

NCAA WOMEN'S COLLEGE WORLD SERIES

**May 28-June 3, 2009
ASA Hall of Fame Stadium
Oklahoma City, Okla.**

POSTGAME NOTES

Championship Series Game 1: Washington 8, Florida 0

- Florida and Washington are making their first appearances in the WCWS championship series (best-of-three format began in 2005). Washington advanced to the championship game in 1996 vs. Arizona and 1999 vs. UCLA, where it dropped both contests.
- Florida (63-4) is attempting to become the first SEC school to capture the WCWS title. Tennessee was the last SEC team to advance to the finals (lost to Arizona in 2007). The 2007 Volunteers squad and this year's Florida team are the only two SEC schools to ever advance to the WCWS finals.
- Michigan (Big Ten Conference) was the last non-Pac-10 team to win the WCWS (defeated UCLA in 2005). A Pac-10 Conference team has won the WCWS in 21 of the previous 27 years. Washington gives the Pac-10 a representative in the WCWS finals for the 23rd straight year.
- Washington (50-12) took a 4-0 lead in the top of the third frame when Jenn Salling singled to drive in two runs and a throwing error by Florida catcher Kristina Hilberth allowed two more to score.
- Morgan Stuart put the Huskies on top 6-0 with a double to center field in the top of the fifth inning. The two-bagger was Stuart's fourth this week, a WCWS record. She has 17 total bases this week, which ranks second in WCWS history (Arizona's Leah O'Brien owns the record with 19 in 1994).
- Ashley Charters' two-run homer in the top of the sixth inning extended UW's lead to 8-0. The senior, who went 3-for-3 on the night with two runs scored, knocked in Lauren Greer with her ninth round-tripper of the season. The home run marked the 25th at this year's event, a WCWS record.
- Florida saw its 29-game winning streak halted. Its last defeat came to Alabama on March 29 (6-4). Senior Stacey Nelson took the loss tonight for UF, giving up six runs (four earned) on five hits in 5.0 innings of work.
- Washington junior pitcher Danielle Lawrie racked up her 95th career victory, tying Tia Bollinger (2001-04) for second most in school history. Jennifer Spediacci (1997-00) holds the UW record with 100 wins.
- Lawrie (41-8) gave up no runs on two hits in the complete game effort. She has thrown every pitch of Washington's five games this week. The junior's 13 strikeouts tonight give her 513 on the season, just nine shy of the Pac-10 single-season record. Arizona's Taryne Mowatt holds the record with 522 in 2007.
- Washington improved to 41-1 this season when scoring first and to 41-1 when scoring at least three runs.
- The eight runs allowed by Florida marked its most this season. Its previous high was six versus Alabama on March 29 (Alabama won 6-4). The eight-run defeat marked Florida's worst since March 3, 2007, when UCLA defeated the Gators 10-2.
- Tonight marked Washington's second shutout at this year's WCWS. The Huskies also blanked Arizona State 1-0 on Friday in eight innings. The shutout was Lawrie's 21st this season and UW's 22nd.
- Tuesday's Game 2 is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. CDT with Washington the designated home team. If Game 3 is necessary on Wednesday, the home team will be decided by a coin flip.