

NCAA WOMEN'S COLLEGE WORLD SERIES

May 29-June 4, 2014

ASA Hall of Fame Stadium – OG&E Field

Oklahoma City, Okla.

POSTGAME NOTES

Championship Series Game 1: Florida 5, Alabama 0

- In Game 1 of the 2014 Women's College World Series Championship Series, No. 5 seed Florida defeated No. 2 seed Alabama by a score of 5-0 to take a 1-0 lead in the best-of-three series. Florida moved to 54-12 on the year while Alabama fell to 53-12.
- The marks the first WCWS championship series featuring two SEC teams.
- Florida improved to 27-32 in its all-time series with Alabama, and to 2-2 in 2014. The Gators also moved to 4-0 all-time against the Crimson Tide in the WCWS. The teams previously met in 2009 and twice in 2011.
- Florida is 9-1 in this year's NCAA postseason and has outscored opponents by a 75-7 margin. Eight of UF's nine wins have been shutouts.
- Alabama was shut out for just the third time this season. The Crimson Tide was last blanked in an 8-0 loss at Arizona on Feb. 16.
- Florida sophomore catcher Aubree Munro hit a solo home run in the top of the third inning to give the Gators a 1-0 lead. The home run was her third of the season and first since clearing the fence in each game of a doubleheader on Feb. 14 against Seattle and Hawaii, respectively.
- Florida centerfielder Kirsti Merritt doubled in the top of the fifth inning to score sophomore second baseman Kelsey Stewart from first base. In the ensuing at bat, Gator senior third baseman Stephanie Tofft smacked a single down the left field line to bring in Merritt and give Florida a 3-0 lead.
- Tofft hit a sacrifice fly to left field in the top of the seventh inning, upping her 10-game NCAA Tournament RBI total to 10. Junior designated player Lauren Haeger hit a deep ball to right field on the very next pitch to score Merritt from third, accounting for the final five-run margin.
- Florida pitcher Hannah Rogers retired the first 12 Crimson Tide batters she faced, including three strikeouts. The senior has held opponents scoreless in 46 of her last 47 innings pitched dating back to Florida's final regular season game on May 4 at Arkansas. Baylor's three-run fifth inning on Sunday is Rogers' only blemish during that span.
- Rogers pitched the complete game shutout to improve to 30-8 on the season, allowing four hits and no walks while registering three strikeouts. She is now 7-0 in this year's NCAA Tournament with a 0.50 ERA (three earned runs in 42.0 IP), six shutouts and 28 strikeouts.
- Alabama senior pitcher Jaclyn Traina gave up five runs (four earned) on eight hits and three walks while striking out six in 6.1 innings pitched in the loss, falling to 26-4 on the year. Entering the game, Traina was 3-0 in this year's WCWS with a 0.33 ERA in 21.0 IP. She had given up two runs (one earned) on nine hits and seven walks while recording 23 strikeouts.
- Alabama pitcher Leslie Jury made her first career WCWS appearance in relief. The junior went 0.2 innings, inducing a pop up and hitting a batter before coaxing an inning-ending flyout in the seventh.
- Game 2 of the WCWS championship series is slated for Tuesday, with an if-necessary Game 3 scheduled for Wednesday. Both are slated for 7 p.m. CT starts and will air on ESPN.