



CWS Game 7 Notes: Louisville vs. Auburn Tuesday and Wednesday, June 18/19, 2019

Louisville 5, Auburn 3 – Attendance 14,481 – MCWS Total: 152,936; Avg. 21,848 – Time of Game: 3:47

Louisville (50-17, 1-1 CWS):

- Louisville is making its fifth overall appearance at the College World Series (2007, 2013, 2014, 2017, and 2019) and now holds a 3-9 mark in those outings after the win. All three of the Cardinals' CWS wins have been against SEC opponents.
- With the win, the Cardinals registered their sixth 50-win season in program history (all since 2010) and have won 32 of their last 33 NCAA tournament games when scoring at least five runs.
- Dan McDonnell led the Cardinals to 12 of their 13 NCAA tournament appearances, including all five of their CWS years. He currently sits with a 46-27 mark in the NCAA tournament.
- Six different Cardinals played in the 2017 CWS. Tyler Fitzgerald, Justin Lavey and Jake Snider each started a game, while Pat Rumoro served as a defensive replacement. Nick Bennett and Adam Elliott both made an appearance on the mound as well.
- Since Virginia won the National Championship in 2015, every ACC participant in the CWS has earned a victory in one or fewer games since then: North Carolina (1-2 in 2018), Florida State (1-2 in 2017 and 1-1 in 2019), Louisville (1-2 in 2017 and 1-1 in 2019) and Miami (0-2 in 2016).
- Tuesday's weather delay marked the third weather delay for Louisville this season (March 9 vs. Boston College and March 16 at Duke). The Cardinals were 2-0 in those previous matchups. Tuesday's delay was also the Cardinals' first NCAA tournament delay since June 4, 2016 against Ohio State in the Louisville regional.
- Louisville and Auburn had never met in the postseason prior to the game. In their only other two meetings Auburn held a 2-0 edge over the Cardinals. Both of those contests came during the 1995 season.
- The Cardinals are 5-2 this season against SEC teams. They beat Ole Miss and Kentucky twice as well as Auburn once before dropping both of their losses to Vanderbilt, including one last Sunday.
- Louisville is 36-8 when scoring the first run this season and 42-1 when leading after six innings.
- Louisville shifts to 6-10 in games when it's outlived by its opponent. This marked the first time the Cardinals achieved that feat since doing so against Notre Dame on May 5.
- Louisville's five runs scored are the most in a CWS game since it notched eight against Texas A&M on June 18, 2017.
- Auburn's second-inning run halted a 9.1 scoreless innings streak by Louisville starter Bobby Miller. The sophomore had not surrendered a run since June 2 against Indiana.
- Tyler Fitzgerald's home run in the top of the first marked the third time that a Louisville player had recorded a home run in the first inning of a CWS game. Logan Johnson had first-inning homers in back-to-back games against Mississippi State and North Carolina in 2007. Fitzgerald's long ball was his eighth of the season and his first since May 10 at Virginia.
- With that homer in the first, Fitzgerald shifted his season RBI total to a team-best 65, which is nine away from reaching Louisville's single-season top-10.
- Fitzgerald registered two hits against Auburn, marking the 29th time this season the junior achieved multiple hits in a contest.
- Danny Oriente finished 2-for-3 in the game and now has two hits in the CWS. He also extended his reached base safely streak to a team-leading nine games and tallied his 17th multi-hit game of the season.
- Jake Snider's two base on balls in the game gave him his third and fourth walk all-time at the CWS after notching one in 2017 and three in 2019.
- Snider touched home plate a team-high two times throughout the contest marking the 17th time this season the junior crossed home two or more times in a game.
- After his walk in the third, catcher Henry Davis has now registered a pair of singles, a walk and an RBI in two CWS appearances.
- Louisville's four-man pitching staff recorded 10 strikeouts throughout the contest marking the third time in program history the Cardinals registered 10 or more strikeouts in a CWS game (13 vs. Indiana on June 15, 2013 and 10 vs. Oregon State on June 17, 2013).
- Left-handed pitcher Michael Kirian gave up a solo home run in the ninth inning, which halted his 3.0 scoreless inning streak. That was also just the second long ball allowed by the sophomore in 32.0 innings pitched this season.
- Michael McAvene allowed a season-high five hits in his first appearance since he was ejected on June 2. He also allowed a run in back-to-back appearances for the first time this season.



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Auburn (38-28, 0-2 CWS):

- Auburn made its first CWS appearance of the century and fifth all-time (1967, 1976, 1994, 1997).
- Auburn is just the fourth athletic program all-time to win a bowl game and advance to both the Final Four and CWS in the same season. The other programs include Kansas (1992-93), Texas (2002-03) and Louisville (2012-13).
- The Tigers entered Tuesday 3-9 in CWS games with their last CWS win coming in 1997 (vs. Rice, 10-1).
- Auburn has now lost nine of its last 10 CWS games dating back to 1967.
- With the loss Auburn drops to 5-3 in the 2019 NCAA Tournament, outscoring its opponents 58-39.
- The Tigers are now 11-7 in the NCAA postseason under fourth-year head coach Butch Thompson, having advanced to the NCAA Tournament in three consecutive seasons for the first time since 2001-03.
- Meeting on the baseball diamond for the first time since 1995 and fourth all-time, Auburn had won all three of its previous matchups with Louisville.
- Junior first baseman Rankin Woley is making his second CWS appearance for two different teams after playing in the 2017 CWS for LSU. He also competed in the 2018 NJCAA World Series for Chattahoochee Valley Community College last year.
- Following a 32-minute weather delay (2:55 p.m. – 3:27 p.m. Tuesday, June 18), the game was halted for 19 hours and 39 minutes (3:27 p.m. Tuesday, June 18 – 11:06 a.m. Wednesday, June 19). It was Auburn's third weather-delayed game in 2019 and first contest where play had been suspended for a day. The Tigers are now 1-2 in games with a weather delay this season.
- Sophomore left-hander Bailey Horn made his third NCAA Tournament start and first CWS appearance.
- Freshman center fielder Kason Howell recorded his first CWS RBI in the bottom of the second, tying up the score at 1-1 with a groundout to second base. Sophomore third baseman Edouard Julien scored his second run of the 2019 CWS on the RBI groundout in the second.
- With his second-inning one-out single to center field Julien extended his reached base streak to 11, tying his season long.
- Junior shortstop Will Holland connected on his eighth hit of the NCAA Tournament and first of the CWS in the third on a two-out single to right field.
- Junior designated hitter Conor Davis became the first Auburn player to register multiple doubles in a single CWS game with his RBI double to right center in the seventh (Tigers' 13th CWS game). It was his second game of the NCAA Tournament with multiple doubles – Super Regional at North Carolina (June 8).
- Conor Davis recorded his second home run of the NCAA Tournament with his one-out solo shot in the ninth, marking the first time in his career he has had three extra-base hits in the same game. He becomes only the second player with three extra-base hits in a CWS game since the move to TD Ameritrade Park Omaha in 2011 (Adley Rutschman of Oregon State vs. North Carolina in game nine of the 2018 CWS). Davis posted a team-leading six extra-base hits in the NCAA postseason.
- With his two-out single in the seventh, freshman second baseman Ryan Bliss has recorded a hit in all but one NCAA Tournament game this season.
- Freshman right-handed pitcher Richard Fitts notched his first CWS strikeout, tossing three and 1/3 innings in relief with a pair of K's in his second CWS appearance.
- For the first time of the season Edouard Julien reached base in all four plate appearances, going 2-for-2 and being walked twice. Julien finishes Auburn's NCAA postseason run hitting .429 (12-for-28) for the tournament. He hit .667 in the Tigers' two CWS games, going 4-for-6.



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2019 College World Series Notes

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 84 teams to score five or more runs at TD Ameritrade Park Omaha (TDAPO), 74 of them have won, including a 4-0 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 seven games were all decided by two or fewer runs.
- There have been 41 total runs scored in the 2019 CWS, an average of 5.85 per game ... Tied for the 4th-fewest run total through seven games in CWS history ... The lowest total of runs per game for an entire CWS is 6.14 in 2013 (86 runs in 14 games).
- Of the 41 runs scored at the 2019 CWS, 16 of the runs have been produced via home runs (39 percent) ... Last year 33 of the 169 runs scored were via the long ball (19.5 percent).
- 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).

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.
- There have been an average of 9.39 strikeouts per 9 innings through the first seven games ... Teams have recorded a total of 129 strikeouts in 123.2 innings ... There have been 129 strikeouts compared to 105 total hits through Game 7 ... The highest 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)
- 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)

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 ... There have been 11 home runs hit through the first seven 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 the CWS moved to TDAPO (2011), there have been 102 home runs in 131 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.
- Louisville's Tyler Fitzgerald home run to give Cardinals the lead was the 3rd 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.
- 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.



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- 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 Westbrooks hit a leadoff homer vs. FSU's Richie Lewis.

Taking the Lead Notes:

- Teams to score in the first inning are 4-0 so far at the 2019 CWS.
- Teams to score first are 5-2 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 132 of the last 136 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 seven games of the 2019 CWS have hit a combined 7-for-46 (.152) with runners in scoring position. Winning teams aren't much better at 10-for-55 (.181).
- With Florida State's loss in Game 6, Mississippi State is the only team that is still unbeaten in the 2019 NCAA Tournament. The Bulldogs are 6-0.
- Game 7 finished at 1:05 p.m. Central on Wednesday after starting at 1:07 p.m. Central 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).



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Attendance Notes:

- The 7-game total in 2019 is now 152,936 which is 17,528 ahead of last year after 7 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 16 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).