



## CWS Finals Game 1 Notes: Virginia vs. Vanderbilt

### Monday, June 22, 2015

**Vanderbilt 5, Virginia 1 – Attendance 21,652 (MCWS Total: 311,044; Avg. 22,217) – Time of Game: 3:31**

*Vanderbilt leads CWS Finals, 1-0 and will play Virginia again Tuesday, June 23 at 7 p.m. (central)*

#### **Vanderbilt (51-19):**

- Vanderbilt moved one game closer to becoming the seventh school to win back-to-back College World Series titles and the third to do so in the last 10 years (Oregon State/2006-07, South Carolina/2010-11) ... Two of the last three teams to win consecutive titles have hailed from the SEC (LSU/1996-07, South Carolina/2010-11) ...
- The Commodores have won three NCAA Championships in their athletics history with the most recent coming in 2015 with women's tennis ... Others were women's bowling (2007) and Baseball (2014) ...
- Vanderbilt owns an 11-4 all-time record in the CWS, including a 4-0 mark in 2015 ... Posted a 2-2 mark in Omaha back in 2011 and 5-2 in 2014 ...
- The Commodores have made 10-straight NCAA Tournament appearances and 11 under head coach Tim Corbin, who is in his 13th year as the skipper ... Sports a 46-19 record in 14 NCAA Tournament appearances ...
- Prior to Corbin's arrival in Nashville, Vanderbilt had never recorded a 40-win season ... Corbin has led the Commodores to eight 40-win campaigns ... He has guided Vandy to three-straight 50-win seasons (54 in 2013, 51 in 2014 and 51 in 2015) ...
- Vandy has registered 36 NCAA Tournament wins since 2000, tying South Carolina ... Virginia is third on the list with 32 ...
- The Commodores have outscored their opponents 70-12 in eight NCAA Tournament games (+58) and has recorded three shutouts ...
- Vanderbilt is the fifth team to start 2-0 at the College World Series despite scoring five or fewer runs in the first two games ... Four of the five reached the championship game (Arizona State/1972/3 runs/runner-up; UCLA/2013/4 runs/won title; Virginia/2014/5 runs/runner-up; St. John's/1968/5 runs/2-2 in CWS) ...
- Vanderbilt's bullpen allowed its first run in 22.0 innings when Jack Gerstenmaier singled home Kenny Towns in the ninth inning with one out ...
- Dansby Swanson is the 10th No. 1 overall Major League Baseball Draft pick to appear in the CWS and first since Pat Burrell, who was the top selection in the 1998 Draft by the Philadelphia Phillies out of Miami (Fla.) ... Others: Rick Monday/1965, Floyd Bannister/1976, Bob Horner/1978, Ben McDonald/1989, Phil Nevin/1992, Paul Wilson/1994, Kris Benson/1996 and Matt Anderson/1997 ...
- Carson Fulmer picked up his nation-leading 14th win after tossing 7.2 innings of two-hit shutout ball with eight strikeouts and two walks ... Tied Tyler Beede (2013) for the most wins in a single season ... Tonight's game marked his 20th consecutive start going five-plus innings (had 10 saves in 2014) ... Longest outing since tossing consecutive complete games on May 7 (vs. Florida/Shutout) and May 14 (at Alabama) ... Fulmer (2014-15) is the first pitcher since Southern Cal's Jim Withers (1960-61) to start consecutive CWS Final games ... Has allowed two or fewer hits in five of 19 starts including tonight ...
- Seven of Vandy's starting nine recorded a hit ...
- Bryan Reynolds recorded his 27th multi-hit game going 2-for-3 with a walk ... Extended hit streak to nine games and on-base streak to 13 with an infield single in the second ... Also reached scored a run in the sixth inning ...
- Will Toffey's two-RBI double in the sixth inning broke a scoreless tie ... It was Toffey's 10 multi-RBI game of the season ...
- Zander Wiel extended his hit streak (5) and on-base streaks (9) with an infield single in the sixth inning ... Finished 1-for-3 with a run scored ...
- Ro Coleman's first hit of the 2015 CWS was an RBI single in the seventh ... Scored his second run of the CWS in the seventh frame ...
- Swanson collected his team-leading 28th multi-hit game of the season with an RBI double down the right field line in the seventh that scored Coleman ... The RBI was his first of this years CWS ...
- Commodores improve to 43-3 when leading after 8 innings this season ...
- In four CWS games, Vandy has recorded 11 two-out hits which have led to six two-out runs ...



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#### Virginia (42-24):

- Virginia is participating in its fourth College World Series (2009, 2011, 2014-15) and its second-straight CWS Finals ... Last year the Cavaliers lost to Vanderbilt in the three-game finals (L/9-8, W/7-2, L/3-2) ...
- The CWS Finals is a rematch from last year marking only the third rematch in CWS history (2006-07, Oregon St. vs. North Carolina; 1972-73, Southern California vs. Arizona St.). Oregon St. and USC both repeated ...
- UVa has claimed 22 NCAA Championships in its athletics history with the most recent coming in 2015 when the men's tennis program claimed its second title in three year ... In all, the Cavaliers have won titles in men's soccer (7), men's lacrosse (5), women's lacrosse (3), women's cross country (2), rowing (2), men's tennis (2) and boxing (1) ...
- The Cavaliers have completed in 15 NCAA Tournaments, including the last 12 posting a 50-34 all-time record including 38-18 over the last seven seasons ...
- Under Brian O'Connor (since 2004), UVa is 44-28 in the NCAA Tourney and owns six regional championships – all in the last seven seasons (2009-11, 2013-15) – and four super regional titles ...
- Virginia is 10-8 all-time in CWS games (1-2 in 2009, 2-2 in 2011, 4-2 in 2014, 3-2 in 2015) ...
- The Cavaliers are the seventh team from the Atlantic Coast Conference to reach the CWS Finals ... Wake Forest won the national championship in 1955, but no ACC team has won the title since ... Runners-up included Georgia Tech/1994, Florida St./1999, North Carolina/2006 & 2007, and UVa/2014 ...
- UVa played its ninth consecutive CWS game against an SEC opponent: Ole Miss and Vanderbilt (3 CWS Finals games) in 2014; Arkansas (Game 1), Florida (Game 6, 11 and 13) and Vanderbilt (Games of the CWS Finals) in 2015 ...
- Virginia owns an 8-2 record in the 2015 NCAA Tournament (3-0 in the Lake Elsinore Regional, 2-0 in the Charlottesville Super Regional, 3-2 at the College World Series) ... Six of the eight wins have been the come-from-behind variety ...
- The Cavaliers continue to get the job done late in the game having won seven of its eight postseason games in which the winning run scored in the seventh inning or later ... Has scored 35 of its 50 run in the NCAA Tournament after the fifth inning ... Six of their eight tourney wins have been by two runs or fewer ...
- Virginia has never lost two-straight CWS contests in their 17-games in Omaha ...
- The Cavaliers 42 wins are the fewest by a team playing in the CWS Finals since 1998 when Arizona State had 41 victories ...
- Connor Jones (7-3) suffered his first loss since April 11 at Ga. Tech ... He worked 6.1 innings allowing four runs (all earned) on seven hits with a pair of walks and six strikeouts ... Worked into the sixth inning in each of his last nine starts, with eight of the nine games coming against teams that advanced to the NCAA Tournament ...
- Kevin Doherty appeared in his 23rd game out of the bullpen allowing a run (earned) on two hits in two-thirds of an inning ... Was 1-for-3 at the plate ...
- Kenny Towns extended current hit streak to eight games with a single in the ninth inning ... Extended school records in NCAA Tourney play in games (30) and hits (35) ... Also owns records for RBI (27) and doubles (9) ...
- Jack Gerstenmaier's RBI pinch-hit single plated Virginia's only run scoring Towns from second ...
- Virginia was shut out for the fourth time this season and first since April 6 vs. Louisville (L, 4-0) ...
- In five CWS games, the Cavaliers have tallied 13 two-out hits which has resulted in 10 two-out runs ...



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#### **Records Tied/Broken**

- David Thompson tied a CWS single-game record with two sac flies in Game 2 ... It has happened 15 times and it's the first since June 13, 2009 ... He is also the first player in TDAPO history (span of 206 games) with two sac flies in the same contest ... Before Game 2 there had been 122 players with a sac fly – never two by the same player ...
- Florida scored 11 runs in in the fourth inning, which tied a CWS single-game record in Game 2 ... It's the eighth time in CWS history that a team has scored 11 runs in an inning and first since Stanford (vs. Florida State) in the ninth on June 14, 2008 – final score was 16-5 ...
- Florida's 15 runs against Miami are the most in a CWS game at TDAPO and most since Fresno State's 15-run output against Georgia on June 24, 2008, which was at Rosenblatt Stadium ...
- Miami (Game 2), LSU (Game's 3 & 10) used eight pitchers which tied a CWS team record ... It's the seventh time eight hurlers has been used in a single game (2007/once, 2009/once, 2012/once, 2013/once and 2015/three) ...
- Carson Fulmer (2014-15) tied the CWS career record for balks in the top of the third frame of Game 4 (third career) joining Frank Carbajal (Northern Colorado/1959-60) and Cole St. Clair (Rice/2006-08) ...
- In Game 8 pitchers combined for 25 strikeouts (Vandy/11, TCU/14) which tied a single-game CWS nine-inning record set in 1970 and tied three times prior to tonight ...
- There have been seven ACC vs. SEC matchups, setting a new CWS record for most games between the same two conferences in a single CWS ... Virginia (ACC) and Vanderbilt (SEC) will meet in the CWS Finals playing a minimum of two games and potential third ... Monday will be the eighth time the ACC and SEC have met in this CWS ...

#### **Runs Notes:**

- After 14 games of the 2015 CWS, 93 of the 125 runs scored (74.4%) have been driven in via a hit ...
- In other words, 32 of the 125 runs (25.6%) have scored as a result of something other than a hit ...
- Actual scoring breakdown: hits (93), sac flies (13), groundout/fielder's choice (6), error (4), walk (2), wild pitch (2), passed ball (1), balk (1), ground ball (1), hit by pitch (1), and sac bunt (1) ...
- The 125 runs scored through 15 games of the CWS are the most since 136 in 2010 ... Last year there were 101 runs in the entire 2014 CWS ...
- The winning team in 10 of 14 CWS games have scored at least five runs (Virginia/3 times, Florida/3 times, TCU/twice, Vanderbilt/twice, LSU/once) ... Of the last 43 teams to score five or more runs at the CWS, 41 of them have won (Virginia lost 10-50 to Florida/2015, Virginia lost 9-8 to Vanderbilt/ 2014) ...
- Through 14 games of the CWS, there have been two teams to score 10-plus runs (Florida/3 times and TCU/once) ... It's the first time in TDAPO history with four games of 10 or more runs ... Last CWS with four double-digit run games was 2010 (four) ... From 2011-14 in the CWS, three teams scored double-digit runs (Arizona and Florida State/2012, Oregon State/2013) ... The last team to reach double figures three times in the same College World Series was South Carolina in 2002 ...
- With TCU's 10 runs in Game 3, it marked the first time in the CWS there have been back-to-back games with double-digit runs (other: Arizona State 12/June 18/Game 10 and LSU 14/June 19/Game 11 in 2009) ...

#### **Hits Notes:**

- Through 14 games there have been 223 hits with 58 going for extra bases (14 home runs, 40 doubles, 4 triples) ... 23 of the 165 singles in the CWS have come via an infield singles ...
- Vanderbilt (three hits in Game 8) became the first team to win a CWS game with three or less hits since North Carolina defeated Louisville 3-1 on three hits June 19, 2007 ...



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#### Attendance Notes:

- Game two attendance between Miami and Florida was announced as 26,377 which is the 19th largest in CWS history and fourth largest in TDAPO ...
- Game three attendance between TCU and LSU was 24,506 which is less than 100 from a Session 3 record ...
- Game five total between Arkansas and Miami (Fla.) was 18,734 pushing the CWS all-time total to over 9 million fans ...
- Game 10 attendance of 26,803 (sellout) is 13th largest in CWS history and 3rd largest in TDAPO history ...
- Game 12 attendance of 26,011 is the eighth largest in TDAPO history ... It also set a new Game 12 mark, which was previous 25, 947 in 2013 between North Carolina and UCLA ...
- CWS Finals Game 1 attendance of 21,652 pushed the CWS total to 311,044 marking the 10th-straight year that the CWS crowds surpassed 300,000 fans ...

#### Home Run Notes:

- Joe McCarthy (UVa) and Andrew Benintendi (Arkansas) each belted solo home runs in Game 1 of the CWS marking the 17th time (in 205 games at TDAPO) with two home runs in a game (never had a three in one game) ... Last time with two home runs in a CWS game was in 2012 (Game 11) FSU vs. Arizona (Robert Refsnyder and Bobby Brown hit home runs in the same game) ... Last time two home runs in a game (one by each team) was in 2012 (Game 3/ Kent State vs. Arkansas) ... Jimmy Rider (Kent State) and Jake Wise (Arkansas) ...
- Joe McCarthy's (UVa) home run in the second inning is the first in Game 1 (vs. Arkansas) of CWS since Stony Brook's Pat Cantwell in 2012 against UCLA ...
- There have been 14 home runs in this year's CWS, which are the most in a CWS since 2010 (32) ... With Matt Thaiss (Virginia), Peter Alonso (Florida) and Harrison Bader (Florida) in Game 13, the total number of home runs at TDAPO is 39 (73rd CWS game in park history) ... CWS home run chart at TDAPO including Sunday: LF/14, LCF/7, CF/3, RCF/1 and RF/14) ...
- Jeren Kendall's (Vanderbilt) two-run walk-off homer in Game 4 vs. Cal State Fullerton is the first in TDAPO history (span of 208 games) ... Last walk-off in CWS was Connor Rowe (Texas) against Arizona State on June 19, 2009 at Rosenblatt Stadium ...
- Wiel's home run in Game 8 marked the second-straight year a 1-0 CWS game was decided by a home run (other: C.J. Hinojosa/Texas vs. UC Irvine) ...
- Florida's Harrison Bader led off Game 9 with a solo home run to left center marking the first leadoff home run of the CWS since Michael Hollander (LSU) vs. North Carolina on June 15, 2008 ... It's the third leadoff home run in TDAPO history (others: Cam Gibson/Michigan State on May 21, 2011 and Ryan Busch/Georgetown on May 22, 2015) ...
- Last time a team homered twice in an inning at CWS was Arizona vs. Florida State on June 21, 2012 (Robert Refsnyder and Bobby Brown) in the fourth inning ... Florida (Game 9) was the third team with two HRs in same inning at TDAPO joining Dallas Baptist (May 12, 2012) and Arizona (June 21, 2012) ...
- Florida is the first team to hit two home runs in the first inning of CWS game since Florida State vs. TCU on June 23, 2010 (Sherman Johnson and Mike McGee) ...
- The Gators' four home runs in Game 9 set a new TDAPO record for round-trippers in a single game ... Last time a team hit four home runs in a CWS game was Texas vs. LSU on June 22, 2009 (Longhorns hit five) ...
- Florida's six home runs in this year's CWS are the most by any team in an entire CWS at TDAPO ... The six homers by UF are the most in a CWS since 2010 ... That year, two teams had six or more (TCU/9, South Carolina/7) ...
- Alonso and Bader each have two home runs in this year's CWS marking the first time a player hit two in the same CWS since Arizona's Robert Refsnyder had a pair in 2012 ... According to the *ESPN* Home Run Tracker, Alonso's ball went 429 feet which is the longest home run in a CWS game in TDAPO history ... His first home run in the CWS (Game 9) was calculated at 421 feet – then the longest ... Top-five longest home runs in CWS at TDAPO are Alonso (429'/Game 13 in 2015), Alonso (421'/Game 9 in 2015), Harrison Bader (414'/Game 9 in 2015), Buddy Reed (412'/Game 9 in 2015) and Bader (410'/Game 13 in 2015) ...

#### Taking The Lead Notes:

- Teams leading after eight innings have won 79 of the last 80 CWS games (Vanderbilt overcame a 3-1 deficit to defeat Cal State Fullerton 4-3 in Game 4 this year) ...
- Teams leading after eight innings at TD Ameritrade Park Omaha are 185-6 all-time at TDAPO in 217 games ...



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#### Miscellaneous Notes

- Since the College World Series started in 1947, no team outside of Arizona or California has won a CWS title when there was a horse racing triple crown winner (Arizona State/1977; Southern California/1948, 1973 and 1978) ...
- Games 4 & 5 were the first time since June 17, 2014 that consecutive CWS games have been won in a team's final at bat (Game 7: Ole Miss 2, Texas Tech 1; Game 8: Virginia 3, TCU 2 in 15 innings) ... Vandy topped Cal State Fullerton 4-3 with a 2-run walk-off homer in Game 4; Miami 4-3 walk-off single over Arkansas in Game 5 ...
- Teams that score first in this years CWS are 8-5 (Virginia scored a run in the bottom of the first taking a 1-0 lead over Florida in Game 13) ...
- With its 7-1 win over TCU in Game 12, Vanderbilt is the seventh different team in the CWS at TDAPO to run through its bracket with a perfect 3-0 record to reach the CWS Finals (others: South Carolina and Florida/2011; Arizona/2012; Mississippi State and UCLA/2013 and Virginia/ 2014) ...
- Vanderbilt extended a streak of SEC teams reaching the CWS Finals to eight-straight which started with Georgia in 2008 ...
- With the Virginia win, it sets up a rematch from 2014 against Vanderbilt ... Its the third finals rematch in CWS history (USC vs. Arizona State/1972-73; Oregon State vs. North Carolina/2006-07) ... USC and Oregon State consecutive titles ... Guarantee's this is the 10th time in the last 12 years that a non-national seed will win the national title ... This is the third time that both finalists were non-national seeds (others: 2006 and 2013) ...
- It also marks just the third No. 3 seed or lower to reach a CWS Finals since seeding began in 1988 (Virginia was a No. 3 seed in the UCLA Regional) ... Other lower seeds were Oregon State (No. 3 in 2007) and Fresno State (No.4 in 2008) – both won the CWS National Title ...
- In Game 1 of the CWS Finals between Vanderbilt and Virginia, both teams were scoreless through five innings for the first time since the best of three finals started in 2003 ... Previous long with both teams scoreless in the final series was four innings back in 2010 (UCLA-South Carolina) ... The last "CWS Finals game" or winner-take-all title game that was 0-0 after five innings was back in 1961 (USC vs. Oklahoma State) that was scoreless through seven innings ...