

Men's College World Series Notes – Game 15: Championship Finals, Game 2 – June 25, 2012
Arizona 4, South Carolina 1 Time of Game: 3:00

Attendance: 23,872 (2012 MCWS Total: 326,734; Avg. 21,782) (2011 MCWS Total: 321,684)

Overall:

- *-Arizona took game one of the Championships Finals 5-1 on Sunday.
- *-Since the Championship Finals (best-of-three) were installed in 2003, the team to win game one is now 8-2. Oregon State (2006) and Fresno State (2008) are the only two teams to come back from an 0-1 deficit.
- *-The last 36 Men's College World Series (MCWS) games have now seen the losing team score four runs or less (dating back to June 24, 2010). That streak is easily the longest in NCAA history, surpassing the previous long streak of 24 consecutive games set from June 10, 1954-June 14, 1955, and then matched from June 13, 1973-June 8, 1975.
- *-This was the third meeting between a team from the Pac-12 and a team from the SEC in the championship game/series. The SEC had taken both previous matchups, as LSU defeated Stanford in 2000 and South Carolina downed UCLA in 2010.
- *-The 2012 Championship Finals marked just the third time since 2002 that the two teams in the championship game/series had each previously won a national title. The only other times were in 2004, when Cal State Fullerton (won fourth title) defeated Texas (five titles), and in 2009, when LSU (won sixth title) also triumphed over Texas (six titles).
- *-The Men's College World Series (MCWS) Championship Finals are the first-ever meetings between South Carolina and Arizona. The last time the two teams in the Championship Finals had never met before was in 2008 (Fresno State and Georgia).
- *-Arizona has 16 complete games this season, including eight over its past 19 contests. South Carolina, meanwhile, has had just one, by Michael Roth against Kent State on June 20.
- *-In the 2012 MCWS, the team that scores first is 12-3. However, the three comeback victories all belong to South Carolina.
- *-The Wildcats outscored their opponents 20-2 in innings 1-4 at this year's MCWS. South Carolina, on the other hand, was outscored 11-6 over those innings in Omaha.
- *-With Arizona's win tonight, it marks the third consecutive year that the MCWS Championship Finals ended in a sweep.
- *-The last six extra-inning games in the MCWS have been won by the eventual national champion: LSU (2009 – 1 game), South Carolina (2010 – 2 games; 2011 – 2 games) and Arizona (2012 -1 game).
- *-The combined batting average of all teams, .234, was the lowest by a MCWS field since 1974 (.227).

Arizona (48-17):

*-This is Arizona's 18th national title in school history and fourth in baseball (also 1976, 1980 and 1986). Arizona has also won national titles in softball (8), men's basketball (1), men's golf (1), women's golf (2), men's swimming & diving (1) and women's swimming & diving (1).

*-Arizona's four national titles rank fifth all-time among Division I baseball programs, tying Cal State Fullerton and Miami (FL). Only Southern California (12), LSU (6), Texas (6) and Arizona State (5) have won more titles than the Wildcats.

*-Arizona's MCWS title is the 16th for the Pac-12 Conference, a total which leads all conferences, and the first since Oregon State won in 2007.

*-Arizona has won 11 consecutive games and 18 of its last 20.

*-Arizona closed the MCWS with a team ERA of 1.13 over five games (eight runs in 48 innings). During the 2012 NCAA Tournament, the Wildcats allowed 20 earned runs in 94.0 innings for a 1.91 ERA.

*-Head coach Andy Lopez became only the second coach to win a Division I baseball national title at two different schools (Pepperdine, 1992). Augie Garrido is the only other coach to accomplish the feat, winning with Cal State Fullerton in 1979, 1984 and 1995 and with Texas in 2002 and 2005.

*-Lopez set an all-time record for most years between national championships. It has been 20 years since he led Pepperdine to the title in 1992. Augie Garrido had held the mark, going 11 years between titles with Cal State Fullerton (1984 and 1995).

*-Lopez has led two of the top four all-time team ERAs by NCAA champions (ERA in MCWS games only). California (1957 – 0.60), South Carolina (2011 – 0.88), Pepperdine (1992 – 1.00) and Arizona (2012 – 1.13) are the top four, in order.

*-Arizona became the 14th different team and ninth different school to win a national title without losing a game in the NCAA Tournament. The others to accomplish the feat are California (1947), Texas (1949), Oklahoma (1951), Southern California (1973, 1978), Miami (FL) (1982, 1999, 2001), LSU (1991, 1996, 2000), Cal State Fullerton (1995) and South Carolina (2011).

*-Arizona never trailed in the 2012 MCWS. Arizona became just the third team in history to never trail at any point during a Men's College World Series en route to a national title. The only other teams to accomplish the feat are Texas in 1949 (three games) and LSU in 1991 (four games).

*-Arizona has won national titles in four straight Championship Finals appearances (1976, 1980, 1984, 2012). The Wildcats had fallen in their first three appearances in the final game (1956, 1959, 1963). The four-year win streak in the MCWS championship game/series is the third-longest in NCAA history, behind only Southern California, which won in nine straight finals appearances from 1961-78, and LSU, which won in six straight from 1991-2009.

*-With three sac bunts on Monday, Arizona finished with 20 during this year's NCAA Tournament. Arizona's opponents had zero.

*-Behind 7.2 innings from Farris, Arizona became just the fifth national champion in Division I baseball history—and first since 1957—to get at least 7.1 innings from its starter in every game of the MCWS that season. The only other teams to accomplish the feat were Oklahoma in 1951 (four games), Holy Cross in 1952 (seven), Michigan in 1953 (five) and California in 1957 (five).

*-Arizona starters have gone at least 7.1 innings in every game of the 2012 NCAA Tournament, averaging 8.50 innings per start through Sunday's game. No team has made it to the MCWS and had its starter go at least 7.0 innings in every game during the NCAA Tournament since at least the 1993 season.

*-Arizona tossed five complete games in the 2012 NCAA Tournament, the highest total by any school since Cal State Fullerton had six in 2004 (three by Jason Windsor and one each by Mike Martinez, Ricky Romero and Scott Sarver).

*-Arizona is outscoring its opponents 47-12 in two-out RBI over the past 20 games.

*-Arizona is 22-5 in 2012 when scoring in the first inning and 28-6 when scoring first.

*-Robert Refsnyder was 10-for-21 (.476) with two homers, five RBI and six runs scored in the 2012 MCWS.

*-Arizona collected win No. 48 this season, something only the 1986 (49-19), 1976 (56-17), 1974 (58-6) and 1956 (49-8) Wildcat teams have achieved.

*-Arizona tied a championship-game record by allowing just three hits in the game. Five other teams have accomplished the feat, the last coming in 1993 (LSU against Wichita State).

*-Starter James Farris has walked two batters or fewer in all but one start this year. He has walked just 20 in 106.2 innings this season.

*-Farris made the first MCWS start of his career in the game. He was trying to become the first pitcher to earn a championship-clinching victory in his first career MCWS start was Georgia freshman Stan Payne in 1990. That year, the Bulldogs got two complete games each from Dave Fleming and Mike Rebhan in their first four contests before turning to Payne for the final game against Oklahoma State. Payne delivered with 6.0 innings of one-run ball with six strikeouts to lead Georgia to a 2-1 triumph and the national title.

*-The first hit allowed by Farris came with two outs in the bottom of the fourth, a single by LB Dantzler.

*-Refsnyder's fourth-inning single extended his reached base streak to 39 games.

*-Troupe has allowed just one earned run over his past 13.2 innings (0.66 ERA), fanning 14 batters over that stretch.

*-Trent Gilbert's three RBI tied a career best. His only other three-RBI game came on March 2 against Harvard.

*-Brandon Dixon's double in the ninth was just the second extra-base hit allowed by Price during his MCWS career.

South Carolina (49-20):

- *-South Carolina posted a .181 batting average (33-for-181) over the past six games, during which the team scored just 12 runs.
- *-South Carolina is the first team to play in the championship game/series in three straight years since Texas from 1983-85. The Longhorns won the title in 1983 and then finished runner-up in '84 (to Cal State Fullerton) and '85 (to Miami).
- *-South Carolina allowed a run or less in five separate games during the 2012 NCAA Tournament. Only three teams have ever held an opponent to a run or fewer six different times during one tournament: Cal State Fullerton in 2004 (six games), Miami (FL) in 1974 (six) and Arizona State in 1972 (seven).
- *-Michael Roth made his eighth career MCWS start, setting a new all-time record. Roth had been tied with J.D. Arteaga of Miami (FL) (seven starts) for the top spot on that list. He also has the record for three starts in the MCWS Championship Finals.
- *-Roth started on three-days rest for the third time in his career. Both his previous outings were in the MCWS Championship Finals. In 2010, Roth lasted five innings allowing one run on six hits and two walks in a no-decision against UCLA (June 29, 2010). Last year, Roth earned a win against Florida, allowing two runs on five hits and two walks (June 28, 2011).
- *-Prior to the intentional walk in seventh, Roth had not issued a free pass in 18.2 innings.
- *-Joseph Maggi's double in the third broke a string of 28 consecutive batters retired by Roth over two games. Ironically, Roth had actually recorded 29 consecutive outs as the streak started with a double play on June 21 against Kent State to end the second inning.
- *-Roth has a string of eight consecutive quality starts (6.0 innings or more, three earned runs or less). He has gone at least 6.0 innings in 19 of 20 starts this season. Tonight, Roth allowed one run on three hits and one walk in 6.2 innings.
- *-Roth extended his record to 60.1 career innings pitched at the MCWS. He has four victories (4-0) to his credit, second only to teammate Matt Price's five in MCWS history. Roth made his 10th career appearance, fourth-most all-time.
- *-Roth's career ERA of 1.49 is the fifth lowest among all pitchers with at least 30.0 career IP at the MCWS. Roth also holds the career MCWS mark for hit batsmen with seven.
- *-Roth became the first player to start in the championship game of an MCWS in three different years. Jim Withers of Southern California (1960, 1961) is the only other player to even start in two.
- *-Matt Price tied the MCWS career appearance record when he entered in the top of the seventh. He has now made 13 appearances in the MCWS, tying Texas' J. Brent Cox (2003-04-05).
- *-Price's 20.1-inning scoreless streak at the MCWS was snapped in the ninth. He has allowed just four earned runs in 26.1 career innings (1.35 ERA) in Omaha. Monday marked just the second time all season Price allowed more than one earned run in a relief outing. The other time came at Arkansas on May 6 (3.2 IP, 7 ER).
- *-Tyler Webb has not allowed a run in 21.2 career innings in the NCAA Tournament. He has allowed just nine hits over that span (.125 opponent average).
- *-Christian Walker tied Dustin Ackley of North Carolina for the MCWS record with 28 career hits. Walker also tied Garrett Gore and Chad Flack of North Carolina for the MCWS at-bats record with 73 in his career.
- *-Walker's two walks tied the single MCWS record of eight (accomplished by 10 different players). For his career, Walker has drawn 13 free passes and struck out just four times in Omaha.
- *-The 12 putouts for Walker in the game give him 73 in Omaha this year, third most in a single MCWS. Bill Rowe holds the record with 87 for Oregon State in 2006; second is Tim Wallach of Cal State Fullerton in 1979 with 79.
- *-Kyle Martin's game-tying RBI in the bottom of the seventh inning was his first run batted in of the 2012 NCAA Tournament. He had not driven in a run since May 9 against Furman.
- *-Evan Marzilli's 71 career MCWS at bats are fourth most all-time, while his six doubles rank fourth.

2012 MEN'S COLLEGE WORLD SERIES ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

POSITION	PLAYER, TEAM
Catcher	Riley Moore, Arizona
First Base	Christian Walker, South Carolina
Second Base	Devon Travis, Florida State
Third Base	Sherman Johnson, Florida State
Shortstop	Alex Mejia, Arizona
Outfield	Evan Marzilli, South Carolina
Outfield	Joey Rickard, Arizona
Outfield	Robert Refsnyder, Arizona
Designated Hitter	Bobby Brown, Arizona
Pitcher	Michael Roth, South Carolina
Pitcher	Konner Wade, Arizona

MOST OUTSTANDING PLAYER

Robert Refsnyder, Arizona