

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 2: Florida 6, Alabama 3

- In Game 2 of the 2014 Women's College World Series Championship Series, No. 5 seed Florida defeated No. 2 seed Alabama by a score of 6-3 to win the best-of-three series and the national title. Florida finished the season at 55-12 while Alabama ended the year at 53-13.
- Florida improved to 28-32 in its all-time series with Alabama, and to 3-2 in 2014. The Gators also moved to 5-0 all-time against the Crimson Tide in the WCWS. The teams previously met in 2009 and twice in 2011.
- Florida went 10-1 in this year's NCAA postseason and outscored opponents by an 81-10 margin.
- Florida is the 16th team in 33 years to go through the WCWS undefeated.
- The title is Florida's first in softball and comes in the Gators' sixth WCWS appearance.
- Florida is the lowest seed to win the NCAA title since No. 5 seed UCLA won in 2010.
- The Crimson Tide lost for just the third time in 44 games this season when scoring first.
- With two double plays tonight, Florida set a WCWS record with seven double plays, breaking the previous standard of five set by Arizona State in 2012.
- Florida led this year's WCWS with its .331 batting average (next highest was Baylor at .274) and its 1.27 ERA (next lowest was Alabama at 2.06).
- After being shut out last night before, Alabama scored its first run in the top of the first inning this evening. Junior rightfielder Jadyn Spencer hit a single up the middle to bring in sophomore centerfielder Haylie McCleney for the game's initial run.
- Florida senior third baseman Stephanie Tofft hit a solo home run in the bottom of the first inning to tie the game at 1. Tofft finished with 11 RBIs in 11 NCAA postseason games this year. The home run was her first of the 2014 postseason and 11th of the year.
- Florida sophomore second baseman Kelsey Stewart singled through the right side to score sophomore catcher Aubree Munro in the bottom of the second inning to give UF a 2-1 lead. Stewart finished with a WCWS-leading eight hits on the week (next highest total was six).
- Two pitches after Stewart's single, sophomore Kirsti Merritt hit a three-run homer to left field, extending the Gators' lead to 5-1 in the second inning. Merritt's home run was her 13th of the year, third of the postseason and second of the WCWS.
- Alabama senior Kaila Hunt hit a solo home run to left field in the top of the third to cut Florida's lead to 5-2. The homer was her 12th of the year and first this postseason. It was also Hunt's first home run since April 18 at North Carolina and ties her for second all-time in Alabama history with 58 total.

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- With two outs in the bottom of the seventh, Hunt singled to right field, scoring McCleney from third for the game's final run. Hunt finished 2 for 4 with two RBIs and one run. McCleney went 2 for 3 with two runs.
- Florida junior pitcher Lauren Haeger started in the circle for the 13th time this season and third time this NCAA postseason. Haeger pitched 3.0 innings and allowed two runs (both earned) on five hits and no walks while striking out one.
- Freshman pitcher Delanie Gourley entered in the top of the fourth for Florida and threw 2.0 hitless innings while striking out two and walking one to earn the win for the Gators. Gourley improved to 15-1 this season. The appearance was her second this postseason after throwing a no-hitter against Florida A&M in the Regional on May 16.
- Florida pitcher Hannah Rogers held opponents scoreless in 47 of her last 49 innings pitched dating back to Florida's final regular season game on May 4 at Arkansas. The senior came on in relief to begin the sixth inning to earn the save (her second of the season and 14th of her career). In 2.0 innings of work tonight, she allowed one run on two hits.
- Alabama starting pitcher Jaclyn Traina gave up five runs on six hits and one walk with no strikeouts in 1.1 innings pitched in the loss, falling to 26-5 on the year. The outing was the senior's shortest in a start this year.
- Tonight's crowd of 7,810 increased this year's WCWS total attendance to 68,569, an average of 8,571 fans per session. That's the second-highest per-session attendance figure in event history (record of 8,835 was set last year).