



## CWS Game 9 Notes: Texas Tech vs. Florida State Wednesday, June 19, 2019

Texas Tech 4, Florida State 1 – Attendance 24,104 – MCWS Total: 192,505; Avg. 21,389 – Time of Game: 3:22

### Texas Tech (46-19, 2-1 CWS):

- Sophomore outfielder Gabe Holt returned to the leadoff spot in the batting order with a single to right field in the fifth inning. Holt injured his thumb against Oklahoma State in the Super Regionals.
- Wednesday's win against Florida State marks the first time Texas Tech has won multiple games at the College World Series.
- Texas Tech and Florida State have now met three times, splitting a two-game series in Tallahassee, Fla. in 2016. Wednesday marks the Red Raider's 11th CWS game and the first against an ACC school.
- Overall, Texas Tech is 39-30 in NCAA Tournament play and 4-7 at the CWS. Since 2014, under head coach Tim Tadlock, the Red Raiders are 26-14 in postseason action.
- Sophomore pitcher Bryce Bonnin made his second CWS appearance, but the first time with Texas Tech. Bonnin had one appearance out of the bullpen for Arkansas during the 2018 CWS. Over five innings, he threw 97 pitches marking his season high for total pitches in a game.
- Junior shortstop Josh Jung's second inning double was his sixth extra base hit and his 5th multi-hit game in the NCAA Tournament and has a hit in all nine NCAA Tournament games. Jung was the No. 8 pick by Texas Rangers in 2019 MLB Draft.
- A single in the fourth inning was sophomore Dylan Neuse's first hit in a CWS game, he has ten hits in 2019 postseason play.
- In the sixth inning, junior second baseman Brian Klein lifted a home run over the right field fence for his second home run of the CWS. Klein entered the CWS with one home run all season. This solo shot gave the Red Raiders a 2-1 lead and proved to be the eventual game winning run.
- The Red Raiders have homered 14 times this postseason, recording at least one home run in each of the nine NCAA postseason games this year. Cameron Warren leads the team with four of the 14 homers.
- Junior pitcher, Taylor Floyd has appeared in each of the three games of the 2019 CWS for the Red Raiders.
- Texas Tech's pitchers combined for 15 strikeouts to tie their NCAA postseason record. The Red Raiders also recorded 15 strikeouts during the Super Regionals against #9 Oklahoma State on June 8, 2019.
- Texas Tech is the 4th school to reach the Final Four in men's basketball and semifinals in the College World Series in the same year, joining North Carolina (2008), Texas (2003) and Houston (1967).
- As a team, Texas Tech has hit five home runs in this year's College World Series. The Red Raiders only recorded one homer in its first eight CWS games.

### Florida State (42-23, 1-2 CWS):

- Florida State is making its 23<sup>rd</sup> appearance in the CWS and 17<sup>th</sup> under head coach Mike Martin.
- Martin finishes career with 2,029 wins, the most by any coach in any NCAA sport. He reached the College World Series 17 times but never secured the elusive title.
- This is the third meeting between the FSU and Texas Tech, the teams split the regular season series 1-1
- Florida State threw a shutout in its first CWS game and was shut out in its second CWS game this season.
- Sophomore Conor Grady is making his CWS debut. Grady last threw against Georgia in the Athens Regional, tossing seven frames and allowing just one run.
- The Seminoles' three hits ties for the fewest in Florida State's 76 CWS games, and the first time during their 23 appearances it has occurred in back-to-back games.
- Florida State hit .125 (11-for-88) at the CWS with two runs in 27 innings. They finished 0-for-17 with runners in scoring position, the worst 0-fer in the College World Series since the NCAA Tournament expanded in 1999.
- Only one other team in the last 20 years has finished hitless with RISP in a single College World Series (Arkansas 0-14 in 2004).
- FSU only scored two runs in its three CWS games, tied with Northern Colorado in 1955 for the fewest in CWS history.
- Senior Mike Salvatore and freshmen Matheu Nelson each finished with three hits apiece, combining for more than half of the Seminoles' total in the 2019 CWS.
- Salvatore finished his career with a nine-game reached-base streak, reaching in all three CWS games. He and Nelson were the only two Seminoles to reach in all three games. Nelson extended his reached-base streak to 12 games.



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## 2019 College World Series Notes

### **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 7-2 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 Arkansas 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).
- 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. 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).
- 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).
- 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).
- The losing team in the first nine games of the 2019 CWS have hit a combined 9-for-69 (.130) with runners in scoring position. Winning teams aren't much better at 15-for-79 (.190).

### **Attendance Notes:**

- The 9-game total in 2019 is now 192,505 which is 21,892 ahead of last year after 8 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 8 and 9 did not have a review. Last year there were 10 official reviews with only one call overturned (foul/fair call during Game 1 of CWS Finals).



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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 85 teams to score five or more runs at TD Ameritrade Park Omaha (TDAPO), 75 of them have won, including a 5-0 mark this year ... Last year, five teams lost when scoring five or more runs.
- 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 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 12<sup>th</sup>. 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 55 total runs scored in the 2019 CWS, an average of 6.11 per game ... The lowest total of runs per game for an entire CWS is 6.14 in 2013 (86 runs in 14 games).
- Of the 55 runs scored at the 2019 CWS, 22 of the runs have been produced via home runs (40 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 3<sup>rd</sup> inning with one out ... There have been 15 home runs hit through the first nine games, including three in Game 8 ... 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 105 home runs in 132 games. Michigan's Jesse Franklin hit the 100<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Stephen Scott became the 61<sup>th</sup> player to hit multiple home runs in a CWS game, and joined LSU's Michael Papierski vs. Oregon State on June 24, 2017 and teammate Austin Martin vs. Louisville on June 16, 2019 (Game 3) as the only three men to do it in a CWS game at TD Ameritrade Park Omaha, when he launched two during Game 8 against Mississippi State ... 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 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 3<sup>rd</sup>, Texas' Elanis Westbrooks hit a leadoff homer vs. FSU's Richie Lewis.



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### **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 9.80 strikeouts per 9 innings through the first nine games ... Teams have recorded a total of 173 strikeouts in 159.2 innings ... There have been 173 strikeouts compared to 135 total hits through Game 8 ... 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).