

NCAA WOMEN'S COLLEGE WORLD SERIES

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ASA Hall of Fame Stadium

Oklahoma City, Okla.

POSTGAME NOTES

Championship Series Game 1: Oklahoma 4, Alabama 1

- No. 4 Oklahoma defeated No. 2 Alabama, 4-1, in the first game of the 2012 WCWS Championship Series. The Sooners are one win away from their second national championship (first was in 2000).
- OU and Alabama entered the game tied for the nation's longest active winning streak at 11 games. Nine of the Sooners' 12 wins during their streak have come in the postseason. OU has outscored its nine postseason opponents 62-10.
- OU junior pitcher Keilani Ricketts struck out 12 Alabama batters, her 26th game this season (fifth straight) of fanning at least 10. Ricketts has 52 strikeouts in OU's four WCWS games (28.0 innings pitched). The next highest total in this year's WCWS is 31 by Alabama's Jackie Traina (also 28.0 innings).
- With her 12 strikeouts tonight, Ricketts now has 445 this season. She needs just eight strikeouts to break her own OU single-season record of 452 set last year.
- Ricketts improved to 37-7 on the year, tying the school record for single-season victories. She shares the mark with Jennifer Stewart (2001) and Lauren Eckermann (2007).
- OU junior catcher Jessica Shults drove in a pair of runs tonight, increasing her WCWS total to a tournament-high four. She was 1-for-3 with a sac fly.
- The Sooners left a season-high 12 runners on base tonight. OU's previous season high was 11 runners stranded, which happened just two other times (both against Texas; May 5 and 6).
- Tonight marked OU's 16th game with at least 10 hits this season. OU is 16-0 in those contests.
- OU's Destinee Martinez has five hits in her last seven at bats. The sophomore went 2-for-4 at the plate tonight after going 3-for-3 in Sunday's win over Arizona State. She is batting a tournament-high-tying .500 in four WCWS games (7-for-14). Martinez also holds the team's longest current hitting streak at 15 games.
- With her fifth-inning run, OU freshman Lauren Chamberlain moved into fourth place on the school's single-season runs list with 65. The school record is 71 by Norrelle Dickson in 2007.
- The Sooners' six-game streak of hitting a home run came to an end tonight. They homered nine times in those six games.
- Alabama senior outfielder Jennifer Fenton went 2-for-4 at the plate tonight. Fenton has recorded a hit in five straight WCWS games (going back to last year) and in 14 straight games overall. She has reached base in 17 straight contests.
- Alabama sophomore pitcher Jackie Traina suffered just her third loss this season (40-3) and first since May 4 (4-1 to Florida). OU's 11 hits were the second most surrendered by Traina on the season and the most in 37 starts (gave up 13 to Georgia Tech on Feb. 17). Traina gave up just 10 total hits in Alabama's three WCWS games prior to tonight (21.0 innings pitched).
- Tonight's attendance of 8,197 set a WCWS Session 8 record. The previous Session 8 standard of 7,447 was set last year (Arizona State vs. Florida). This year's total attendance figure is 60,771, good for an average of 8,682 per session. The record for per-session attendance is 7,515, set last year.