

Men's College World Series Notes – MCWS Championship Finals #2 - June 28, 2011

South Carolina 5, Florida 2

Attendance: 26,721; MCWS total 321,684 (Avg. 22,977)

Time – 3:21

- *-The attendance of 26,721 is a TD Ameritrade Park record, bettering the 25,882 set during game 12 of the MCWS (South Carolina/Virginia)
- *-The per game average of 22,977 this year is the highest since 2005, when the MCWS average of 23,952 was set. It is the most ever for a MCWS Championship Game, bettering the mark of 25,012 in 2007.
- *-The 33 sacrifices in the MCWS is the highest total in a MCWS since 1955, when there was a series-record 39 sacrifices.
- *-The three-run third inning by South Carolina was the 11th time in the 2011 MCWS – and third by South Carolina - where a team has scored 3 or more runs in an inning.
- *-The five combined hit batters tonight ranks fifth on the all-time MCWS single-game list.
- *-The 14 MCWS games was the lowest total since 2002, the year before the MCWS Championship Finals began.
- *-The 2011 MCWS field combined for a .239 batting average, the lowest total by the field since 1974, when the eight teams hit a combined .227
- *-The nine homers is the lowest total in the field since the 1974 MCWS had eight round trippers
- *-The 2.66 combined ERA is the lowest by a MCWS field since 1973, when the eight teams finished with a 2.51 ERA
- *-The eight triples matched the highest MCWS total since 1991 (also eight in 2008 and 2006)

South Carolina

- *-South Carolina is now the 14th program to win multiple national titles.
- *-South Carolina becomes only the ninth repeat champion in MCWS history and first since Oregon State in 2006 and 2007. The Gamecocks are one of only six programs to repeat as national champions, joining Texas (1949-50); Southern California (1970-71-72-73-74), Stanford (1987-88), LSU (1996-97) and Oregon State (2006-07).
- *-South Carolina won its 16th consecutive NCAA Tournament game tonight, breaking the all-time record of 15 shared with Texas in 1983 and 1984.
- *-With tonight's win, South Carolina has won its last 11 MCWS games dating back to last season. The Gamecocks break the mark of 10 consecutive MCWS wins they have shared with both Southern California (1972-74) and LSU (1996-98). South Carolina's last NCAA Tournament loss was a 4-3 loss to Oklahoma on June 20, 2010 in the opening round of the 2010 MCWS.
- *-South Carolina finished 10-0 in the 2011 NCAA Tournament (3-0 in Regional, 2-0 in Super Regional, 5-0 in MCWS) becoming the first team to go unbeaten at 10-0 in NCAA Tournament play in one season. Miami (2001 and 1999) and LSU (2000) were the only other teams to go unbeaten (all 9-0) since the tournament expanded to 64 teams in 1999.
- *-South Carolina becomes the third team to sweep through the MCWS and MCWS Championship Finals since the best-of-3 MCWS Championship Finals began in 2003, joining Texas (2005) and Oregon State (2007).
- *-It is the ninth MCWS title for the Southeastern Conference, a total which ranks second to the Pac-10's 15 titles. The SEC has won the last three MCWS titles
- *- Michael Roth is the second pitcher to start two decisive games of the MCWS Championship Finals and the first since Mike Stutes of Oregon State in 2006 and 2007.
- *-South Carolina picked up its 55th win of the season, which ranks second nationally (Vanderbilt with 56) and third on the school's single-season chart. Only the 2002 (57) and 2000 (56) teams won more games than the 2011 Gamecocks
- *-South Carolina finished a team ERA of 0.88 in five MCWS games, the fourth-lowest team ERA in MCWS history and the lowest since 1972 (Arizona State, 0.68). Only five teams have ever finished the MCWS with a team ERA under 1.00.
- *-South Carolina's team ERA is the lowest by a MCWS Champion since California in 1957 (0.60).
- *-South Carolina's bullpen finished 4-0 record and a 0.00 ERA in 19.0 innings of work in Omaha and did not allow an extra-base hit.
- *-Michael Roth allowed two runs in 7.2 innings of work against Florida on Tuesday, matching his highest earned-run total of the season (20 starts). Roth now ranks on South Carolina's single-season charts in ERA (2nd, 1.06), starts (1st, 20), Innings (3rd, 145) and wins (5th, 14) Roth's 14 wins ties for the national lead while his ERA is second nationally.
- *-Michael Roth has pitched 7.0 or more innings in all five NCAA Tournament starts and in 14 of his 20 starts this season.
- *-Michael Roth has now pitched 38.1 career innings in the MCWS, posting a 1.17 ERA. That is second only to Ohio State's Steve Arlin, who had a 0.96 ERA in 47 innings of work in the 1965 and 1966 MCWS. Only four pitchers have had an ERA of under 1.50 while working at least 30 career innings in the MCWS.
- *-Michael Roth matched a MCWS record with his third start of the series. The last person to make three MCWS starts in one year was Blake Cooper of South Carolina last year. Roth has now made five MCWS starts in his career, which ties for fourth all-time. He is the first pitcher to make at least five MCWS starts since J.D. Arteaga made a record seven MCWS starts from 1994 to 1997.
- *-As a team, South Carolina finished with a 1.31 ERA in 10 NCAA Tournament games. The Gamecocks' bullpen finished 6-0 with five saves and a 0.53 ERA in 33.2 innings of work in the NCAAs and did not allow an extra-base hit the entire tournament.
- *-Matt Price picked up his 20th save of the season tonight, moving into sole possession of the national lead in that category. Price's 20 saves this season ties for second on South Carolina's single-season list.
- *-John Taylor made his 50th appearance of the season for South Carolina. He has appeared in the Gamecocks' last 12 games (dating back to May 26), including all 10 of South Carolina's NCAA Tournament contests. His 50 appearances is second on the NCAA's single-season list, as Connor Falkenbach (Florida, 2005) holds the record with 51 appearances. Taylor's 78 appearances in his career ranks seventh on South Carolina career charts.
- *-MCWS Most Outstanding Player Scott Wingo drove in a pair of runs, going 1-for-3 with two RBIs. He drove in three RBI during the MCWS Championship Finals. Wingo hit .333 (6-for-18) with four RBI and a .480 on-base percentage.
- *- Wingo was hit by five pitches in the MCWS, matching the MCWS series record originally set by Aaron Luna of Rice in 2006. Wingo has been hit by six pitches in his MCWS career, tying for second on the MCWS all-time career list. Ryan Garko of Stanford holds the all-time career record with 8 HBP.
- *- Scott Wingo has now been hit by 63 pitches in his career, extending his own school mark. He has been hit by a team-high 17 pitches this season. Wingo has now reached base safely in his last 23 contests. Wingo has now appeared in 254 career games, one shy of South Carolina's school record (255, Michael Campbell, 2003-06).
- *-Christian Walker went 2-for-4 for his third multi-hit game of the MCWS and team-high 28th multi-hit game of the season. Walker also extended his hit streak to nine games.
- *-Brady Thomas went 2-for-4 tonight and led South Carolina with a .364 average (8-for-22) in Omaha.

*-It was Peter Mooney's fourth home run of the season and first since May 10th vs. Presbyterian. It was also the first MCWS homer by South Carolina. The last MCWS where the national champion did not homer was in 1966 (Ohio State).

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*-South Carolina's .263 batting average in Omaha is the lowest batting average by a champion since Cal State Fullerton hit .244 in 2004.

Florida

*-Florida finishes with a 53-19 record, as the Gators finish with a school record win total and a runner-up finish for the second time in program history (also 2005).

*-Florida falls to 0-4 in MCWS Championship Finals games as the Gators were swept by Texas (2005) and South Carolina.

*-Florida is the 16th program to have placed second multiple times.

*-The Gators fall to 11-15 all-time in seven MCWS appearances.

*-Florida is now 8-3 in the 2011 NCAA Tournament, including 1-1 in elimination games.

*-Florida is 2-10 when being held to two runs or less and four of the 12 games came against South Carolina. Florida scored just 10 runs in five games against the Gamecocks this season.

*-Tonight is Florida's 72nd game of the season, matching the 1991 squad for the most games in school history. Preston Tucker is the only Gator to start all 72 games, while Mike Zunino also makes his 72nd appearance of the season. Both players now share the single-season school record for games played in a season.

*-Florida hit two homers in the MCWS, becoming the second team to hit multiple homers in the 2010 MCWS (Vanderbilt, 4).

*-Mike Zunino hit his team-high 19th homer of the season in the fourth inning, including fourth of the NCAA Tournament. He ranks seventh nationally in homers. His homer was also the first homer allowed by South Carolina in the MCWS. Zunino's 19th HR of the season ties the school record for a catcher (Tony Socarras, 2000; David Ross 1998). Zunino's 19 homers also ties for sixth on Florida's single-season list.

*-The three runs allowed by Florida's Karsten Whitson in the third inning matched the most runs he has allowed in an inning all season. Whitson has not allowed more than three runs in any of his 19 starts this season. Whitson threw a career-high 98 pitches against South Carolina tonight.

*-Whitson hit three batters on Tuesday, matching his entire 2011 season total in 92.2 innings coming into the MCWS Championship Finals.

*-Bryson Smith extended his hit streak to 15 games with a first-inning single.