

NCAA WOMEN'S COLLEGE WORLD SERIES

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ASA Hall of Fame Stadium

Oklahoma City, Okla.

POSTGAME NOTES

Championship Series Game 3: Alabama 5, Oklahoma 4

- No. 2 Alabama (60-8) defeated No. 4 Oklahoma (54-10) 5-4 in Game 3 of the 2012 Women's College World Series championship series to win its first ever national title.
- With the win, Alabama became the first Southeastern Conference team to win the NCAA Division I Softball Championship. Alabama is the third SEC team to advance to the championship series. Florida lost in the championship series in both 2009 and 2011, while Tennessee lost in 2007.
- Alabama is the first team outside of the Pac-12 to win the title since 2005 when Michigan earned the crown.
- Since the championship series format began in 2005, Game 3 has only been forced three times (2005, 2007 and 2012). In all three of those years, the team that lost Game 1 rebounded to win the next two (Michigan, Arizona and Alabama).
- Alabama's 60 wins rank as the third most in school history. The Crimson Tide won a record 66 games in 2000 and 63 games in 2005.
- With her six strikeouts tonight, WCWS Most Outstanding Player Jackie Traina moved into sole possession of the Alabama single-season strikeouts record with 361. Traina entered the game tied with Kelsi Dunne, who struck out 355 batters in 2010.
- In addition to improving to 42-3 on the year, Traina went 1-for-3 at the plate with an RBI-single in the fifth inning. She finished the tournament with a .400 average (6-for-15) with one home run and six RBI (third most in the event).
- Oklahoma junior pitcher Keilani Ricketts added seven strikeouts to her 2012 WCWS total, finishing this year's event with a tournament-high 64. That figure is tied with former Arizona ace Alicia Hollowell (2006) for third most in a single WCWS.
- With the seven strikeouts, Ricketts broke her own OU single-season strikeout record with a total of 457 this year. She held the previous record of 452 (set last year).
- Ricketts threw a WCWS single-game-high four wild pitches in tonight's game. The previous record was three (set five separate times, including by Ricketts Monday against Alabama).
- With its three home runs tonight (one from Ricketts and two from freshman Lauren Chamberlain), Oklahoma extended its nation-leading homer total to 102. OU is just the 17th team in NCAA history to hit 100-plus home runs in one season.
- Chamberlain's two home runs upped her season total to 30, tied for fifth most in NCAA Division I single-season history. The 30 homers are the second most in a season by a freshman in NCAA history.
- Alabama has won four national titles in the last five months. The Crimson Tide also won the national championship in football (Jan. 9), women's gymnastics (April 21) and women's golf (May 25).
- This year's nine-session total attendance figure set a WCWS-record of 75,960, surpassing the previous mark of 67,631 set last year in the same number of sessions. This year's per-session attendance average was 8,440, well ahead of last year's previous record of 7,515.