

NCAA WOMEN'S COLLEGE WORLD SERIES

June 2-8, 2016

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

POSTGAME NOTES

Championship Series Game 3: Oklahoma 2, Auburn 1

- In the third game of the best-of-three Championship Series of the 2016 Women's College World Series, Oklahoma won its third national title, defeating Auburn, 2-1. It was the lowest scoring Game 3 in WCWS history. The Sooners finish their season with a 56-8 record while the Tigers end at 58-12.
- Oklahoma made its fourth appearance in the Championship Game or Championship Series (2000, '12, '13, '16), while Auburn appeared in the best-of-three series for the first time in school history.
- The Sooners become just the third team to win at least three national titles, joining UCLA (11 titles) and Arizona (8 titles).
- In its 10th appearance (2000, '01, '02, '03, '04, '11, '12, '13, '14, '16), Oklahoma improved to 22-15 at the Women's College World Series. The Sooners are tied for fourth all-time with 22 WCWS victories. Auburn is 6-4 in its second-ever appearance at the WCWS (2015, '16).
- With the 2016 title, Patty Gasso becomes the fourth coach in WCWS history to win three NCAA titles, with the first two coming in 2000 and 2013. Through the first 34 WCWS, only 14 coaches have won the NCAA title. Mike Candrea (8) and Sharon Backus (7, after 1995 title was vacated) lead the way. Gasso ties Sue Enquist ties with three.
- Oklahoma leads the all-time series against Auburn, 4-1.
- Oklahoma is the first team to win a national title with a negative-run differential since the start of the championship series in 2005.
- Paige Parker got the win for Oklahoma, giving up one run on five hits and striking out five. Parker, who finishes her sophomore campaign at 38-3 in the circle, was named the 2016 WCWS Most Outstanding Player for her efforts in the tournament. The sophomore is the fifth pitcher to win Game 3 of the Championship Series by throwing a complete game.
- Parker's five wins in the 2016 WCWS are tied for the second-most ever by a pitcher. The sophomore's 38 wins rank as the most in OU history.
- Two Auburn errors led to the Sooners scoring their first run of the game. Two errors on the same play by Auburn second baseman Emily Carosone allowed Caleigh Clifton to score from the second base. Freshman Fale Aviu put OU on top 2-0 with an RBI infield single to score Shay Knighten.
- Aviu led the way with a 2-for-3 performance at the plate along with one RBI. Clifton and Knighten added in one hit apiece.
- Auburn senior Jade Rhodes collected her third home run of the WCWS with a solo shot to left field in the top of the fourth. Rhodes' three homers were the most by a single player at this year's WCWS. The senior's nine RBI are tied for the fifth-most in a single WCWS. She finished the season with 20 home runs.
- Auburn pitcher Makayla Martin was the third freshman to start in the circle for the deciding game of the WCWS Championship Series. Martin threw 6.0 innings with two runs (all unearned) on five hits, while walking two with one strikeout. Anjelica Selden (2005, UCLA) is the only other freshman to make a start in the circle for Game 3.

- Oklahoma finished with six doubles plays are tied for the second most in WCWS history. Auburn turned six in 2015. Florida holds the record with seven in 2014.
- There were 42 errors were committed at the 2016 WCWS, the fourth most in the event's history.
- Attendance for Game 3 was 8,367, a Session 10 record. The total WCWS attendance was 78,072, just six shy of matching last year's record of 78,078. It's third time that WCWS has drawn over 75,000 fans.