nine or more batters. Coming into tonight's game, Van Eyk was 4-0 in 6 appearances for his career (3-0 in 5 appearances this season) ... Van Eyk ranks 10th nationally in total strikeouts this season with 129.
- With the loss, Van Eyk (10-4) becomes the first CWS pitcher since Florida's Jackson Kowar in 2017 to strike out nine or more and be credited with the loss...The 17 total strikeouts for Florida State pitching ties for second in CWS history for the most strikeouts in a nine-inning game...The last time a team totaled 17 or more strikeouts in nine innings and lost in the CWS was in 1996 when Clemson recorded 19 K's vs. Miami.
- The Seminoles struck out every Michigan batter in the starting lineup at least once.
- Tonight's shutout marks a school-record ninth time this season Florida State has been shut out, the last shut out coming on May 18 against Louisville ...Shut out for the first time in CWS since 1992 vs. Cal State Fullerton ...Had scored in 34 straight CWS games.
- With his double today, Matheu Nelson leads the team with 3 hits at the CWS this year.
- Florida State reliever Chase Haney made his second CWS appearance since 2017...He has pitched a total of 2.2 innings, striking out three and has not given up a run.
- Reliever Jonah Scolaro struck out all six batters he faced...Scolaro is the only pitcher in the last 50 years to face at least six batters and strike out every batter that he faced in the game.
- Florida State's three hits are tied for the fewest in the Seminoles 75 CWS games; The 'Noles are hitting .131 (8-for-61) with one run in two CWS games (averaged 9.2 RPG and hit .314 in first five NCAA Tournament games).



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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 83 teams to score five or more runs at TD Ameritrade Park Omaha (TDAPO), 73 of them have won, including a 3-0 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.
- This year marks the 30th consecutive CWS with at least one game decided by one run, and there have been three different 1-run games so far in 2019 (Games 2, 4 and 5). 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 six games were all decided by two or fewer runs.
- There have been 33 total runs scored in the 2019 CWS, an average of 5.60 per game. The lowest total of runs per game for an entire CWS is 6.14 in 2013 (86 runs in 14 games).
- Before Florida State tonight, 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).

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, tonight

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 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 100 home runs in 130 games, including nine in the first six games of the 2019 CWS. Michigan's Jesse Franklin hit the 100th CWS homer in park history with a first inning blast in Game 6.
- 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.
- Vanderbilt's Austin Martin became the 60th player to hit multiple home runs in a CWS game, and joined LSU's Michael Papierski vs. Oregon State on June 24, 2017 as the only men to do it in a CWS game at TD Ameritrade Park Omaha, when he did it in Game 3 vs. Louisville.
- The 4 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.



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Taking the Lead Notes:

- Teams to score in the first inning are 3-0 so far at the 2019 CWS.
- Teams to score first are 4-2 so far at the 2019 CWS.
- There have been two lead changes in the 2019 CWS. Mississippi State scored four runs in the ninth inning to walk-off Auburn 5-4 in Game 4, and Texas Tech overcame a 3-0 deficit to beat Texas Tech 5-4 in Game 5. Game 5 was the second straight 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).
- Teams leading after eight innings have won 131 of the last 135 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).
- Mississippi State in Game 4 became the first team to win after facing a 3-run deficit after 8 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.
- There have been two walk-off wins in the CWS in the past four seasons. Mississippi State has won both such games.

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.
- 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, June 15 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.).
- 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).
- The losing team in the first six games of the 2019 CWS have hit a combined 5-for-37 (.135) with runners in scoring position. Winning teams aren't much better at 9-for-49 (.184).
- With Florida State's loss tonight, Mississippi State is the only team that is still unbeaten in the 2019 NCAA Tournament. The Bulldogs are 6-0.

Attendance Notes:

- Tonight's Game 6 crowd is 23,541. It's the highest Game 6 crowd since 24,874 in 2017.
- The 6-game total in 2019 is now 138,455 which is the most after 6 CWS games since 2013 (145,151). It is 19,667 ahead of last year after 6 games.
- This is the 39th straight year the CWS has attracted 100,000 or more fans.
- The Game 3 crowd of 22,704 pushed the 69-year Omaha total of CWS crowds over 10 million to 10,006,028.

Official Review Notes:

- There have been 11 official reviews so far in the 2019 CWS, with only one reversal ... The only overturn came in Game 2 when Michigan's Blake Nelson was initially called out on a pick-off attempt at first base ... Game 6 featured one review, a safe/out call in the top of the fourth inning. Last year there were 10 official reviews with only one call overturned (foul/fair call during Game 1 of CWS Finals).