

College Baseball Insiders

POSTSEASON BETTING GUIDE



College World Series Edition

ABOUT THIS GUIDE

The fact that we're down to eight teams in Omaha means the end of the college baseball season is around the corner. While this is bittersweet, it also means we're getting into one of the most entertaining events in sports, the College World Series!

If this is your first time taking in the College World Series, buckle up, because you are in for a ride! The format goes back to the regional format, where you'll have two brackets of four teams, competing in a double elimination tournament. The winner of each bracket will go on to the Championship Series on Saturday, June 24th.

This round is all about calming your nerves, relying on your pitching depth, and playing high IQ baseball. Charles Schwab Field spans a little larger than your average college baseball stadium, so the home runs may drop off some, while the elite pitchers have their chance to shine under the bright lights.

As we go through this guide, we're going to try to give you a blueprint to rely on throughout every matchup over the next week. From impact pitchers to impact hitters and everything in between, we've got you covered. Thank you for being on this adventure with us and we hope to see you again next year.

Cheers!



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KEY DATES TO REMEMBER

CWS Final 8 in Omaha: Begins Friday, June 16th

Championship Series: Begins Saturday, June 24th











ODDS TO WIN IT ALL

via Circa Sports

Florida	+415	Wake Forest	+225
Virginia	+650	LSU	+415
TCU	+1050	Tennessee	+1000
Oral Roberts	+3000	Stanford	+1300

THE WEATHER

A TRADITION AS OLD AS TIME... LET'S TALK ABOUT THE WEATHER IN OMAHA

16 th	17 th	18 th	19 th	20 th	21 st	22 nd	24 th	25 th	26 th
									
86°	80°	81°	87°	90°	88°	85°	89°	88°	90°
8mph SE	8mph SW	7mph W	8mph SE	12mph SE	9mph SE	9mph NE	8mph SE	8mph SE	9mph SE


As you can see by the 10 day forecast, there's likely going to be several weather delays. These are not uncommon for the College World Series, unfortunately, but a necessary evil.


We'll see what kinks it throws into things this year, but overall, it looks like we should most of the scattered thunderstorms at the very beginning and then at the very end.

It shouldn't be a huge factor, but it's definitely something to keep an eye on.


HOW WE GOT HERE

Results for the Regionals & Super Regionals

	W 3-0 vs Florida A&M	L 4-5 vs Texas Tech	W 8-2 vs UConn	W 7-1 vs Texas Tech	W 6-0 vs Texas Tech
	W 5-4 vs South Carolina	W 4-0 vs South Carolina	N/A	Florida Advances to Omaha	


	W 15-1 vs Army	W 2-1 vs East Carolina	W 8-3 vs East Carolina	N/A	N/A
	L 4-5 vs Duke	W 14-4 vs Duke	W 12-2 vs Duke	Virginia Advances to Omaha	


	W 6-4 vs Oklahoma St	W 15-12 vs Washington	W 6-5 vs Dallas Baptist	N/A	N/A
	L 8-9 vs Oregon	W 8-7 vs Oregon	W 11-6 vs Oregon	Oral Roberts Advances to Omaha	


	W 12-4 vs Arizona	W 20-5 vs Arkansas	W 12-4 vs Arkansas	N/A	N/A
	W 4-1 vs Indiana State	W 6-4 vs Indiana State	N/A	TCU Advances to Omaha	

CWS BRACKET 1 IN OMAHA

Each bracket will play in a double elimination series, similar to the regionals format, for their chance to go to the championship series vs the winner of Bracket 2.

	W 12-0 vs George Mason	W 21-6 vs Maryland	W 15-1 vs George Mason	N/A	N/A
	W 5-4 vs Alabama	W 22-5 vs Alabama	N/A	Wake Forest Advances to Omaha	

	W 13-2 vs San Jose State	L 5-8 vs Texas A&M	W 6-5 vs Cal St. Fullerton	W 13-5 vs Texas A&M	W 7-1 vs Texas A&M
	L 5-7 vs Texas	W 8-3 vs Texas	W 7-6 vs Texas	Stanford Advances to Omaha	

	W 7-2 vs Tulane	W 6-5 vs Oregon State	W 13-7 vs Oregon State	N/A	N/A
	W 14-0 vs Kentucky	W 8-3 vs Kentucky	N/A	LSU Advances to Omaha	

	W 8-1 vs Charlotte	W 6-5 vs Clemson	W 9-2 vs Charlotte	N/A	N/A
	L 3-5 vs Southern Miss	W 8-4 vs Southern Miss	W 5-0 vs Southern Miss	Tennessee Advances to Omaha	

CWS BRACKET 2 IN OMAHA

Each bracket will play in a double elimination series, similar to the regionals format, for their chance to go to the championship series vs the winner of Bracket 1.

FLORIDA

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FLORIDA GATORS

RPI 2 SOS 23

RECORD on ROAD 17-9
vs RPI T50 26-13
vs RPI 50+ 24-2

50-15
17-9
26-13
24-2

ODDS TO WIN via Circa Sports
CWS Implied Prob. +415 19.42%

WIN PROB. to win CWS via @Statsowar
14.77%

TEAM BA	TEAM wOBA	TEAM wRC+	TEAM HR's	TEAM ERA	TEAM EXS	SP EXS	RP EXS
.293	.417	122	129	4.52	4.23	4.01	3.76
7/8	6/8	6/8	T-2/8	5/8	6/8	5/8	4/8
RUN DIFFERENTIAL OVER L10 GAMES:			+2.4	7/8	EXS = ERA, xFIP, & SIERA Averaged Out		

PROJECTED LINEUP	BA	wOBA	wRC+	HR	STARTING PITCHERS	ERA	xFIP	SIERA	EXS	AVG	
Cade Kurland	.300	.437	132	16	Brandon Sproat	4.69	4.62	2.98	4.10		
Wyatt Langford	.373	.540	182	18	Hurston Waldrep	4.15	3.78	2.52	3.48		
Jac Caglianone	.335	.491	158	31	Jac Caglianone	3.78	5.56	4.04	4.46		
Josh Rivera	.362	.479	152	17	RELIEF PITCHERS		ERA	xFIP	SIERA	EXS	AVG
BT Riopelle	.249	.405	116	16	Brandon Neely	3.66	4.14	2.47	3.42		
Luke Heyman	.327	.420	124	11	Ryan Slater	3.51	5.19	3.91	4.20		
Tyler Shelnut	.285	.400	114	7	Philip Abner	3.16	3.85	2.59	3.20		
Colby Halter	.248	.354	91	3	Cade Fisher	3.02	4.51	3.27	3.60		
Richie Schiekofe	.200	.264	48	1	Nick Ficarrotta	5.45	4.57	3.13	4.38		

Impact Players to Know



Wyatt Langford (CF)



Jac Caglianone (1B/SP)



Hurston Waldrep (SP)

CWS APPEARANCES:**BY TEAM:****BY HEAD COACH:****YEARS APPEARED:**

'88, '91, '96, '98, '05, '10 - '12, '15 - '18 (12)

'10 - '12, '15 - '18 (UF) (7)

NAT'L CHAMPIONSHIP(S):

2017 (1)

2017 (UF) (1)

What Matt wants you to know about the Gators

Despite seven trips to Omaha and one national championship, Kevin O'Sullivan hasn't led the Florida Gators to the College World Series since 2018. Welcoming their arrival, the Virginia Cavaliers. This journey is going to be a fun one to watch the Gators navigate. With the fire power they bring on offense in Langford, Riopelle, and crew, they should have no trouble hitting it out of this park.

The biggest question mark for me and it's been the biggest question mark for me all season is their pitching. We've seen some very clutch performances by Sproat, Waldrep, and other guys from the bullpen. This will be a tough test to see if the Gators can continue to keep everything clicking and make a run to the Championship Series.

Their toughest test on their side of the bracket is hands down Virginia. The Cavs have the best pitching staff in this bracket, so we'll find out very early on if Florida brought the bats with them to Omaha.

What Quentin wants you to know about the Gators

Finally we get to see this team back in Omaha after a 4 year drought. Led by Wyatt Langford, Jac Caglianone, Josh Rivera, Brandon Sproat, Hurston Waldrep, and Brandon Neely, Florida brings a powerhouse offense with a solid pitching staff that is throwing ELITE right now and capable of beating anyone left in the field if they stay hot. As the 2 overall seed, Florida has a real shot to make the CWS finals based on the bracket draw they received, avoiding the gauntlet task of Wake Forest, Tennessee, and LSU. Outside of Virginia, I feel the Gators can easily advance through their side as long as they continue their consistent hitting and pitching they've displayed all postseason. If Florida can cruise through the winners bracket, not overusing any arms, they can match up with anyone on the other side for the hardware. I believe Florida will represent their bracket in the final series, and I'm sitting on a few CWS futures tickets to win. If you can find a bet, placing them in the final series, or to win, I feel confident in laying it. Go Gators!

VIRGINIA

College World Series Preview



**VIRGINIA
CAVALIERS**

RPI 9 SOS 55

RECORD 50-13
on ROAD 17-9
vs RPI T50 17-8
vs RPI 50+ 33-5

ODDS TO WIN
via Circa Sports
CWS +650
Implied Prob. 13.33%

WIN PROB.
to win CWS via @Statsowar
16.5%

TEAM BA	TEAM wOBA	TEAM wRC+	TEAM HR's	TEAM ERA	TEAM EXS	SP EXS	RP EXS
.335	.434	130	82	3.64	3.85	3.61	3.73
1/8	3/8	3/8	8/8	3/8	3/8	3/8	3/8
RUN DIFFERENTIAL OVER L10 GAMES:			+5.0	4/8	EXS = ERA, xFIP, & SIERA Averaged Out		

PROJECTED LINEUP	BA	wOBA	wRC+	HR	STARTING PITCHERS	ERA	xFIP	SIERA	EXS	AVG
Griff O'Ferrall	.396	.436	131	1	Nick Parker	3.70	5.00	3.25	3.98	
Ethan O'Donnell	.356	.465	145	13	Connelly Early	3.06	4.08	2.59	3.24	
Jake Gelof	.331	.495	160	23	Brian Edgington	3.47	4.43	2.91	3.60	
Kyle Teel	.418	.512	168	13	RELIEF PITCHERS					
Ethan Anderson	.377	.493	159	14	Jay Woolfolk	3.00	5.44	3.85	4.10	
Casey Saucke	.298	.378	103	4	Jake Berry	3.29	4.51	3.04	3.61	
Anthony Stephan	.338	.453	140	5	Evan Blanco	2.70	4.98	3.32	3.67	
Henry Godbout	.291	.378	103	3	Angelo Tonas	2.25	4.44	2.95	3.21	
Colin Tuft	.234	.330	80	1	Jack O'Connor	3.54	5.05	3.64	4.08	

Impact Players to Know



Jake Gelof (3B)



Kyle Teel (C)



Connelly Early (SP)

CWS APPEARANCES:

BY TEAM:

BY HEAD COACH:

YEARS APPEARED:

'09, '11, '14, '15, '21 (5)

'09, '11, '14, '15, '21 (UVA) (5)

NAT'L CHAMPIONSHIP(S):

2015 (1)

2015 (UVA)

What Matt wants you to know about the Cavs

This Virginia team has been playing really good baseball this month and I think they'll continue that success in Omaha. Led by three solid starting pitchers in Parker, Edgington, and Early, they'll be tasked with slowing down a really hot Florida offense.

Speaking of offense, the Hoos don't have a bad one themselves, leading the field of eight in batting average. This game one is going to tell us everything we need to know about who comes out of this bracket.

As I've said numerous times now, I believe the winner of the Florida vs Virginia game one matchup will be the representative in the Championship series. I always tend to lean more into the better pitching team, but the competition level for Virginia has not been nearly as star studded like this Florida offense boasts.

What Quentin wants you to know about the Cavs

This Virginia team and fanbase has just been incredible to watch all postseason long. Led by Jake Gelof, Kyle Teel, Griff O' Ferrall, Ethan Anderson, Nick Parker, and Connelly Early, the Cavaliers make it back to Omaha for the second time in four years and sixth overall. As one of the best offenses in the country and playing in a larger home ball park, this lineup should have no issue finding the gaps for extra base hits, as they've done all season. Don't sleep on this team with the long ball either, as they showed Duke, they can put on a HR derby show at any time. On the pitching side, Virginia won't blow you away with 100mph velocity, instead they'll pound the zone with consistent strikes and solid pitch movement, trusting their defense behind them. Outside of Florida, they too have landed on the easier bracket side which should bode well for hopes of making a third CWS finals. If you can find a bet that has UVA in the finals, I like their chances of they can get passed the Gators.

ORAL ROBERTS

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ORAL ROBERTS GOLDEN EAGLES

RPI 49 SOS 248

RECORD 51-12
on ROAD 27-8
vs RPI T50 7-5
vs RPI 50+ 44-7

ODDS TO WIN via Circa Sports
CWS Implied Prob. +3000 3.23%

WIN PROB. to win CWS via @Statsowar
3.58%

TEAM BA	TEAM wOBA	TEAM wRC+	TEAM HR's	TEAM ERA	TEAM EXS	SP EXS	RP EXS
.323	.423	125	95	3.97	4.16	4.04	4.05
2/8	5/8	5/8	6/8	4/8	5/8	6/8	5/8
RUN DIFFERENTIAL OVER L10 GAMES:			+5.1	3/8	EXS = ERA, xFIP, & SIERA Averaged Out		

PROJECTED LINEUP	BA	wOBA	wRC+	HR	STARTING PITCHERS	ERA	xFIP	SIERA	EXS	AVG	
Jake McMurray	.327	.401	114	6	Jakob Hall	3.56	4.46	2.96	3.66		
Justin Quinn	.349	.425	126	7	Harley Gollert	4.30	5.12	3.57	4.33		
Jonah Cox	.420	.508	167	11	Brooks Fowler	3.27	5.34	3.75	4.12		
Matt Hogan	.329	.495	160	18	RELIEF PITCHERS		ERA	xFIP	SIERA	EXS	AVG
Mac McCroskey	.308	.403	115	13	Cade Denton	1.85	3.28	1.84	2.32		
Holden Breeze	.317	.391	109	6	Jacob Widener	3.06	4.13	1.93	3.04		
Drew Stahl	.281	.407	117	11	Dalton Patten	4.43	5.45	3.79	4.56		
Jacob Godman	.296	.386	107	5	Evan Kowalski	6.25	5.77	4.59	5.54		
Blaze Brothers	.302	.412	120	11	Caleb Isaacs	5.04	5.31	4.01	4.79		

Impact Players to Know



Jakob Hall (SP)



Cade Denton (P)



Jonah Cox (CF)

CWS APPEARANCES:**BY TEAM:****BY HEAD COACH:**

YEARS APPEARED:

'78 (1)

First Appearance

NAT'L CHAMPIONSHIP(S):

N/A

N/A

What Matt wants you to know about the Eagles

First of all, if you cashed that +800 regional ticket and then the +140 super regional ticket on Oral Roberts to make it here like I gave out in the two last guides, congratulations, the Golden Eagles have you money ahead!

That being said... I think this is where they are going to struggle. They're tasked with taking on a bracket consisting of some of the hottest bats and biggest names in college baseball between TCU, UVA, and Florida.

I think Jakob Hall and Cade Denton might be able to cool off the TCU bats in game one, but after that, it'll be tough on them. I hate to say it, but the road may end rather quickly for the Golden Eagles if they can't beat TCU. They've had a great season and a wild post-season, filled with collapses and comebacks. I tip my hat to this squad, but they very well may go two and barbecue in Omaha.

What Quentin wants you to know about the Eagles

The slipper fits and the Eagles are still dancing! What a season it's been for these boys, and more recently what a Super Regional weekend it was, with all the dramatic blown leads, and come backs. The only word to describe last weekend in Eugene is CHAOTIC. You have to hand it to these guys, they always kept their chin up, never gave, up and found ways to win... that's exactly the style of play needed to make a mid major run in Omaha, just like Stony Brook, Fresno State, and Coastal Carolina have within the last 15 years. With solid pitching, and Jonah Cox leading the offense (47 game hit streak in tact) this team is very capable of upsetting TCU on their first game Friday afternoon, if they can slow the Horned Frog bats down a bit. Regardless of win or loss vs TCU, I think the magic runs out soon, as I just don't see them being able to beat a powerhouse Florida or Virginia team on the big stage. A very impressive run by the Golden Eagles but the story ends in the next few days.

TCU

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TCU

TCU
HORNED FROGS
RPI 19 SOS 24

RECORD 42-22
on ROAD 22-11
vs RPI T50 15-14
vs RPI 50+ 27-8

ODDS TO WIN
via Circa Sports
CWS +1050
Implied Prob. 8.7%

WIN PROB.
to win CWS via @Statsowar
9.33%

TEAM BA	TEAM wOBA	TEAM wRC+	TEAM HR's	TEAM ERA	TEAM EXS	SP EXS	RP EXS
.299	.405	116	88	4.71	4.67	4.60	4.07
6/8	8/8	8/8	7/8	7/8	7/8	8/8	6/8
RUN DIFFERENTIAL OVER L10 GAMES:			+7.0	1/8	EXS = ERA, xFIP, & SIERA Averaged Out		

PROJECTED LINEUP	BA	wOBA	wRC+	HR	STARTING PITCHERS	ERA	xFIP	SIERA	EXS	AVG
Elijah Nunez	.288	.387	107	3	Kole Klecker	3.78	5.75	4.30	4.61	
Karson Bowen	.355	.423	125	6	Sam Stoutenborough	4.54	4.63	3.64	4.24	
Brayden Taylor	.314	.471	149	23	Cam Brown	4.70	5.94	4.21	4.95	
Cole Fontenelle	.347	.485	155	13	RELIEF PITCHERS					
Tre Richardson	.315	.392	110	6	Ben Abeldt	3.72	4.52	3.02	3.75	
Kurtis Byrne	.289	.378	103	10	Cohen Feser	2.73	4.35	3.27	3.45	
Anthony Silva	.340	.423	125	7	Garrett Wright	2.88	4.66	3.51	3.68	
Logan Maxwell	.290	.389	108	2	Mason Speaker	6.46	5.57	4.02	5.35	
Austin Davis	.280	.378	103	9	Hunter Hodges	3.09	5.32	3.98	4.13	

Impact Players to Know



Brayden Taylor (3B)



Ben Abeldt (P)



Cole Fontenelle (1B)

CWS APPEARANCES:

BY TEAM:

BY HEAD COACH:

YEARS APPEARED:

'10, '14 - '17 (5)

First Appearance

NAT'L CHAMPIONSHIP(S):

N/A

N/A

What Matt wants you to know about the Frogs

I feel like TCU got by Indiana State in what was one of the quietest of the super regional matchups, taking game one 4-1 and then game two 6-4. Their offense wasn't nearly as hot as it was in Fayetteville, which might be why we didn't pay much attention to their 2-0 sweep of the Sycamores.

That said, I'm going to back TCU in game one and will continue to back them until they lose. The Frogs are riding an 11 game win streak into Omaha, including a 5-0 regional and super regional sweep, with a run differential of +36 runs in a five game span!

While the bats have stolen the show, it's been TCU's pitching that has impressed me. Arkansas struggled to hit the majority of their guys, Indiana State did as well. Another benefit is that the Frogs have had plenty of rest, being the beneficiary of one of the three teams coming into Omaha having only played 5 games over the last two weeks. The other two being Wake Forest and LSU. TCU should be rested and ready to beat on an Oral Roberts team that struggled with Oregon, who has a very mediocre offense.

What Quentin wants you to know about the Frogs

If you asked me mid-year what I thought of this Horned Frog team, myself, and many others would've told you this team is dead in the water from injuries and poor play. Fast forward to June and we have witnessed a Frog rebirth. TCU blew through the Big 12 tourney, mauled Arkansas in the Regionals, and made quick work of Indiana State in the Supers, playing scorching hot baseball. Fortunately for TCU, they aren't matched up with Wake Forest, Tennessee, or LSU, but they do have to deal with tough Florida and Virginia teams. If you keep up with myself and Matt, you know we aren't as high on this team as others may be; sure they've played extremely hot and smashed every pitch they've seen of lately, but we both feel this team will regress a bit and come back down to earth once facing elite competition in Omaha. I think this team can at least get through Oral Roberts but I can't see them beating both Florida and Virginia to advance any further.

WAKE FOREST

College World Series Preview



WAKE FOREST DEMON DEACONS

RPI 1 SOS 37

RECORD 52-10
on ROAD 21-7
vs RPI T50 22-6
vs RPI 50+ 30-4

ODDS TO WIN
via Circa Sports
CWS +225
Implied Prob. 30.77%

WIN PROB.
to win CWS via @Statsowar
20.64%

TEAM BA	TEAM wOBA	TEAM wRC+	TEAM HR's	TEAM ERA	TEAM EXS	SP EXS	RP EXS
.309	.442	134	129	2.59	2.87	2.48	2.57
5/8	2/8	2/8	2/8	1/8	1/8	1/8	1/8
RUN DIFFERENTIAL OVER L10 GAMES:			+5.8	2/8	EXS = ERA, xFIP, & SIERA Averaged Out		

PROJECTED LINEUP	BA	wOBA	wRC+	HR	STARTING PITCHERS	ERA	xFIP	SIERA	EXS	AVG				
Tommy Hawke	.354	.453	140	7	Rhett Lowder	1.80	3.63	2.20	2.54					
Danny Corona	.301	.444	135	13	Josh Hartle	2.28	2.94	1.89	2.37					
Nick Kurtz	.370	.569	196	24	Seth Keener	1.79	3.83	2.00	2.54					
Brock Wilken	.357	.562	193	30	RELIEF PITCHERS					ERA	xFIP	SIERA	EXS	AVG
Justin Johnson	.341	.476	151	16	Camden Minacci	2.73	3.52	2.09	2.78					
Pierce Bennett	.357	.440	133	7	Sean Sullivan	2.47	3.13	1.16	2.25					
Adam Cecere	.289	.457	141	10	Michael Massey	2.33	2.48	0.79	1.87					
Bennett Lee	.308	.422	125	7	Cole Roland	2.28	3.65	1.25	2.39					
Marek Houston	.224	.312	71	4	Derek Crum	2.51	4.79	3.34	3.55					

Impact Players to Know



Rhett Lowder (SP)



Brock Wilken (3B)



Nick Kurtz (1B)

CWS APPEARANCES:**BY TEAM:****BY HEAD COACH:**

YEARS APPEARED:

'49, '55 (2)

First Appearance

NAT'L CHAMPIONSHIP(S):

1955 (1)

N/A

What Matt wants you to know about the Deacs

What more do you need to know about Wake Forest than what we've been talking about all season long? You know by now they have the number one pitching staff in the country and it's not even close. You know about Brock Wilken, Nick Kurtz, and Adam Cecere. You know the curse of the #1 seed having not won since 1999, but let me tell you something... If there's a team that can break that curse, it's the Deacs.

I am ecstatic to watch this team compete against some elite level competition. They've been on cruise control for the past two weeks, handling George Mason, Maryland, and Alabama; to the tune of a +59 run differential.

For those of you that missed the boat on getting them at a higher number, I could still make the case that it's justifiable to take them +225. This team has so many pitching weapons, that even if they were to lose a game and battle back from the losers bracket, they've got the arms to do it. Also, they're likely going to be a -180 or higher favorite in every single matchup until the championship series. So either bet them now to win it all or bet them game to game, but whatever you do, get a piece of the Deacs.

What Quentin wants you to know about the Deacs

I think I speak for everyone when I say this, but it will be 100% no surprise if this team rolls through the field of 8 like a freight train. Between Regional and Super Regional play, I think this team has hit 100 home runs in June alone. Led by the best pitching staff in baseball, as well as sluggers Nick Kurtz, Brock Wilken and Co. this team is hungry to break the #1 seed curse, and claim it's first national title since 1955. For being the 1 seed, it was surprising to see how tough their side of the bracket stacked up with Tennessee, and LSU looming; nevertheless, I don't see either of those teams being able to knock the Demon Deacons team off the tracks, en route to the finals. If you can find a CWS finals match up bet with Wake playing Florida or Virginia, I'd confidently lay it, and I've even added another CWS champion future to the few I already had on this team.

STANFORD

College World Series Preview



STANFORD CARDINAL

RPI 12 SOS 35

RECORD 44-18
on ROAD 22-10
vs RPI T50 16-9
vs RPI 50+ 28-9

ODDS TO WIN
via Circa Sports
CWS +1300
Implied Prob. 7.14%

WIN PROB.
to win CWS via @Statsowar
8.13%

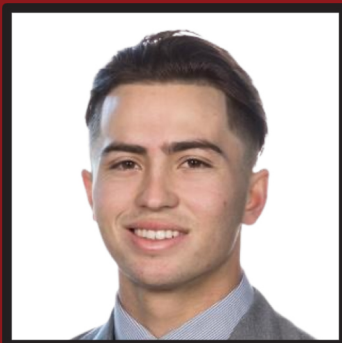
TEAM BA	TEAM wOBA	TEAM wRC+	TEAM HR's	TEAM ERA	TEAM EXS	SP EXS	RP EXS
.319	.425	126	117	5.75	4.92	4.37	5.30
3/8	4/8	4/8	5/8	8/8	8/8	7/8	8/8
RUN DIFFERENTIAL OVER L10 GAMES:			+1.5	8/8	EXS = ERA, xFIP, & SIERA Averaged Out		

PROJECTED LINEUP	BA	wOBA	wRC+	HR	STARTING PITCHERS	ERA	xFIP	SIERA	EXS	AVG
Eddie Park	.340	.413	120	6	Quinn Mathews	3.60	4.21	2.58	3.46	
Tommy Troy	.395	.517	171	17	Joey Dixon	4.86	5.16	3.71	4.58	
Carter Graham	.312	.418	123	15	Matt Scott	4.84	5.92	4.45	5.07	
Braden Montgomery	.336	.471	149	17	RELIEF PITCHERS					
Alberto Rios	.387	.525	175	18	Ryan Bruno	5.18	5.65	3.79	4.87	
Malcolm Moore	.316	.426	127	15	Drew Dowd	4.76	4.45	3.06	4.09	
Drew Bowser	.275	.389	108	14	Nick Dugan	7.27	5.11	3.85	5.41	
Saborn Campbell	.226	.285	58	0	Brandt Pancer	4.43	5.11	3.76	4.43	
Temo Becerra	.327	.412	120	2	Ty Uber	9.86	7.62	5.55	7.68	

Impact Players to Know



Quinn Mathews (SP)



Tommy Troy (3B)



Alberto Rios (C)

CWS APPEARANCES:**BY TEAM:****BY HEAD COACH:****YEARS APPEARED:**'53, '67, '82, '83, '85, '87, 88, '90, '95,
'97, '99 - '03, '08, '21, '22 (18)

'11 (CAL), '21, '22 (STAN) (3)

NAT'L CHAMPIONSHIP(S):

1987, 1988 (2)

N/A

What Matt wants you to know about the Cardinal

Your ace throwing 156 pitches, your opponent losing a routine fly ball, and your bullpen holding on for dear life were all part of the theatrics in Stanford's super regional win over Texas last weekend.

Stanford seems to have a permanent residency in Omaha as of late, but the past two trips they've made, they've been sent home before getting a chance to unpack. They'll look to do better than their last two appearances where they went 0-2 and 1-2, but it won't be easy with Wake Forest in game one.

I've heard rumors that Quinn Mathews may wait to pitch in game two, which I think would be a terrible mistake. The last thing you want to do in Omaha with a shaky pitching staff is try to come up from the losers bracket. Their best chance is to throw Mathews vs Lowder in the Wake Forest game and hope for the best.

What Quentin wants you to know about the Cardinal

What a way to walk off Texas... I feel like we need to just write in Stanford as a final 8 team every year with sharpie because they've been an automatic draw as of late. Unfortunately for Stanford, they've been given a tough draw this year, and have to open up against heavy favorite Rhett Lowder and the Demon Deacons. I've bet Stanford a ton this year so I owe them a thank you for Al lathe cashed bets, but I've said they've essentially beat no one this year and I stand by that. Yes, I know they beat a streaky Aggies team and an up and down Longhorns team at home but that's still not moving the needle for me. I don't see Stanford having much luck this tournament even with elite arm Quinn Mathew's throwing and Tommy Troy/Carter Graham swinging the stick. Roll Wake Forest in game 1, then roll Tennessee or LSU in game 2 vs Stanford. Don't cancel your beach trip as a Stanford fan, because the Trees don't last long in Omaha.

LSU

College World Series Preview



**LSU
TIGERS**

RPI 4 SOS 17

RECORD 48-15
on ROAD 18-8
vs RPI T50 22-13
vs RPI 50+ 26-2

ODDS TO WIN
via Circa Sports
CWS +415
Implied Prob. 19.42%

WIN PROB.
to win CWS via @Statsowar
15.73%

TEAM BA	TEAM wOBA	TEAM wRC+	TEAM HR's	TEAM ERA	TEAM EXS	SP EXS	RP EXS
.314	.448	137	133	4.56	4.14	3.46	4.71
4/8	1/8	1/8	1/8	6/8	4/8	2/8	7/8
RUN DIFFERENTIAL OVER L10 GAMES:			+3.6	5/8	EXS = ERA, xFIP, & SIERA Averaged Out		

PROJECTED LINEUP	BA	wOBA	wRC+	HR	STARTING PITCHERS	ERA	xFIP	SIERA	EXS	AVG
Dylan Crews	.434	.569	196	17	Paul Skenes	1.77	2.38	0.30	1.48	
Tommy White	.381	.508	167	22	Ty Floyd	4.50	5.45	3.31	4.42	
Tre' Morgan	.312	.422	125	9	Riley Cooper	5.02	4.89	3.52	4.47	
Hayden Travinski	.404	.555	189	10	RELIEF PITCHERS					
Cade Beloso	.316	.466	146	14	Thatcher Hurd	6.49	5.17	3.47	5.04	
Gavin Dugas	.288	.462	144	15	Gavin Guidry	3.80	4.26	2.33	3.46	
Brayden Jobert	.302	.439	133	11	Nate Ackenhausen	3.63	5.92	4.33	4.63	
Jordan Thompson	.273	.405	116	10	Griffin Herring	4.55	5.55	3.86	4.65	
Josh Pearson	.252	.389	108	3	Javen Coleman	6.39	6.61	4.31	5.77	

Impact Players to Know



Paul Skenes (SP)



Dylan Crews (CF)



Tommy White (3B)

CWS APPEARANCES:**BY TEAM:****BY HEAD COACH:****YEARS APPEARED:**'86 - '91, '93, '94, '96 - '98, '00, '03,
'04, '08, '09, '13, '15, '17 (19)

'16, '21 (AZ) (2)

NAT'L CHAMPIONSHIP(S):1991, 1993, 1996, 1997, 2000, 2009
(6)

2021 (AZ) (1)

What Matt wants you to know about the Tigers

The country will get to see Paul Skenes take on a familiar SEC foe in Tennessee under the bright lights of Omaha Saturday night. I think you can poke holes in both Tennessee and LSU, but overall, this game one matchup should be pretty fun. I think you can usually rely on Skenes to get you a win, so I think LSU advances here.

As for the remainder of the tournament where LSU won't have Paul Skenes, they're going to have to rely on Dylan Crews, Tommy White, Gavin Dugas, and company to smash the ball. Whether they take on Stanford, Wake Forest, or Tennessee a second time around, they all have offenses with enough in the tank to challenge LSU's pitching staff outside of Skenes.

I think we're going to see LSU win game one vs Tennessee, then see Tennessee a second time around, but this time, without Ty Floyd and Paul Skenes. Then who knows what happens. Outside of Skenes day, I want no part in trying to back the Tigers.

What Quentin wants you to know about the Tigers

Friday is Paul Skenes day, so I hope you're laying the juice...as for this LSU team, they've been at the top of the standings all year long and it's easy to see why. Led by Paul Skenes, Dylan Crews, Tommy White, and Tre Morgan, this team has almost all the pieces to win a national title. I say almost because they've had major issues with pitching from guys not named Skenes; as of recent, Ty Floyd has looked better, and the emergence of Thatcher Hurd, Riley Cooper, and Gavin Guidry have given this team some much needed help from the pen. Talking bracket play and advancement, I think this LSU team is the second best team in their side and will ultimately fall to Wake Forest because of their pitching. Offensively this team is up there with the best, I just don't think their arms will hold up knowing they have to face, Stanford, Tennessee, Wake Forest, and possibly Florida or Virginia. If I had to pick someone to advance out of this bracket, not named Wake Forest, then I'd go with the Tigers but I just think the Deacs are too strong on both sides to lose.

TENNESSEE

College World Series Preview



TENNESSEE VOLUNTEERS

RPI 13 SOS 21

RECORD 43-20
on ROAD 8-15
vs RPI T50 19-17
vs RPI 50+ 24-3

ODDS TO WIN
via Circa Sports

WIN PROB.
to win CWS via @Statsowar

CWS
Implied Prob.

+1000
9.09%

11.32%

TEAM BA	TEAM wOBA	TEAM wRC+	TEAM HR's	TEAM ERA	TEAM EXS	SP EXS	RP EXS
.284	.416	122	125	3.57	3.38	3.66	3.19
8/8	7/8	6/8	4/8	2/8	2/8	4/8	2/8
RUN DIFFERENTIAL OVER L10 GAMES:			+3.0	6/8	EXS = ERA, xFIP, & SIERA Averaged Out		

PROJECTED LINEUP	BA	wOBA	wRC+	HR	STARTING PITCHERS	ERA	xFIP	SIERA	EXS	AVG
Maui Ahuna	.302	.435	131	8	Andrew Lindsey	2.79	4.20	3.07	3.35	
Hunter Ensley	.273	.373	101	6	Chase Dollander	4.50	4.39	2.39	3.76	
Jared Dickey	.323	.413	120	12	Drew Beam	3.78	4.56	3.31	3.88	
Christian Moore	.313	.475	150	17	RELIEF PITCHERS					
Zane Denton	.274	.433	130	16	Chase Burns	4.64	3.59	1.62	3.28	
Griffin Merritt	.315	.463	144	18	AJ Russell	0.94	2.49	0.75	1.39	
Blake Burke	.278	.394	111	16	Camden Sewell	3.91	5.21	3.18	4.10	
Christian Scott	.282	.415	121	7	Seth Halvorsen	3.60	4.76	3.32	3.89	
Cal Stark	.181	.349	89	5	Zander Sechrist	2.05	4.88	2.97	3.30	

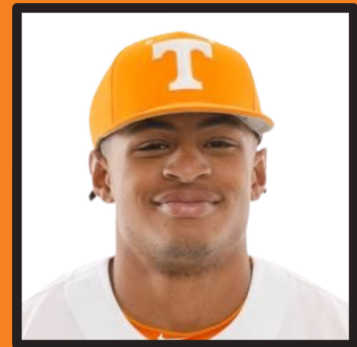
Impact Players to Know



Chase Dollander (SP)



Chase Burns (P)



Christian Moore (2B)

CWS APPEARANCES:

BY TEAM:

BY HEAD COACH:

YEARS APPEARED:

'51, '95, '01, '05, '21 (5)

'21 (TENN) (1)

NAT'L CHAMPIONSHIP(S):

N/A

N/A

What Matt wants you to know about the Vols

After the game one scare vs Southern Miss, I thought Tennessee was finally going to put the nail in the coffin for my futures ticket on them. I got a bad number on Tennessee, like really bad. I thought with what this team had coming back in their pitching staff, taking them 7/1 preseason would be the best price I'd get them at, considering I didn't think they'd drop a series with their rotation. Boy was I wrong!

Nevertheless, here we are, talking about the Vols in Omaha. So while I missed the regular season entirely, I'm glad to see they're pulling it together and playing up to their preseason potential.

I think Tennessee will struggle to beat Paul Skenes and LSU in game one, but they should be able to handle what I think will be Stanford in game two, especially if Quinn Mathews throws against Wake Forest. Then we will see a rematch of LSU and Tennessee, except this time, with the very civilian side of the LSU pitching staff. I think if we get this rematch, the Vols are going to be in a prime position to be one of the last two teams standing in their side of the bracket.

What Quentin wants you to know about the Vols

The boys from Rocky Top found their way to Omaha. Unfortunately for this Vols team they'll have to run into SEC foe right out of the gate with a Saturday night matchup vs Paul Skenes and LSU and if they win game 1, they'll go right back into the ring with heavy favorite Wake Forest. I'll say this, I fully believe this Tennessee has the roster and make up to win the national title. They have the second best pitching staff in the country, led by Dollander, Beam, and Burns and they have guys like Blake Burke, Griffin Merritt, Christian Moore, and Zane Denton who can simply smash the ball when they're on and confident. That said, I don't think Tennessee goes too far this year, as I think their bracket is simply too daunting. For a team that has had road troubles, I think they could arise again having to face LSU and potentially Wake Forest, who are both real contenders.

College World Series

FINAL THOUGHTS FROM MG

This is the time of year where I like to sit back and look at where I was right, where I was wrong, and try to extract some value in each matchup as I wait patiently to hopefully cash one of my futures tickets. I'm not going to bore you with "I told you so" or "you missed the number." I appreciate you being on this ride with us and if anything, I hope you'll get on board earlier next season so you can get some better numbers with us.

That being said, I still think there are some markets that you could take advantage of to make some money on futures. I believe FanDuel has some exacta championship series matchups where you can get Wake Forest vs Florida +550 or Wake Forest vs Virginia +700. I truly believe when we're down to the final four teams, you're going to have Florida and Virginia in Bracket 1 and then have Wake Forest and Tennessee in Bracket 2. So if you're in a market where these exacta matchup prices are offered, those would be a couple of tickets I'd want a piece of.

If you don't have any futures tickets at all and want the best longshot that I think has a decent chance at winning it all, I'd look at Tennessee at 10/1 and Virginia at +650. Both of those teams have the second and third best pitching staffs in the field of eight, with the offense to explode when they want to.

Lastly, I know with a smaller menu, you're going to have the urge to fire away at bets and totals. The best thing I can leave you with is to have patience and let us confirm starting pitchers. This will make or break your bet in most cases and yes, sometimes you miss a better number, but you'd much rather lay an extra 20 cents on a good pitcher starting than jump on a good number and find out they're throwing a guy with an 8+ ERA.

IN-POCKET FUTURES BETS:



Virginia (25/1)



Tennessee (7/1)



Florida (11/1)



Wake Forest (10/1)



TCU (16/1)

College World Series

FINAL THOUGHTS FROM QM

This year may be one of the most stacked Omaha fields of the last several years and we are here for it. No, seriously, we are in Omaha for it. As the season comes to a near, expect these lines to be tough, expect each line to be sharp. All of these teams have earned their spot, and I don't anticipate many blow outs as a result. As we've stated all season long, follow this guide, follow our twitters and we will make sure to give you all the analysis and information to make sure you're on the right side of each matchup.

In roughly 10 days, the 2023 season is over. Enjoy these last few days, enjoy each and every game in Omaha, and win a few more bets before the off-season.

IN-POCKET FUTURES BETS:



Virginia (25/1)



Tennessee (14/1)



Florida (13/1, 10/1, +375)



Wake Forest (10/1, +650)

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