

Men's College World Series Notes – Game 7 – June 18, 2013

North Carolina 4, LSU 2 Attendance: 21,380 (MCWS Total: 168,032; Avg. 23,790) Time of Game: 3:01

North Carolina faces loser of NC State/UCLA Thursday at 7 p.m. (central)

LSU (No. 4 National Seed) has been eliminated from the College World Series with a 0-2 record

General:

- Today's game between LSU and UNC is the fifth in the series ... With a 4-2 win, UNC now holds a slim 3-2 lead in the series ... All three of UNC's wins in the series have come in Omaha at the College World Series with a pair in 2008 (8-4 in opening round; 7-3 in elimination game) and one in 2013 (4-2 in elimination game)... LSU picked up the first win (8-5) of the series at the ABCA Hall of Fame Tournament (Orlando, Fla.) in 1990 ... Then posted an 11-4 victory in 1997 at the Winn-Dixie Showdown at the Louisiana Superdome.
- Both teams had a combined 114 wins entering the game (UNC: 57-11, LSU: 57-10), which ranks second all-time in combined wins in a CWS game ... Record is 121 combined wins between Wichita State (70-12) and Cal State Fullerton (51-21) in 1982.
- UNC is making its 10th appearance at the CWS (last in 2011) ... The Tar Heels own a 16-20 all-time record at the CWS and have advanced to the final series twice (2006 and 2007) ... Their 10 appearances are the 13th most in NCAA history ... UNC is making its sixth CWS appearance in the last eight years.
- The Tar Heels are 4-7 all-time in elimination games in the CWS and are 4-3 after dropping the first game ... UNC has won four straight game twos after losing the first game with wins in 1978, 2009, 2011 and 2013.
- LSU is making its 16th CWS appearance – first since 2009 when it defeated Texas to claim its sixth CWS title ... In four of their six championship title runs the Tigers were undefeated in CWS play (1991, '96, '97 and 2000) ... The Tigers own a 35-22 all-time CWS record, and under head coach Paul Mainieri, LSU is 6-5 in three CWS appearances (2008-09, '12).
- Visiting teams in the CWS are 19-17 all-time at TDAPO and are 6-1 in the 2013 CWS.
- Through seven games of the 2013 CWS, there have been 19 hit batters ... CWS record for hit batters is 53 (2007).
- Teams that lead after eight innings at TDAPO are 31-0 and have won 47 straight since June 22, 2009, including at Rosenblatt Stadium ... In 2009, LSU scored two runs in the ninth to tie Texas and won in the 11th in game one of the championship series.
- Brian Holberton's two-run homer to right center in the first inning for UNC was the 50th home run in TDAPO history ... It was also the second of the 2013 CWS (Mason Katz/LSU vs. UCLA/solo).
- LSU is the seventh team in the 2000's to leave Omaha with four or fewer runs in the CWS (Rice '02, Arkansas '04, Oregon State '05, Texas '11 and Stony Brook '12, Louisville '13).
- The three runs scored by LSU (also Stony Brook in 2012) are the lowest team total since Kansas scored two in 1993.

Louisiana State:

- The Tigers are the No. 4 National Seed and were 5-1 in NCAA Tournament play entering the today's game ... LSU is now 9-2 in postseason play including a 5-4 SEC Championship win in 11 innings over Vanderbilt.
- LSU's last appearance in the CWS was in 2009 ... UNC is the only other team from the 2009 CWS tournament that qualified for this year's tournament.
- LSU holds the highest all-time NCAA Tournament winning percentage (132-50, .725) ... This is the Tigers 26th NCAA Tournament appearance.
- LSU has brought home six CWS Championships and is in a second-place tie with Texas for most CWS Championships behind Southern California with 12.
- LSU's 57 wins tie the university and SEC record for most overall wins ... Its 48 regular season wins and 23 SEC wins established a school record for most regular season and conference victories.
- The LSU Tigers entered the CWS ranked No. 3 in the nation in team ERA with a 2.41 mark and No. 5 in the nation in fielding percentage (.980).
- Shortstop Alex Bregman was voted SEC Freshman of the Year.
- The Tigers are 10-5 all-time in its second game of the CWS.
- This is left-hander Cody Glenn's first appearance since the SEC Championship on May 22... The Tigers are 11-3 going into today's game when Glenn starts ... Glenn has posted wins in his last three appearances (May 9- Texas A&M, May 16- Ole Miss and May 22- Alabama)... Glenn's two innings pitched today is his second shortest start this season (1.2 innings on March 31).
- Brian Holberton's homerun off of Cody Glenn in the first inning was just the second homerun Glenn has allowed this season and in his career.
- LSU has previously lost back-to-back games only one time this year, losing to South Carolina on April 27 and 28.
- Mason Katz's three walks are a season single-game high.
- Sean McMullen's double to rightfield was his 18th of the season – tied for a team-high with Alex Bregman.
- LSU has now gone two-and-out of the CWS four times (1994, 2003 and 2004).
- LSU is now 18-6 this season in games decided by two runs or less.
- With his single up the middle in the third inning, Mark Laird extended his hit streak to seven games.
- Mark Laird was 3-for-5 against UNC, bringing his NCAA Tournament batting average to .481 ... Laird posted his 18th multi-hit game of the season and his 4th of the NCAA Tournament (3-for-4 on June 7 against Oklahoma, 2-for-5 on June 8 against Oklahoma and 2-for-4 on June 16 against UCLA).
- LSU has previously lost its first game of the CWS six times (1986, 89, 1994, 2003, 04, 08) and it has never come back to win a CWS Championship after a first-game loss.
- In Chris Cotton's last 13 appearances in relief (18.2 innings), he has not allowed a single run and has only allowed three hits and one walk.
- JaCoby Jones extended his reached base streak to eight games when he singled in the eighth inning.
- Ty Ross extended his reached base streak to six games when he singled in the sixth inning.

North Carolina:

- With the win, UNC posted its school-record 58th victory eclipsing the 2007 squad that posted 57 wins.
- UNC is making its 28th NCAA Tournament appearance and has posted a 95-62 all-time record (1948, '60, '64, '66, '69, '78, '82-84, '89-90, '93, '95, 2000, '02-13) ... They have made 12-straight appearances dating back to 2002.
- The Tar Heels own the most overall wins since the start of the 2006 season with 406, which includes five 50-plus win seasons.
- Carolina has posted 48 NCAA Tournament wins since 2006, two more than its Super Regional opponent South Carolina ... Oregon State, who is also in the 2013 CWS, is third on the list with 36.
- UNC is the only team in the country to not suffer a losing streak in 2013 and is looking to become the first Tar Heel squad to accomplish the feat since the 1953 team went a full season without suffering back-to-back losses ... UNC is 11-0 after a loss this season and is outscoring its opponents 85-30.
- Trent Thornton notched his 12th win of the season (most by a Carolina freshman) improving to 12-1 ... He allowed two runs (both earned) on a season-high nine hits in seven innings ... It is the fourth-straight start for Thornton where he has worked into the seventh inning dating back to Mar. 12, 2013 vs. Gardner-Webb ... In his sixth start of the season, Thornton threw a career-high 113 pitches (70 for strikes) ... He walked a career-high four batters, while striking out three.
- Chris McCue notched his second save of the season (other vs. Boston College on Mar. 23) surrendering one hit in two innings with a walk and strikeout.
- Colin Moran scored a pair of runs to move into a tie for seventh place on the school's single-season runs charts (75) ... He scored on Holberton's home run in the first and came around to score from second on Skye Bolt's RBI single in the seventh ... Moran posted his 28th multi-hit game of the season and 67th of his career going 3-for-5 with an RBI and two runs scored ... His RBI single in the third extended his single-season record to 89 RBI.
- Brian Holberton gave the Tar Heels a 2-0 lead blasting a two-run shot to right center in the first inning ... It was his second in NCAA postseason play this year (last: vs. South Carolina on June 11); 12th of the season and 14th of his career ... The two RBI pushed his season total to 58 ... He now has 15 multi-RBI games on the season ... Hit two-hit performance on the afternoon pushed his season total to 23 multi-hit games on the year.
- Landon Lassiter extended his current hit streak to 10 games with a double down the left field line to start the third ... He would later score on Moran's RBI single, which was his 75th run of the season moving him into a tie for seventh (with Moran) on the single-season charts ... Finished the game going 2-for-5 picking up his 28th multi-hit game of the year.
- Skye Bolt's RBI single in the seventh gave UNC a 4-1 lead ... It was his second base hit of the game pushing his season total to 22 multi-hit games.