

NCAA WOMEN'S COLLEGE WORLD SERIES

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ASA Hall of Fame Stadium

Oklahoma City, Okla.

POSTGAME NOTES

Championship Series Game 2: Alabama 8, Oklahoma 6

- No. 2 Alabama gave up five runs in the seventh inning but held on to defeat No. 4 Oklahoma 8-6 to force Game 3 of the WCWS Championship Series on Wednesday at 7 p.m. CT.
- Alabama snapped OU's 12-game winning streak to even the series at 1-1. The Crimson Tide will play for its first ever national championship tomorrow while OU looks to win its second overall and first since 2000.
- This year marks just the third time since the best-of-three format began in 2005 that the Championship Series has gone to Game 3. The series also came down to the final game in both in 2005 and 2007.
- With the win, Alabama improved to 59-8. The 59 wins are the third most in school history (record is 66 in 2000).
- The teams combined for 14 runs tonight, a 2012 WCWS high. The previous high was nine runs scored when Cal beat Oregon 6-3 in Game 10 on Saturday.
- Alabama's eight runs represented its biggest scoring output of the postseason. Its previous high was six in a shutout of South Alabama to win the Tuscaloosa Regional on May 20. Tonight was the 27th time this season that the Crimson Tide has scored eight or more runs.
- Alabama sophomore pitcher Jackie Traina won her NCAA-leading 41st game of the year despite giving up six earned runs on nine hits. At the plate tonight, Traina went 2-for-4 with three RBI. Her bases-loaded double in the second inning drove in the Tide's second, third and fourth runs. She has five hits in the last three games.
- Kaila Hunt's fourth-inning single gave her 77 RBI on the year, two shy of the Alabama single-season record.
- Alabama's eight runs tonight were the second most given up by the Sooners all season (Texas beat OU 12-5 on May 6).
- Jessica Shults hit an RBI single in the first inning and a three-run homer in the seventh to bring her WCWS RBI total to a tournament-high eight. Alabama's Traina ranks second with five RBI.
- Oklahoma sophomore outfielder Destinee Martinez' triple in the seventh inning was just the second three-bagger in OU WCWS history. The first was by Keilani Ricketts against South Florida in Game 1 of this year's event. Martinez went 2-for-3 at the plate tonight to extend her hitting streak to 16 games. She is batting a WCWS-best .529 in five games (9-for-17). She is 7-for-10 in the last three contests.
- Tonight marked OU's 49th game this season with at least seven hits. The Sooners are 46-3 in those outings.
- For the first time during the 2012 WCWS, OU pitcher Keilani Ricketts failed to strike out at least 10 batters. In her 3.1 innings of work, Ricketts tallied five strikeouts to up her postseason total to 106 in 62.1 total innings. She leads this year's WCWS with 57 strikeouts (Traina ranks second with 39). Ricketts gave up six runs on six hits tonight, but only two were earned. She issued just one walk but hit five batters in falling to 37-8.
- Tonight's attendance of 8,385 set a WCWS Session 9 record. The previous Session 9 standard of 6,314 was set last year (Arizona State vs. Florida). This year's eight-session total attendance figure (there was no Session 7) is a WCWS-record 69,156, surpassing the previous mark of 67,631 set last year in a total of nine sessions. This year's per-session attendance average is 8,645, well ahead of last year's record of 7,515.