

NCAA WOMEN'S COLLEGE WORLD SERIES

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ASA Hall of Fame Stadium

Oklahoma City, Okla.

POSTGAME NOTES

Game 11: Oklahoma 5, Arizona State 3

- No. 4 seed Oklahoma defeated No. 3 seed Arizona State 5-3 to advance to the best-of-three WCWS championship series. Starting Monday at 7 p.m. CT, Oklahoma will play the winner of today's No. 1 seed Cal vs. No. 2 seed Alabama game.
- OU improved to 53-8 overall and 10-10 all-time in the WCWS. This is the second time the Sooners have advanced to the WCWS finals (beat UCLA in the 2000 championship game).
- Oklahoma has now won an NCAA-leading 11 straight games. Alabama has won 10 straight heading into this afternoon's game against Cal.
- The Sooners have outscored their opponents 58-9 this postseason en route to an 8-0 record. ASU's three runs today tied as the most given up by OU this postseason. Lehigh also scored three runs against OU in its 19-3 loss to the Sooners on May 18 in first-round NCAA regional play.
- Keilani Ricketts tallied 13 strikeouts in the win and improved to 36-7 on the season. The USA Softball Player of the Year has now struck out at least 10 batters in four straight games and in 25 overall outings this season.
- Ricketts has struck out 84 batters in 52.0 innings this postseason, including 40 in 21.0 innings of WCWS work.
- With her 13 strikeouts today, Ricketts moved into second place on the Big 12 Conference career list with 1,231. She passed Amanda Renfro of Texas Tech, who had 1,226 strikeouts from 1998-2001. Ricketts trails only Cat Osterman, who recorded 2,265 strikeouts for Texas in 2002-03 and 2005-06.
- OU senior Katie Norris hit a solo home run in the second inning to account for the Sooners' first run of the game. The homer upped OU's season total to a nation-best 98. It was Norris' fifth home run of the year, but her third in eight postseason games.
- OU sophomore outfielder Destinee Martinez recorded three singles in her three plate appearances. She is batting .500 in the WCWS (5-for-10) and .444 in the postseason (12-for-27). Junior catcher Jessica Shults went 2-for-3 with two RBI to increase her postseason batting average to .545 (12-for-22).
- OU scored four runs in the third inning to take a 5-2 lead. The Sooners have erupted for at least four runs in an inning in nine of their last 13 games.
- Arizona State finished the season 53-11 overall and fell to 18-16 all-time in the WCWS.
- ASU scored three earned runs against Ricketts, who had not surrendered an earned run in the 40 innings prior to today's game. First baseman Annie Lockwood belted a two-out double in the top of the first to plate the Sun Devils' first two runs.
- ASU sophomore pitcher Dallas Escobedo suffered just her third career postseason loss. She dropped to 14-3 in her career in postseason play. The sophomore finished the year with a 24-8 record.