**Men’s College World Series Notes – Game 1 – June 15, 2012**

**Mississippi State 5, Oregon State 4 Attendance: 24,473 (MCWS Total: 24,473; Avg. 24,473) Time of Game: 3:10**

*Mississippi State faces the winner of tonight’s Louisville/Indiana game Monday at 7 p.m. (central)
Oregon State faces the loser of tonight’s Louisville/Indiana game Monday at 2 p.m. (central)*

 **General:**

* Game One attendance of 24,473 (sell out) is the largest opening day game crowd at TDAPO and is the eighth largest in the park’s three-year history.
* Today’s game between Mississippi State and Oregon State is the first meeting between the two schools … Both schools are returning to the College World Series for the first time since 2007.
* MSU holds a 17-18 all-time record vs. current Pac 12 members … Last time the Bulldogs faced a Pac 12 member in the CWS was on June 2, 1998, falling to Southern Cal 7-1.
* OSU is 18-16 all-time vs. current SEC members … Last time the Beavers faced a SEC school in the CWS was on June 9, 2006, topping Georgia 5-3.
* With MSU’s 5-4 win, teams that lead after eight innings at TDAPO are 25-0 and have won 41 straight since June 22, 2009, including at Rosenblatt Stadium.
* Visiting teams in the CWS are 14-16 all-time in TDAPO.
* Today's game featured three lead changes, a CWS record at TD Ameritrade Park.

**Mississippi State:**

* MSU is making its ninth appearance in the College World Series (1971, ‘79, ‘81, ‘85, ‘90, ‘97, ‘98 and 2007), where it owns an 8-16 combined record.
* The Bulldogs snapped a four-game CWS losing streak with their 5-4 victory over OSU … MSU has won at least one game in seven of its nine CWS appearances.
* State is 9-2 in postseason competition in 2013 (3-1/SEC, 3-1/Starkville Regional, 2-0/Charlottesville Super Regional).
* MSU is 15-13 vs. Top-25 teams in 2013; 5-8 vs. Top-10 teams.
* The Bulldogs turned one double play on the afternoon (seventh inning), extending their single-season school record to 77 twin-killings … They have turned 14 double plays in the last 11 games … Entering the CWS they ranked fourth in the nation … A year ago MSU led the nation with 71 DPs.
* Today marks the first time MSU has come from behind to take the lead twice in the same game to win … On Apr. 10 vs. Auburn, the Bulldogs trailed twice and rallied for a 6-3 victory, but their first comeback in that contest only tied the game at one-all.
* MSU improved to 3-15 this season when trailing after seven innings.
* Head Coach John Cohen owns a 175-129 record as the Bulldogs’ skipper (five seasons) … He has appeared in 11 NCAA Tournaments – three as a MSU player (1988-90) and eight more as a coach at four different schools (1996 graduate assistant at Missouri, 2002-03 as an assistant at Florida, 2006 and 2008 as a head coach at Kentucky, and 2011-13 as head coach at Missouri).
* Adam Frazier set the single-season school record for hits (104) with his infield single in the fifth inning … He tied the record with a leadoff double to start the game … Record was set by Brian Wiese in 1998 in Rosenblatt Stadium at the CWS (vs. LSU on June 1) … Frazier has a team-best 14 hits in NCAA play this season … He has 34 multi-hit games to lead the club after a 2-for-4 performance on Saturday … Has reached base in 19-straight games dating back to May 5 (vs. Alabama) … Recorded at least one hit in 55 of 67 games.
* Wes Rea recorded his 14th multi-hit game of the season with a pair of doubles on the day … Collected his 13th multi-RBI game with a two-RBI double to right center in the eighth inning, which was his sixth game-winning RBI of the year tying Brett Pirtle for the team lead.
* Kendall Graveman made his fourth NCAA Tournament career start (1 in 2012; 3 in 2013) … His 4.2 innings against OSU was an NCAA Tournament low in 2013 … In four NCAA games he owns a 2-0 record working 19.2 innings and allowing 12 runs (nine earned) on 20 hits with 15 strikeouts.
* Brett Pirtle reached base for the 40th-straight game after being hit by a pitch to start the second inning (breakdown: 31 by hit, 5 by walk, 4 hit by pitch).
* Demarcus Henderson extended his current hit streak to a season-high five games with an RBI single to right in the second inning.
* Hunter Renfroe reached on an infield single in the seventh inning to extend his current hit streak to eight games … He has now registered at least one hit in 50 of 62 games.
* Ross Mitchell improved to 13-0 on the season out of the Bulldogs bullpen tossing 2 2/3 scoreless innings scattering three hits … He has appeared in 32 games (tied for sixth on single-season charts) working 88.1 total innings with 44 strikeouts and 27 walks.
* Jonathan Holder notched his SEC and team leading 19th save of the year, which extended his single-season school record … Holder now has 28 career saves, which is one shy of tying the MSU all-time record held by Van Johnson (1995-98) … Holder allowed just one hit in 1 2/3 innings of relief with three strikeouts … It’s the 18th time this season he has fanned at least three batters in an outing.

**Oregon State:**

* OSU is making its fifth MCWS appearance in school history and first since winning back-to-back titles in 2006 and 2007.
* Prior to Saturday’s attendance of 24,473, the Beavers’ best-attended game was at Oregon on May 18, which drew a crowd of 3,892.
* The Beavers are now 11-7 all-time in Omaha and 11-5 under head coach Pat Casey.
* Saturday’s loss ends Oregon State’s seven-game win streak in Omaha. The Beavers last lost on June 24, 2006, in the first game of the championship series versus North Carolina. OSU also lost its opening CWS game to Miami that year before coming back to win the tournament.
* Andy Peterson’s second-inning sac bunt was his 19th on the year, moving him into a tie for sixth in the NCAA.
* Tyler Smith and Michael Conforto extended their team-leading runs scored with 47 each.
* Conforto becomes the third player to have four hits in a CWS game at TDAPO. (The last was North Carolina’s Ben Bunting in 2011). … Conforto ties his single-game career high (April 15, 2012 against Arkansas-Pine Bluff). … He reached base five times on Saturday.
* Kavin Keyes’ triple in the fourth was his second and OSU’s 11th on the season.
* Starting pitcher Andrew Moore’s four earned runs are a career high, and today’s game was only his second no-decision of the season.
* Oregon State’s hits leader Dylan Davis was 0-for-5 on Saturday, his first time going 0-for-5 since April 22.
* OSU is now 37-6 when scoring first and 42-4 when leading after seven innings.