

# NCAA WOMEN'S COLLEGE WORLD SERIES

May 29-June 4, 2014

ASA Hall of Fame Stadium – OG&E Field  
Oklahoma City, Okla.

## POSTGAME NOTES

### Game 9: Baylor 8, Kentucky 7 (8 innings)

- No. 13 seed Baylor defeated No. 14 seed Kentucky in dramatic fashion in eight innings in the ninth game of the 2014 Women's College World Series. The Bears improved to 49-15 overall this year, while the loss ended the Wildcats' season. Kentucky finished the year with a 50-19 mark.
- Baylor advanced to face No. 5 seed Florida at noon CT on Sunday. In order to advance to the championship series, the Bears will have to register two wins against the Gators.
- In its third WCWS appearance (2007, '11, '14), Baylor improved to 5-5 all-time in the event (2-1 this year). Kentucky, which made its first WCWS appearance in program history, finished 1-2 at the event.
- Trailing 7-0 entering the bottom of the sixth inning, Baylor scored three runs in that frame and four in the seventh to force extra innings. In the eighth, junior Kaitlyn Thumann hit a leadoff double and scored moments later on a throwing error following freshman Ari Hawkins' sacrifice bunt.
- Baylor sophomore pitcher Heather Stearns secured the win in relief, improving to 15-4 on the season (it was her second win of the day). In 2.1 innings of work, she allowed no runs on one hit and no walks while striking out one. Senior Whitney Canion started the game and gave up three runs on three hits and one walk in 1.2 innings. Senior Liz Paul spelled Canion and pitched four innings. She gave up four runs on six hits and one walk while striking out three.
- Kentucky jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the second inning, scoring three runs on three hits. Senior Emily Gaines started it off for the Wildcats, sending a home run into the right-field bleachers. The homer was the seventh of her career, all of which have come this season.
- After Gaines' second-inning at-bat, senior Krystal Smith doubled to left-center field. Two hitters later, senior Ginny Carroll added a two-out, two-run homer to add to the Wildcats' lead. The shot was Carroll's fourth of the season and first ever in NCAA Tournament play.
- Smith put Kentucky up 6-0 with a leadoff solo home run in the sixth inning, her third of the season. She went 3 for 3 at the plate (set a career high for hits in a game) and tied her career high for runs scored in a contest (three).
- Baylor got on the board in the sixth inning via three RBI-singles from sophomore Linsey Hays, junior Jordan Strickland and freshman Lindsey Cargill. The Bears recorded six hits in the inning (Kentucky pitcher Kelsey Nunley had given up seven hits in her 19.0 WCWS innings prior to that frame).
- Hawkins added a home run, her fourth of the season, to lead off seventh inning for the Bears. Sophomore Sarah Smith hit an RBI-double to right field to cut the lead to 7-5. Baylor placed runners on first and second with two outs before Robin Landrith tied the game with a two-run double.
- Nunley threw the complete game for Kentucky, falling to 30-11 in her sophomore campaign. She gave up 13 hits and three walks while striking out five. Only four of Baylor's runs were earned.