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WORLD SERIES OVERVIEW



Benjamin Powell/The Dominion Post  
West Virginia became the first No. 16 seed to advance to the College World Series.

WVU makes history as a 16th seed playing in CWS

BY JUSTIN JACKSON  
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Before West Virginia even steps onto Charles Schwab Field on Friday, the Mountaineers have already made World Series history.

The NCAA baseball tournament was expanded to 16 seeds in 2018. Since then, WVU is the first 16 seed to survive long enough to play in Omaha, Neb.

Just one more tip of the hat to a program that swept through its super regional round to advance to the World Series for the first time in school history.

“It’s pretty special to be a part of something that’s never been done in history before,” WVU head coach Steve Sabins said. “The credit goes to these kids and the players before us and the fans and supporters. So many people help build a program. That’s what this is, a program.”

It’s a program not only taking its first trip to Omaha, but also one that hit every step along the way.

First was building a competitive team among its Big 12 peers. Then it was competing just to get invited to the NCAA tournament, which was followed by competing for Big 12 championships and hosting an NCAA regional.

WVU felt the sting of losing three NCAA regionals under former head coach Randy Mazey before it advanced to its first super regional. Advancing past that round took another three attempts, but WVU accomplished it in dominating fashion this season with 12-2 and 17-1 victories against Cal Poly.

So, now the Mountaineers (45-15) are in Omaha for the first time. It’s another positive step taken by the program, new territory to be approached.

“Every day you face something new,” WVU catcher Gavin Kelly said.

“You face new opportunities. You just have to stick to the process and stick to the routine. You just have to get back to work.”

The question facing WVU is how it handles this new step. Will it be a quick trip in an elite environment or an extended stay?

“It’s going to be an awesome crowd and we’re excited,” WVU infielder Brodie Kresser said. “It’s only going to boost us up and bring even more energy to our team. We’ve dealt with a lot this year. We’ve seen adversity this year and good things and bad things. We’re just going to go and enjoy it and go win.”

SEC Invitational

The Southeastern Conference will be well represented in Omaha, taking up five of the eight spots in the World Series.

One bracket is nothing but teams from the SEC: Oklahoma plays Alabama and Texas plays Georgia.

On WVU’s side of the bracket, it is represented by Ole Miss (41-21), which plays North Carolina in the opening round.

Heading into the NCAA tournament, the SEC had 12 teams in the field with Georgia, Texas, Alabama, Florida and Auburn named among the top eight seeds.

West Virginia is the lone representative from the Big 12, while North Carolina represents the ACC. Troy is from the Sun Belt, the third team all-time to represent that conference at the College World Series.

Home run derby

Look no further than Georgia as the team in the College World Series with the most power. The Bulldogs enter the final part of the season with 174 home runs. They hit three of them in the 11-9 victory against Mississippi State that clinched the

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Guzman finally got his home run, has eyes on stolen bases record



Benjamin Powell/The Dominion Post  
West Virginia’s Armani Guzman (left) needs one more stolen base to set the school record for the most in a single season. Guzman is tied with former standout Victor Scott with 38.

BY JUSTIN JACKSON  
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Armani Guzman enters the College World Series with one goal out of the way. He’s got school history still in the waiting.

The one out of the way is finally hitting a home run this season. It took 60 games, but WVU’s ultimate utility guy was opportunistic in sending a 346-foot shot to the right field bullpen during the Mountaineers’ 17-1 victory against Cal Poly in the super regional.

“I’ve been trying to hit home runs all season,” he admitted. “I finally got it. I was happier for my teammates, who really wanted me to hit one.”

“The big goose egg is off the board,” added teammate Gavin Kelly, the owner of 17 home runs this season for the Mountaineers.

What’s still in the works is the chance to own WVU’s single-season mark for stolen bases. Guzman has 38, which is tied with former standout Victor Scott, who first set the record in 2022.

“To Victor Scott, I’ll probably send him a text after this that I’m taking that record,” Guzman said.

Coming out of Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School (Ga.), Guzman enrolled at WVU with dreams of becoming an impact player, yet that dream



AP photo  
Armani Guzman celebrates after hitting a sacrifice fly to beat Kentucky in the 2025 NCAA tournament.

was put on hold, as it took him nearly two seasons to work his way up the team’s depth chart.

WVU head coach Steve Sabins saw Guzman’s athleticism and ability grow, but what he feared is that Guzman’s full potential wouldn’t be reached until after his college career.

“Your hope as a coach

is you can say that guy took us to Omaha and was an incredible player and helped get this program to new levels,” Sabins said. “Versus saying he was a pretty good player in college and now he’s the second baseman for the (Philadelphia) Phillies. That happens, too, because guys develop at different times and

they’re better pro players than they are college players sometimes.”

Then came last season’s NCAA tournament. Sabins stuck Guzman at third base and he responded by winning the MVP of the Clemson Regional.

Those high expectations Guzman had set for himself when he was entering his freshman year, they were suddenly within reach entering this season.

Be the go-to guy? Outside of Kelly, there was no one on WVU’s roster who had more offensive production expected out of him than Guzman.

How has that worked out? The answer comes in two parts.

There was the first month of the regular season, which saw Guzman’s batting average sitting at .204 on March 8. Breaking the school record for stolen bases in one season wasn’t even in consideration at that point.

“First half of the year, I wasn’t getting on base much, so I couldn’t really steal,” he said.

The second part of the story tells you Guzman is batting .345 over his last 48 games. He’s gone 14 of 32 since the start of the NCAA tournament and has had at least one hit in all seven postseason games.

And the stolen bases?

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GAME 1 PREVIEW



AP photo  
Troy first baseman Blake Cavill enters the College World Series with 13 home runs and 50 RBIs.

New experiences await WVU, Troy

Both teams making first trip to CWS

BY SPENCER RIPCHIK  
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West Virginia baseball has played in 35 states and in Washington, D.C. The Mountaineers have traveled as far as Hawaii to play a baseball game, but never in Nebraska. Until this weekend, when WVU and head coach Steve Sabins head to Omaha, Neb., to play in their first-ever College World Series.

WVU is playing in Nebraska for the first time against a team it’s never played before Troy

WVU vs. TROY

WHEN: 2 p.m., today  
WHERE: Charles Schwab Field, Omaha, Neb.  
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(38-30), in the opening game. The No. 16 Mountaineers have played over hundreds of opponents, and never once has it been the Trojans. WVU makes its College World Series debut, at 2 p.m. Friday on ESPN.

WVU heads into the College World Series on a five-game win streak after losing to Kentucky on Saturday, May 30, in

the regional. The Mountaineers surpassed their most runs ever in a season and have a 45-15 record.

WVU’s been beating teams with its high-powered offense and a lot of home runs. The Mountaineers weren’t a home run-hitting team until the last month of the regular season and in the postseason. WVU hit 13 home runs in the NCAA tournament and five in its last game against Troy.

Gavin Kelly’s 17 home runs lead the team. He also leads the team in batting average, hitting .384, and was the Morgantown Regional MVP. He’s had four

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# WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY (45-15) MOUNTAINEERS



0	Matthew Graveline	C/OF	Centerville, Ohio	Sr.
1	JJ Glasscock	RHP	Fluvanna, Va.	Soph.
2	Gavin Kelly	C/INF	Pittsburgh	Soph.
3	Zahir Barjam	INF	Santo Domingo, DR	Fr.
4	Jackson Ingram	INF	Staunton, Va.	Fr.
5	Armani Guzman	UTL	New York	Jr.
6	Paul Schoenfeld	OF	Wichita, Kan.	Grad.
7	Maxwell Molessa	OF	Williamstown	Fr.
8	Tyrus Hall	3B	British Columbia	Jr.
9	Bryson Hoff	RHP	Charleston	Soph.
10	Bryson Thacker	LHP	Rome, Ga.	Soph.
11	Sean Smith	OF	Moss, Point, Miss.	Grad.
12	Brodie Kresser	INF	Jesup, Iowa	Grad.
13	Ryan Maggy	INF	Peru, N.Y.	Fr.
14	Weston Mazey	INF	Morgantown	Fr.
15	Maxx Yehl	LHP	Portville, N.Y.	Jr.
16	Brock Wills	OF	Holly Springs, N.C.	Sr.
17	Matt Ineich	SS	South Lyon, Mich.	Soph.
18	Ian Korn	RHP	York, Pa.	Grad.
19	Matt Robaugh	INF	Washington, Pa.	Fr.
20	Luke Lyman	RHP	Berryville, Va.	Sr.
21	Joshua Surigao	LHP	Little River, S.C.	Soph.
23	David Hagen	RHP	Loveland, Ohio	Soph.
24	Ben Lumsden	OF	Simpsonville, S.C.	Sr.
25	JD Costanzo	LHP	Pittsburgh	Fr.
26	Sean Goldy	INF	Centennial, Colo.	Fr.
29	Reese Bassinger	RHP	Wylie, Texas	Grad.
31	Dawson Montesa	RHP	Glendale, N.Y.	Jr.
32	Wyatt Mosley	LHP	Dansville, Mich.	Fr.
33	Brayden Robinson	RHP	Crofton, Md.	Fr.
34	Bryant Yoak	RHP	Big Bend	Soph.
35	Chansen Cole	RHP	Boiling Springs, S.C.	Soph.
36	Hudson Cavallo	RHP	Hopewell Junction, N.Y.	Fr.
37	Ben Goodacre	RHP	Ancaster, Ontario	Fr.
38	Creed Erdos	C	Cranberry Township, Pa.	Soph.
40	Carson Estridge	RHP	Haymarket, Va.	Sr.
45	David Perez	RHP	Philadelphia	Fr.
46	Mac Stiffler	RHP	Hagerstown, Md.	Soph.
48	JT Huether	RHP	Fort Myers, Fla.	Fr.
51	Colton Sims	3B	Leawood, Kan.	Fr.
52	Weston Smith	RHP	Hurricane	Fr.
54	Andrew Middleton	LHP	Canton, Mass.	Jr.
55	Ben McDougal	LHP	Bridgeport	Sr.



Paul Schoenfeld



**Morgantown Regional**  
 Beat Binghamton, 10-1  
 Lost to Kentucky, 11-9  
 Beat Wake Forest, 10-5  
 Beat Kentucky, 11-9  
 Beat Kentucky, 6-5 (10 innings)

**Morgantown Super Regional**  
 Beat Cal Poly, 12-2  
 Beat Cal Poly, 17-1



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Fans of Mountaineer Baseball have shown up in full force for this historically successful season.



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**ON LEFT:** The fans on Randy's Ridge - the grassy hill on the first-base side of the Kendrick Family Ballpark in Granville - have been a part of the team's postseason success story.

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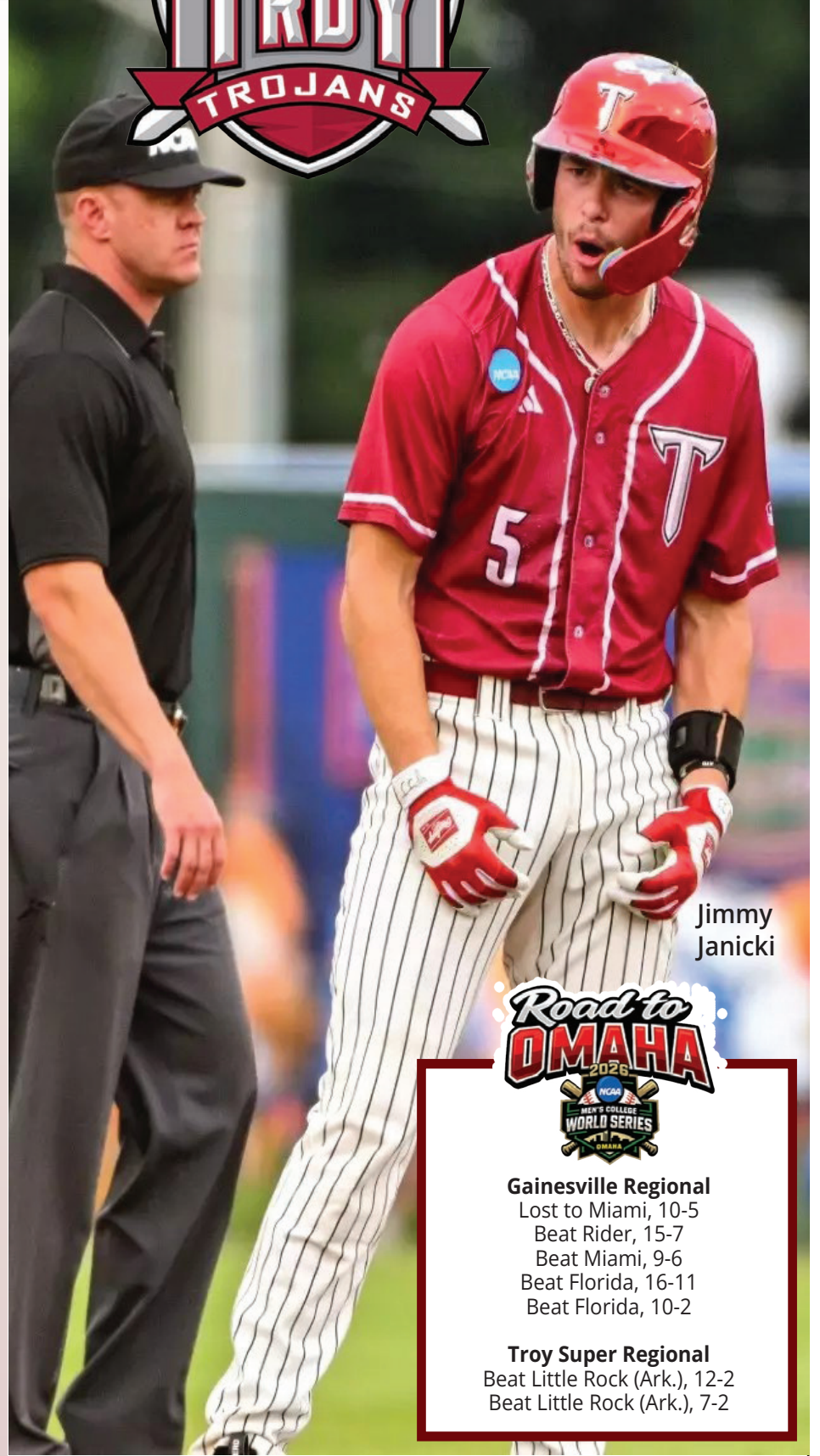
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# TROY UNIVERSITY (38-30) TROJANS



1	Steven Meier	OF	Kennewick, Wash.	Sr.
2	Aaron Piasecki	INF	Muskegon, Mich.	Sr.
3	Cole Garner	C	LeGrange, Ga.	Jr.
4	Nolan Book	INF	Lancaster, Pa.	Soph.
5	Jimmy Janicki	C	Downers Grove, Ill.	Soph.
6	Brady Richardson	INF/P	Elba, Ala.	Fr.
7	Gavin Schrader	OF	Batavia, N.Y.	Sr.
8	Jabe Boroff	C	Pike Road, Ala.	Jr.
10	Brock Tapper	LHP	Nesbit, Miss.	Sr.
11	Lucas Litteral	LHP	Paintsville, Ky.	Sr.
12	Tate Farquhar	RHP	Highland, Mich.	Jr.
14	Zaid Diaz	OF	Miramar, Fla.	Jr.
15	Tommy Egan	RHP	Chicago	Sr.
16	Hayden Smith	LHP	Nicholasville, Ky.	Jr.
17	Zach Crotchfelt	LHP	Jackson, N.J.	Sr.
18	Caden Reeves	C	Chapin, S.C.	Fr.
21	Blake Dean	RHP	Acworth, Ga.	Jr.
22	Drew Nelson	LHP	Troy, Ala.	Sr.
23	Houston Markham	OF	Pike Road, Ala.	Soph.
26	Matt Dill	RHP	Dayton, Tenn.	Fr.
27	Dylan Alonso	RHP	Tiger, Ga.	Jr.
28	Jackson Lucas	LHP	Osprey, Fla.	Fr.
29	Dylan King	RHP	Leola, Pa.	Sr.
30	Cooper Ellingworth	RHP	Orlando, Fla.	Jr.
31	Benjamin Stubbs	LHP	Macon, Ga.	Sr.
32	Josh Pyne	INF	Bloomfield, Ind.	Sr.
33	Ty McGraw	INF	Gardendale, Ala.	Fr.
34	Blake Cavill	INF	Sydney, Australia	Sr.
35	MatteoPare	RHP	LaSalle, Ontario	Jr.
36	Chase Cartron	LHP	Huntsville, Ala.	Soph.
37	Sean Darnell	INF	Wetumpka, Ala.	Sr.
38	Nate Criswell	RHP	Oakdale, Calif.	Jr.
40	Nico Azpilcueta	OF	Sherman Oaks, Calif.	Sr.
44	Dillon Kuehl	OF	Urbandale, Iowa	Sr.
45	Judah Buckner	RHP	Starkville, Miss.	Sr.
47	Noah Thigpen	RHP	Lake Park, Ga.	Soph.



Jimmy Janicki



**Gainesville Regional**  
 Lost to Miami, 10-5  
 Beat Rider, 15-7  
 Beat Miami, 9-6  
 Beat Florida, 16-11  
 Beat Florida, 10-2

**Troy Super Regional**  
 Beat Little Rock (Ark.), 12-2  
 Beat Little Rock (Ark.), 7-2



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## TROY

## PROVING THEM WRONG



Troy athletics photo

Troy players celebrate following their super regional victory against Little Rock (Ark.).

## Troy barely got into NCAA tourney, now playing in World Series

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On May 25, the NCAA tournament announced the 64 baseball teams competing for the national championship. The ESPN broadcast went regional by regional, naming out the host schools, and then the three teams that followed.

In the Gainesville Regional, Florida was announced as the No. 8 seed, and Troy, an at-large team from the Sun Belt Conference, was the No. 3 seed. After all the 64 teams were revealed, it showed the last four teams in and first four out. Troy was a last four in.

"I don't really think we are a last four in," head coach Skylar Meade said. "I know that they post that up, but I highly doubt that's the case. Because we have good players, we have the right level of edge."

Troy hasn't looked like a last four in. The Trojans won the Gainesville Regional and came out of the losers' bracket to beat Miami (FL) in the process. Troy beat Florida twice in the regional final and went on to beat Little Rock in the super regional. Since losing the first game of the NCAA tournament, Troy has won six straight games.

"How about them Tro-



AP photo

Troy pitcher Benjamin Stubbs is 6-3 with a 4.93 ERA this season.

jans?" Meade said after Game 2 against Little Rock.

Now, Troy heads to the College World Series, and is in the bracket with West Virginia, North Carolina and Ole Miss, with the first game being against WVU on Friday, June 12 at 2 p.m. ET. on ESPN. The Trojans are the last mid-major school remaining, and are heavy underdogs to make and win the national championship. According to FanDuel, Troy is +3,500 to win the title, which is last, and the second-worst odds are Oklahoma, at

+1,600. The Trojans are big underdogs.

"No one is going to feel sorry for you," Meade said. "The world of baseball is kind of hoping for your demise."

Troy has some talent and was one of the team's preseason who could make a run in the tournament. The Trojans are 38-30 on the year, and were runners-up to Southern Miss, who hosted a regional, in the Sun Belt.

Troy's lineup has power. The Trojans have hit 93 home runs as a team, which ranks 26th in the NCAA. Catcher Jimmy

Janicki leads the team with 19 homers, and first baseman Blake Cavill is second with 13. Troy has five players in the lineup who have hit 10 or more home runs.

Shortstop Aaron Piasecki is the best hitter on the team in terms of average and is the leadoff hitter. He has 16 doubles on the season. The Trojans don't steal a lot of bases, but if they do, it'll most likely be centerfielder Steven Meier.

Troy's offense has scored 74 runs in seven postseason games, including outscoring No.

8-seeded Florida 26-13 in the regional final.

Troy's pitching really took over in the super regional against Little Rock. Troy's pitchers allowed four runs in two games.

Benjamin Stubbs and Tommy Egan are the top two starters, and most likely one of them will get the ball in Game 1 of the College World Series. Stubbs pitched in the first game against Little Rock and pitched six innings, let up six hits, struck out five and had two earned runs. Egan went seven innings, struck out eight and two earned runs. Zach Crotchfelt is one of Troy's top relievers and has a 3.50 ERA on the season.

"Our offense is certainly dynamic. I'd be remised, we walked only two guys in two games. Two runs each game, you're going to win a lot of baseball games, if you are 15-2, strikeout to walk in two days. We have a lot of really talented arms."

Last year, with all the talent, Meade and Troy thought it had a chance to make the College World Series. Troy finished the season with a 39-21 record, which is better than the current record, even seven games into the tournament.

But, the Trojans were left out of the tournament.

"Yeah, it stings," Meade said. "It's why I don't sleep. But, that being said, I think it shows I was right in 2025. Then, we did something people probably didn't think. Things like this can happen if you have the elite players. We have elite players, we have elite arms. Our culture, no one can say I'm lying anymore. Our culture wins. It's a long, hard road."

Troy received its shot in 2026, and is making the most out of it, even if it was the last team in the tournament. Even if they are a long shot, the Trojans haven't looked like it, beating Power Four schools in the process.

Troy makes its College World Series debut against the Mountaineers, who were also doubted and the last regional host of the tournament. The Trojans aren't favored in that game.

Troy doesn't look at the odds and instead has its eye on completing a team goal set well before the season even started.

"Fate will take over," Meade said. "There are so many things that go into it. We are capable. We had a program goal on August 11; there's only one team happy at the end of this thing. Everything that we've done in this program is to be that last team."

## NEW

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home runs in the NCAA tournament.

The Mountaineers' right fielder, Ben Lumsden, has really burst onto the scene. Lumsden didn't play much during the regular season, but he's made a big impact in the NCAA tournament. He had two home runs in the super regional final and has a hit in every NCAA tournament game so far. Lumsden also works a lot of walks.

WVU's leadoff hitter, Armani Guzman, is a

threat on the basepaths and at the plate. Guzman stole 38 bases this season and has 14 hits in the tournament. He hit his first homer of the season in the final game against Cal Poly.

With the home runs and strong hitting, the Mountaineers tallied 29 runs over seven games.

Troy has some power in its lineup as well. The Trojans have hit 93 home runs this season. Catcher Jimmy Janicki's 19 leads the team. Troy has five players who have hit double-digit homers.

The Trojans top average hitter is shortstop Aaron Piasecki (.346) and Janicki is a close second (.341). Troy has five hitters hitting over .300 on the year.

The Mountaineers pitching is where they take the edge.

WVU has two of the top starting pitchers left in the tournament. Chansen Cole has emerged as an ace in the tournament, with two strong showings. Cole pitched seven innings in Game 1 against Cal Poly and had a season-high 11 strikeouts. Cole is paired with Big 12 Pitcher of the

Year Maxx Yehl as a solid one-two punch of starters. Yehl had his ups and downs in his postseason start, but when he's on his A-game, he's dominant. Cole and Yehl both have sub-three ERAs.

The Mountaineers have strong bullpen arms when the starters do struggle. Ian Korn was a top pitcher in the Big 12 during the regular season, and Sabins can get quality innings out of Reese Bassinger and Carson Estridge.

Troy's pitching is still solid, just not as good. The Trojans' pitching showed

up in the super regional. Benjamin Stubbs and Tommy Egan are Troy's best starters, and one of them will likely get the game ball against WVU. Both don't have the best ERAs, Egan at 5.38 and Stubbs at 4.93, but both had great starts in the super regionals. Troy's pitching staff only let up four runs over the two games. Zach Crotchfelt is one of Troy's top arms out of the pen and has a 3.50 ERA on the season.

WVU is also the favorite when it comes to betting. According to

FanDuel, Troy is the least likely team to win the national title, whereas the Mountaineers are fourth. This isn't the last time Troy has been doubted. The Trojans were one of the last four teams in the NCAA tournament.

But that doesn't mean Troy should be overlooked. The Trojans beat No. 8 Florida and Miami in the Gainesville Regional, so they can take down Power Four teams.

Troy has won its last six games, so both teams are riding a lot of momentum into the CWS.

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA (50-12-1)

# TAR HEELS



1	Cooper Nicholson	INF	West Des Moines, Iowa	Jr.
2	Jake Schaffner	INF	Janesville, Wis.	Jr.
3	Lee Sowers	INF	Glen Allen, Va.	Soph.
4	Sawyer Black	OF	Oak Ridge, N.C.	Soph.
5	Gavin Gallaher	INF	Apex, N.C.	Jr.
6	Macon Winslow	C	Hertford, N.C.	Jr.
7	Perry Hargett	OF	Peachland, N.C.	Soph.
8	Owen Hull	OF	Alexandria, Va.	Jr.
10	Tom Chmlewski	LHP	Needham, Mass.	Grad.
11	Matt McKnight	INF	Charlotte	Fr.
12	Tyler Howe	UTL	Huntersville, N.C.	Fr.
14	Michael Maginnis	OF	Newman, Ga.	Grad.
15	Cameron Padgett	RHP	Salisbury, N.C.	Sr.
17	Talan Holiday	RHP	Pembroke Pines, Fla.	Fr.
18	Carter French	OF	Tampa	Sr.
19	Camron Seagraves	RHP	Eilerbe, N.C.	Soph.
20	A.J. Terry	INF	Randolph, N.J.	Fr.
23	Colin Hynek	C	Rockmart, Ga.	Grad.
24	Matt Matthijis	RHP	Greenville, N.C.	Sr.
25	Rom Kellis V	OF/C	Gilbert, S.C.	Sr.
26	Kykle Percival	LHP	Lancaster, S.C.	Sr.
27	Caden Glauber	RHP	Fort Mill, S.C.	Fr.
28	Jadyn Nunez	OF	Miami	Fr.
29	Jason DeCaro	RHP	North Port, N.Y.	Jr.
31	Olin Johnson	RHP	Bellingham, Wash.	Jr.
35	Jackson Rose	LHP	Woodstock, Ga.	Fr.
36	Folger Boaz	LHP	Pilot Mountain, N.C.	Jr.
39	Jake Cackovic	RHP	Holly Springs, N.C.	Fr.
40	Walker McDuffie	RHP	Broadway, N.C.	Soph.
41	Justin McCabe	RHP	Lexington, N.C.	Fr.
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Jason DeCaro



**Chapel Hill Regional**  
 Beat VCU, 8-0  
 Beat East Carolina, 7-5  
 Beat East Carolina, 9-3

**Chapel Hill Super Regional**  
 Lost to Southern Cal, 9-5  
 Beat Southern Cal, 4-0  
 Beat Southern Cal, 4-3

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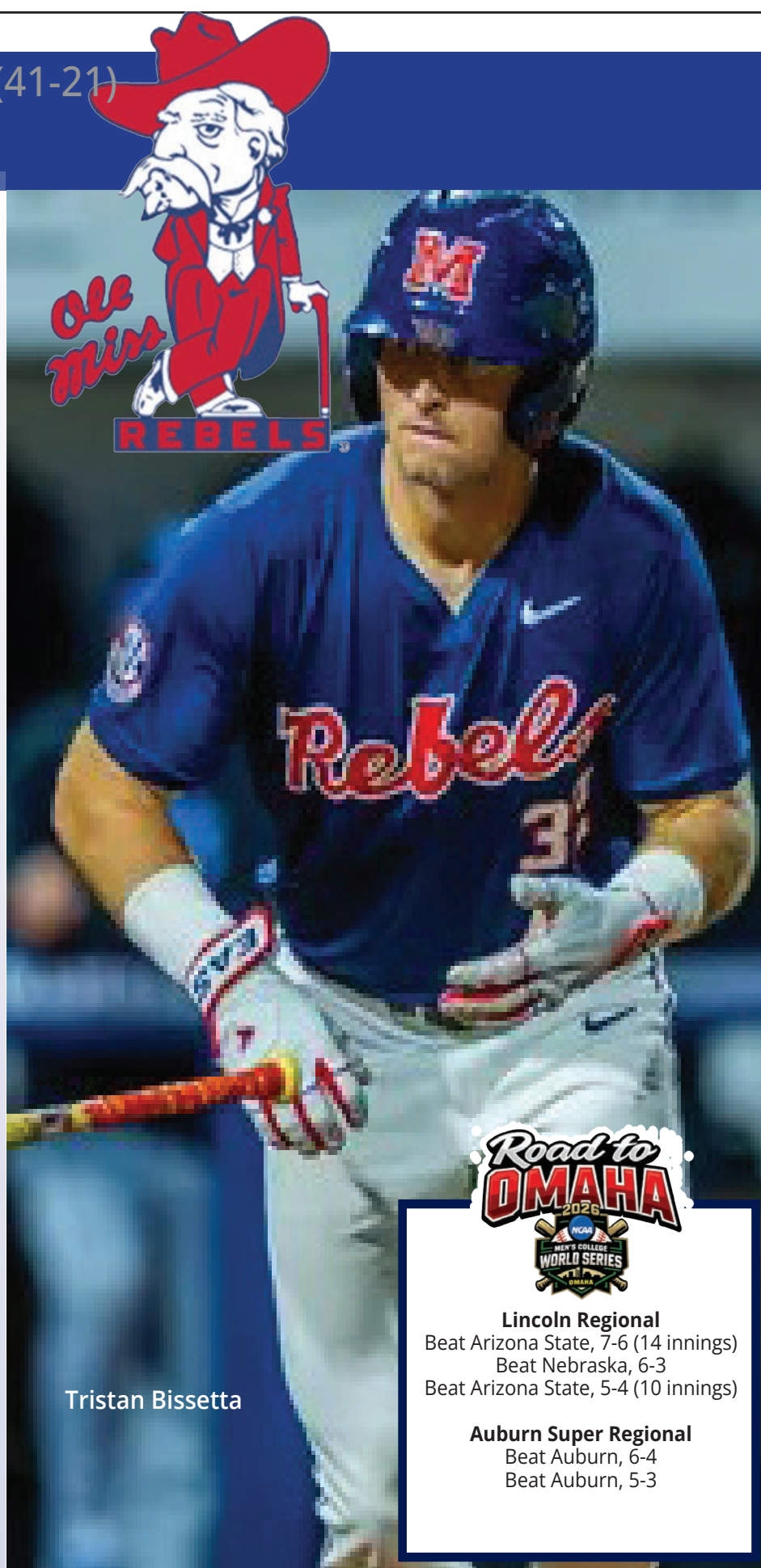
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UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI (OLE MISS) (41-21)

# REBELS

1	Brayden Randle	INF	Rockwell, Texas	Jr.
2	Brett Moseley	OF	Trusville, Ala.	Fr.
3	Bryden Bull	1B/OF	Las Vegas	Fr.
4	Cannon Goldin	OF	Buford, Ga.	Fr.
6	Owen Paino	INF	Poughkeepsie, N.Y.	Soph.
7	Topher Jones	INF	Hernando, Miss.	Soph.
8	Tate Sirmans	UTL	Valdosta, Ga.	Fr.
9	Hayden Federico	OF	West Monroe, La.	Soph.
10	Cade Townsend	RHP	Aliso Viejo, Calif.	Soph.
12	Dom Decker	INF	Sellersburg, Ind.	Jr.
14	Cooper Johnson	LHP	Jefferson, Ga.	Soph.
16	Kelven Perera	C	Miami	Fr.
17	Marko Sipila	RHP	Orono, Minn.	Sr.
18	Luke Romine	1B/P	Hernando, Miss.	Fr.
19	Walker Hooks	LHP	Branson, Miss.	Soph.
20	Coffin Reuter	C/INF	Olive Branch, Miss.	Sr.
21	Owen Kelly	RHP	Belleville, Ill.	Jr.
22	Patrick Collopy	LHP	Austin, Texas	Jr.
23	Hudson Calhoun	RHP	Tupalo, Miss.	Jr.
24	Austin Fawley	C	West Palm Beach, Fla.	Jr.
25	Daniel Pacella	OF	Mundelein, Ill.	Sr.
26	Hunter Elliott	LHP	Tupalo, Miss.	Jr.
27	Judd Utermark	INF	Charlotte	Sr.
28	Noah Allen	RHP	Watkinsville, Ga.	Fr.
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50	Taylor Rabe	RHP	Greenville, S.C.	Soph.
55	Leo Odom	RHP	Sumrall, Miss.	Fr.



Tristan Bissetta



**Lincoln Regional**  
 Beat Arizona State, 7-6 (14 innings)  
 Beat Nebraska, 6-3  
 Beat Arizona State, 5-4 (10 innings)

**Auburn Super Regional**  
 Beat Auburn, 6-4  
 Beat Auburn, 5-3

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## OLE MISS



Ole Miss players celebrate after Tristan Bissetta (32) hit a home run against Auburn in the super regionals.

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## Rebels went through roller coaster to get back to CWS

BY JUSTIN JACKSON  
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Mike Bianco has been here before. The Ole Miss head coach knows what it takes to win it all, having guided the Rebels to the 2022 national championship.

It's been a four-year wait for the Rebels to return to Omaha, Neb. since hoisting that national championship trophy, and Ole Miss arrives knowing it likely had the toughest path to get there.

"It wasn't easy, obviously," Bianco said after Ole Miss punched its ticket to the World Series by knocking off No. 5 Auburn in the super re-

gionals. "At some point, I'd like to go back and watch the games, because they were a hell of a two games."

Despite playing the third-toughest schedule in the country, Ole Miss (41-21) wasn't handed the chance to host a regional. Instead, the Rebels were sent to Nebraska, where the Cornhuskers, as well as Arizona State were waiting.

Ole Miss swept the regional with three wins, but only after a walk-off win in the 14th inning against Arizona State in the opener and then another walk-off win in the 10th inning against the Sun Devils in the finals.

Ole Miss outfielder Tristan Bissetta hit two home runs in the regionals.

Then came two close wins against Auburn. The clincher, a 5-3 victory, saw Ole Miss score three runs off home runs from Bissetta and Will Furniss to pull ahead in the eighth inning.

"We handle hard well," Bianco said. "Our guys did it in a very difficult regional. We had a great opponent (in Auburn) and a great atmosphere here and our guys just continue to handle it."

The Rebels are built on both power hitting and balanced pitching. Bissetta, a transfer from

Clemson, leads the way with 23 home runs and 61 RBIs. He's joined by four-year starter Judd Utermark, who has hit 44 home runs over the last two seasons.

Sophomore pitcher Taylor Rabe pitched seven innings and held Auburn to two runs in the final game of the super regionals. He's one of three Ole Miss pitchers with five wins this season.

"I've learned to just trust in myself," Rabe said. "Even after giving up some hits, I knew I just had to stick with it. That's what helped me get some length today."

Since winning the 2022

national championship, it's been a roller coaster for the Rebels. They had losing seasons in both 2023 and 2024, before getting eliminated in last season's NCAA tournament by Murray State.

"We had a really tough first two years here," Furniss said. "After that, everybody just kind of started to jump ship. That's when you learn what people are made of. Some core guys stuck around and other guys were brought in that could help the team."

"We have a really close group of guys. Sticking through it all has paid off. We had trust in the coaches that they would bring

in good guys and that's really helped us."

Ole Miss begins this College World Series at 7 p.m. Friday, against North Carolina. It will be the Rebels' seventh appearance in the College World Series.

"That feeling of last year was really hard on us," Rabe said. "All off-season, you remember your last game of the season. We took this season to heart. We knew it was going to be tough, but we just had to stick with it."

"We knew we had a team that was capable of doing this. I think that was the big thing for us."

## NORTH CAROLINA

## Tar Heels not afraid of top competition

### UNC won super regional in dramatic fashion over USC

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North Carolina baseball was riding high a couple of weeks into the 2026 season. The Tar Heels swept Indiana and hadn't lost a series. Then, North Carolina hosted Virginia.

The Cavaliers mercied the Tar Heels 13-3 at home and beat them 9-2 in the second game. It was the first series loss for North Carolina of the early season.

"Virginia kicked us in the teeth there pretty good," head coach Scott Forbes said.

The series loss to Virginia happened on March 7. Since that loss, North Carolina hasn't lost a single series. That steak looked in jeopardy in the super regional, which is essentially a three-game weekend series. Southern California took Game 1, meaning the Tar Heels had to take the next two to head to the College World Series.

North Carolina won the next two games and did so by coming back from a 3-1 deficit in the regional final. The Tar Heels enter the College World Series



AP photo

North Carolina third baseman Cooper Nicholson has 16 home runs and 48 RBIs this season.

as the No. 5 seed. North Carolina (50-12-1) is the second-highest remaining seed behind Georgia, and is in the bracket with No. 16 West Virginia, Troy and Ole Miss.

"We found a way," Forbes said. "We won every series the rest of the way. It wasn't always pretty."

The Tar Heels have won every series since March, even including against No. 2 overall seed Georgia Tech, mainly due to its pitching.

North Carolina has the eighth-lowest ERA in college baseball, and has two pitchers in the top

10 in lowest ERA in the country.

Caden Glauber is the Tar Heels' ace as a true freshman. He's a 6-foot-4 right-hander and has a 2.20 ERA on the season. Glauber has the seventh-lowest ERA in the country. In his most recent outing, he pitched seven innings in the super regional final against USC, and he had 11 strikeouts, let up three runs and had just one walk. North Carolina hasn't lost a single game he's pitched in (10-0).

Glauber pairs with junior right-hander Jason



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North Carolina outfielder Owen Hull is batting .390 with seven home runs and 81 RBIs this season.

DeCaro as one of the best one-two punches in college baseball. DeCaro is 10th in the country with a 2.28 ERA. DeCaro pitched a complete game against USC in Game 2, forcing a Game 3. He pitched a complete game two-hit shutout and had eight strikeouts in the process. It was one of the best performances this season from any starter.

Walker McDuffie is North Carolina's best bullpen arm, has an ERA of 3.44, six saves and 82 strikeouts. Jackson Rose is another talented arm out of the pen.

North Carolina has a solid offense as well, and some power spread throughout the team. The Tar Heels have hit 80 home runs this season and four hitters have double-digits. Third baseman

Cooper Nicholson's 16 leads the team.

Centerfielder Owen Hull is 19th in the country in batting average (.390), leading the team, and he leads the team in RBIs (81). Shortstop Jake Schaffner is second on the team in average from the leadoff spot (.358).

UNC is a top team at working walks. The Tar Heels take you deep into counts and have the sixth-most walks in the country. North Carolina has five hitters who have worked over 40 walks this season. With excellent pitching and some power, North Carolina hasn't lost a series since early March. Now, the Tar Heels will play in a double-elimination bracket as the favorite to win their side.

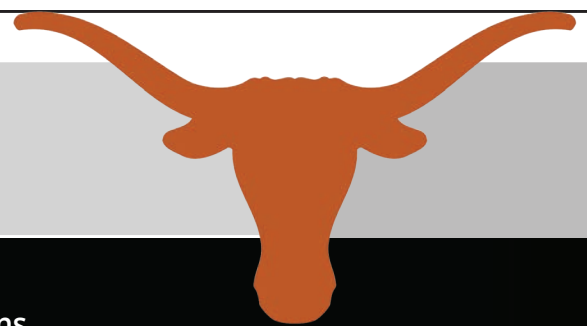
North Carolina opens the College World Series

against Ole Miss, who swept No. 4 Auburn in the super regional. The Rebels are a hot team.

Even if North Carolina loses in Game 1, the Tar Heels are one of the best teams at responding.

"Failure is the best teacher," Forbes said. "It can set you up for greater things. I remember Tony Bennett talking about it with Virginia. I'm a big fan of Tony Bennett. I have his pillars up here, stolen straight from him. First round loss, and then they won the national championship the next year. It just sets you up for that. You can handle in-game adversity, punches, you can handle a first loss like that. You figure you get there enough, you can knock that door down, too. That's what these guys did."

# UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS (45-13) LONGHORNS



0	Jayden Duplantier	UTL	Humble, Texas	Sr.
1	Temo Becerra	INF	Clovis, Calif.	Sr.
4	Jason Flores	RHP	Wylie, Texas	Soph.
6	Anthony Pack Jr.	OF	Lakewood, Calif.	Fr.
7	Andrew Ermis	C	San Antonio, Texas	Jr.
8	Carson Tinney	C	Castle Pines, Colo.	Jr.
9	Jonah Williams	OF	Galveston, Texas	Soph.
11	Kade Bing	LHP	West, Texas	Jr.
12	Haiden Leffew	LHP	Kannapolis, N.C.	Jr.
13	Roger Riojas	RHP	Wimberly, Texas	Sr.
14	Presley Courville	C	Lake Charles, La.	Fr.
15	Josh Livingston	INF	Prosper, Texas	Sr.
19	Jack McKernan	LHP	Missouri City, Texas	Fr.
24	Adrian Rodriguez	INF	Flower Mound, Texas	Soph.
27	Cal Higgins	LHP	Kearney, Neb.	Grad.
28	Grady Westphal	RHP	Leawood, Kan.	Fr.
29	Blake Peterson	OF	Austin, Texas	Soph.
30	Kaleb Rogers	RHP	San Antonio, Texas	Fr.
31	Casey Borba	INF	Santa Ana, Calif.	Jr.
32	Maddox Monsour	UTL	Carrollton, Ga	Fr.
33	Connor McCreery	RHP	Williston Park, N.Y.	Sr.
34	Michael Winter	RHP	Prairie Village, Kan.	Fr.
35	Sam Cozart	RHP	High Point, N.C.	Fr.
36	Callum Early	INF	Midlothian, Va.	Soph.
38	Max Grubbs	RHP	Arlington, Texas	Sr.
41	Cody Howard	RHP	The Woodlands, Texas	Sr.
42	Darlyan Pendergrass	OF	Hartsville, S.C.	Sr.
43	Aiden Robbins	OF	Yardley, Pa.	Jr.
44	Ashton Larson	OF	Overland Park, Kan.	Jr.
45	Thomas Burns	RHP	Hortonville, Wis.	Jr.
46	Ethan Walker	LHP	Ashburn, Va.	Jr.
48	Hudson Hamilton	RHP	Spring, Texas	Jr.
53	Luke Harrison	LHP	Friendswood, Texas	Grad.
55	Jack Paris	RHP	Houston	Fr.
67	Brody Walls	RHP	McKinney, Texas	Fr.
88	Brett Crossland	RHP	Phoenix	Fr.
99	Dylan Votantis	LHP	Thousand Oaks, Calif.	Soph.



Aiden Robbins



**Austin Regional**  
 Beat Holy Cross, 19-1  
 Beat Tarleton State, 16-2  
 Beat UC Santa Barbara, 6-2

**Austin Super Regional**  
 Beat Oregon, 11-3  
 Beat Oregon, 6-5

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# UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA (38-22) SOONERS

1	Jason Walk	OF	Acworth, Ga.	Jr.
2	Myles Davis	INF	Marion, Iowa	Soph.
3	Cayden Brumbaugh	UTL	Edmond, Okla.	Sr.
4	Alec Blair	OF	Lafayette, Calif.	Fr.
5	Nolan Stevens	OF/P	Elk Grove, Calif.	Jr.
6	Kyle Branch	INF	Lucas, Texas	Soph.
7	Jaxon Willis	INF	Fort Cobb, Okla.	Jr.
8	Uriah Walters	INF	Prosper, Texas	Jr.
9	Camden Johnson	INF	Boerne, Texas	Jr.
10	Brendan Brock	C/OF	Mascoutah, Ill.	Jr.
11	Geraldo Prado	OF	San Juan, Puerto Rico	Jr.
12	Kadyn Leon	RHP	Austin, Texas	Soph.
13	Connor Larkin	UTL	Cherry Hills Village, Colo.	Fr.
16	Dayton Tockey	INF	Ft. Worth, Texas	Sr.
17	Dasan Harris	OF	Plano, Texas	Jr.
18	Gavyn Jones	LHP	White Oak, Texas	Jr.
19	Jaxon Grossman	RHP	Haiku, HI	Jr.
20	Trey Gambill	OF	Alpine, Utah	Sr.
21	Drew Dickerson	OF	Lee's Summit, Mo.	Soph.
22	L.J. Mercurius	RHP	Las Vegas	Jr.
23	Xander Mercurius	RHP	Las Vegas	Fr.
25	Mason Bixby	RHP	San Antonio, Texas	Jr.
27	Drew Rerick	RHP	Fargo, N.D.	Soph.
29	Jaden Barfield	LHP	Pearland, Texas	Soph.
30	Michael Catalano	RHP	Frisco, Texas	Soph.
31	Cameron Johnson	LHP	Upper Marlboro, Md.	Jr.
32	Brisco Smith	RHP	Marlow, Okla.	Fr.
33	Isaac Williams	RHP	Fleming Island, Fla.	Jr.
35	Jason Bodin	RHP	Orange, Texas	Jr.
37	Nick Wesloski	RHP	McKinney, Texas	Fr.
39	Trent Collier	LHP	Prosper, Texas	Soph.
41	Gunnar Dillard	C	San Angelo, Texas	Fr.
42	Reid Hemsley	RHP	Lufkin, Texas	Grad.
48	Deiten Lachance	C	Sherbrook, Quebec	Jr.
49	Jackson Cleveland	RHP	Deer Park, Texas	Sr.
54	Nate Smithsburg	LHP	Libertyville, Iowa	Jr.
99	Cord Rager	LHP	Maypearl, Texas	Fr.



Deiten Lachance



**Atlanta Regional**  
 Beat The Citadel, 8-3  
 Lost to Georgia Tech, 9-3  
 Beat The Citadel, 15-5  
 Beat Georgia Tech, 15-8  
 Beat Georgia Tech, 8-7 (10 innings)

**Lawrence Super Regional**  
 Beat Kansas, 8-1  
 Beat Kansas, 13-2



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## OKLAHOMA

## Sooners get it right just in time

## NCAA run came after regular-season collapse

BY JUSTIN JACKSON

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The bucket of water dumped over Oklahoma head coach Skip Johnson, following the Sooners' 13-2 victory against Kansas to advance to the College World Series, was somehow poetically fitting.

It likely cleansed a month's worth of frustration and doubt.

The Sooners (38-22) walk into Omaha, Neb. as an underdog, set to play No. 7 Alabama at 3 p.m. Saturday, inside Charles Schwab Field.

That's not the story behind the Sooners. The fact they survived this long is.

"Our job as coaches is to get those guys through excuses and try to teach them to be selfless," Johnson said after the victory against Kansas.

Except the Sooners had plenty of excuses not to make it this far. At one point during the season, Oklahoma was comfortably in the national Top 25 polls and appeared to be headed to the NCAA tournament as a regional host.

Then came the end of the regular season. Oklahoma's final four SEC series came against Auburn, Florida, Arkansas and Tennessee. The Sooners dropped two of three in all four. Even worse, LSU — the 14th seed in the SEC tournament — eliminated Oklahoma with a 6-2 victory in the first round of the conference tournament.

Good had gone to bad in a hurry, and things didn't look good when the Sooners were put in the same regional as second-ranked Georgia Tech. When the two programs met for the first time in the regional,

Georgia Tech cruised to a 9-3 victory.

But, this is a turnaround story. Oklahoma was one loss from elimination, but it hasn't come yet.

"Where does it go from here? I don't know," Johnson continued. "But I can tell you this, we'll go (to Omaha) and fight and claw and do the things. We went through a lot of adversity all year long and they fought through it and they never wavered, and kept battling and kept battling and kept battling."

"And that's the great thing about baseball. I still say it's the best game in the world, because you can be on a low, then you can be on a high. And that's really good."

Oklahoma has been on a high ever since that loss against Georgia Tech. The Sooners came back and beat the Yellowjackets twice, including a dramatic 8-7 victory in 10 innings to win the regional.

The Sooners scored on Jaxon Willits' base hit in the ninth inning to tie the game. Dayton Tockey's home run in the 10th inning won it.

The rest seemed rather easy. Oklahoma outscored Kansas by a combined 21-3 to punch its ticket to the World Series.

"It really means more to the players, because they're the ones who did it," Johnson said. "We have a bunch of selfless players and I'm thankful to get the opportunity to coach them."

The Sooners have a heavy hitter in catcher Deiten Lachance (15 HR, 62 RBIs), but the story is Tockey. The first baseman was a spot starter during the regular season, but he was inserted as a regular in the NCAA tourna-



Oklahoma first baseman Dayton Tockey celebrates after hitting a home run against Georgia Tech in the NCAA tournament.

ment. That move has paid off big time, as Tockey has batted .417 with five home runs and nine RBIs.

"We are swinging the bat well, everybody," Tockey said. "The past few weeks have been unbelievable. We've shown much love for each other and we'll never give up on each other."

On the pitching side, the Sooners have the second-highest team ERA of the eight teams in Omaha at 5.15. Former LSU transfer Cameron Johnson leads the way with a 6-1 record and a 4.36 ERA.



Oklahoma's Camden Johnson makes a relay against The Citadel in the NCAA tournament.

## TEXAS

## Texas' Schlossnagle seeks a different feeling in familiar territory

## Longhorns coach nearly won a national title at Texas A&amp;M

BY MICHAEL GRIFFITH

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Two years ago, then-Texas A&M head coach Jim Schlossnagle, now in his second year with the University of Texas, experienced heartbreak as his Aggies sat in the driver's seat of the 2024 College World Series championship series after a 9-5 victory over Tennessee in Game 1.

Fast forward to 2026, and Schlossnagle is once again coaching in Omaha, as the sixth-seeded Longhorns advanced out of both the Austin Regional and Super Regional rounds. UT swept Oregon 2-0 to advance to the 2026 College World Series in Omaha, Ne.

"I am very excited for our team," Schlossnagle said after clinching the Super Regional over Oregon. "We are certainly excited to win the game, and I'm very proud of our entire team and coaching

staff. We are looking forward to getting to Omaha."

Pitching depth and a balanced lineup are the strengths of the Longhorns, who finished 19-10 in the ever-difficult SEC.

Lefty ace Dylan Volantis leads the pitching staff with a 10-1 record and 2.03 ERA in 88.2 innings pitched in 2026. Ruger Riojas and Luke Harrison may also get the call to start on the bump for UT, both holding winning records as starters in 2026.

The Longhorns will open play in Omaha on Saturday night at 8 p.m. Eastern against fellow SEC opponent Georgia, which may be the favorite for the title.

"It was good for some of our guys to see the balls come off of the bats the way they did," Schlossnagle said after defeating Oregon. "We had some great at-bats, and I liked the way our guys approached every



Texas head coach Jim Schlossnagle has won 1,032 games over his coaching career.

single appearance at the plate."

UT hit back-to-back-to-back home runs in the top of the first inning to open Game 2 of the Austin Super Regional against Oregon.

Anthony Pack Jr. leads UT with a .359 batting average and 74 hits. He is

one of five batters hitting over .300 this season, and one of four in the Longhorns' lineup with over 50 RBIs on the season.

Aiden Robbins and Carson Tinney are the power behind the UT offense, combining for 46 home runs this season. Robbins has tallied 64 RBIs and

leads the team in hits with a game.

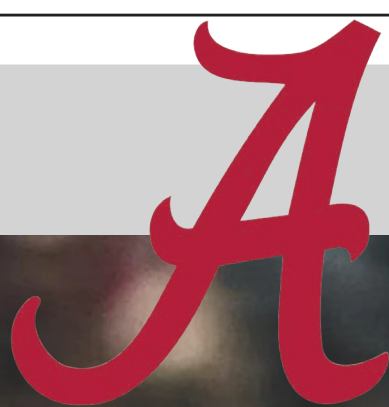
77. The one downside of the Texas roster when it comes to playing in Omaha is a lack of experience on the biggest stage. Only three players on the roster have ever been to the College World Series, with only two having played in

It goes without saying, though, that Texas baseball is a 'Blue Blood' of the sport, with six National Titles under its belt.

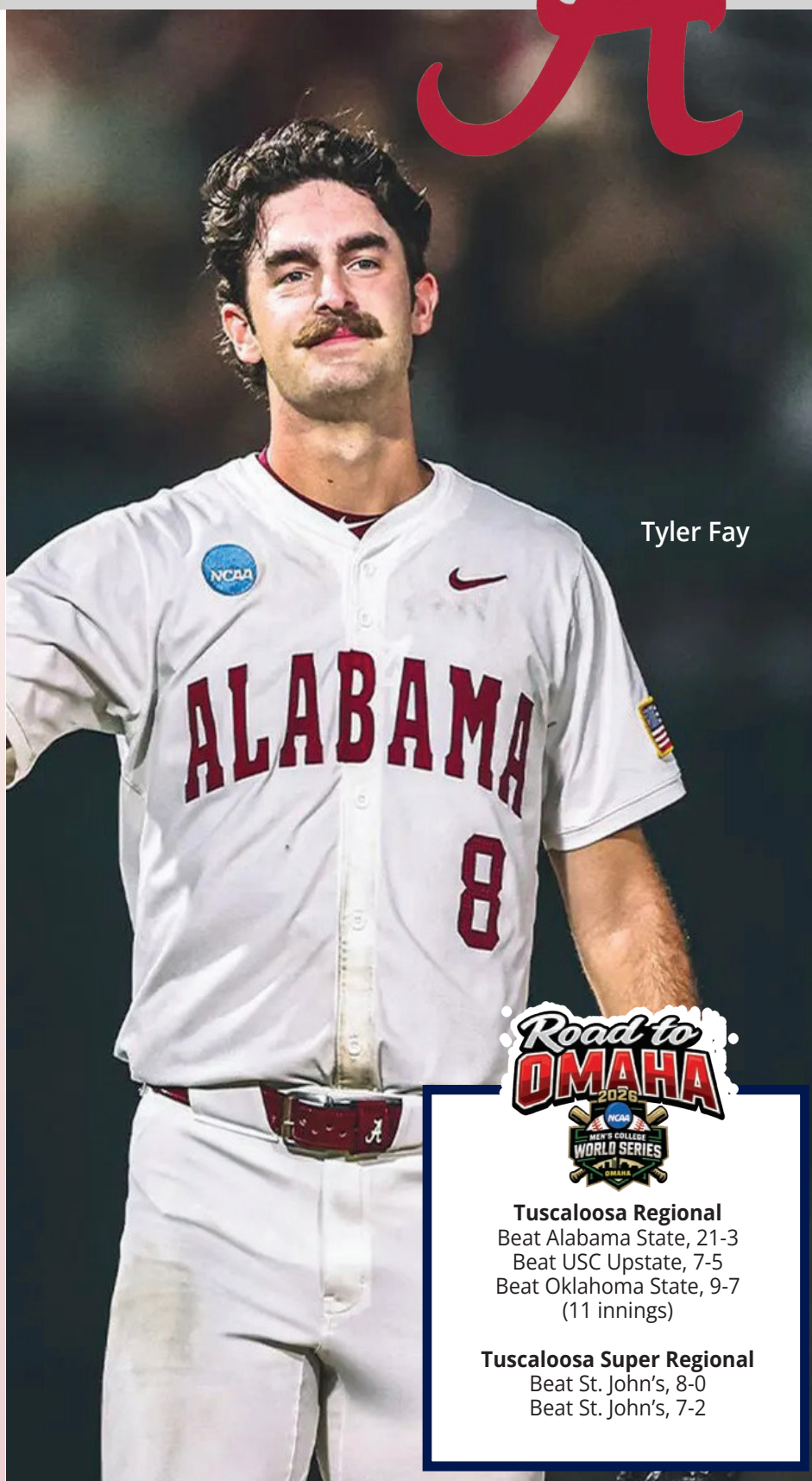
However, UT hasn't won a championship since 2005, and is hungry to return to the summit of college baseball.

Texas athletics

# UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA (42-19) CRIMSON TIDE



1	Justin Lebron	INF	Miramar, Fla.	Jr.
3	Will Plattner	C	Springfield, Ill.	Jr.
4	Brennan Holt	UTL	Baton Rouge, La.	Grad.
5	Sam Christiansen	UTL	Mesa, Ariz.	Jr.
6	Evan Taylor	UTL	Ocean City, N.J.	Fr.
7	Matt Heiberger	LHP	Birmingham, Ala.	Jr.
8	Tyler Fay	RHP	Doniphan, Neb.	Jr.
9	Bryce Fowler	OF	Madison, Miss.	Sr.
10	Brady Neal	C/INF	Tallahassee, Fla.	Sr.
11	Myles Upchurch	RHP	Odenton, Md.	Fr.
12	J.T. Blackwood	RHP	Cullman, Ala.	Sr.
13	Luke Vaughn	C	Cincinnati	Soph.
14	Peyton Steele	OF	Decatur, Ala.	Soph.
15	Coleman Mizell	OF	Hartselle, Ala.	Jr.
16	Bobby Alcock	RHP	Lynn, Mass.	Grad.
17	Logen Devenport	OF	Franklin, Ind.	Sr.
18	Justin Osterhouse	INF	Grand Rapids, Mich.	Jr.
19	Caleb Barnett	INF/P	Mountain Book, Ala.	Fr.
20	Zane Adams	LHP	Porter, Texas	Jr.
21	Andrew Purdy	INF	Cartersville, Ga.	Fr.
22	Will Rhine	INF	Bel Air, Md.	Fr.
23	Chase Kroberger	OF	Moorestown, N.J.	Fr.
24	Tate Robertson	LHP	Tuscaloosa, Ala.	Sr.
26	Zack Johnson	C	Madison, Ala.	Fr.
27	Luke Smyers	LHP	Henrico, Va.	Fr.
28	Sam Mitchell	RHP	Madison, Ala.	Soph.
29	Jojo Williamson	INF	Hartselle, Ala.	Soph.
30	Anthony Pesci	RHP	Commerce Township, Mich.	Soph.
31	Jon Young Jr.	INF	Cherry Hill, N.J.	Soph.
32	Jason Torres	INF	Hialeah, Fla.	Sr.
33	John Lemm	C	Brisbane, Australia	Sr.
35	Owen Sarna	RHP	Rock Hill, S.C.	Jr.
36	Hagan Banks	RHP	Plainville, Ga.	Sr.
37	Kaden Humphrey	RHP	Naples, Fla.	Sr.
38	Zach Kittrell	RHP	Mobile, Ala.	Sr.
39	Ross Lindsey	LHP	Natchitoches, La.	Fr.
42	Eric Hines	OF	Tuscaloosa, Ala.	Fr.
43	Jack Ketchum	RHP	West Point, Miss.	Soph.
44	Evan Steckmesser	LHP	Huntsville, Ala.	Grad.
45	Joe Chiarodo	OF/P	Edwardsville, Ill.	Fr.
48	Ashton Crowther	LHP	Trinity, Fla.	Jr.
50	Connor Lehman	LHP	Indian Mound, Tenn.	Soph.
99	Austin Morris	RHP	Warrior, Ala.	Jr.



Tyler Fay



**Tuscaloosa Regional**  
 Beat Alabama State, 21-3  
 Beat USC Upstate, 7-5  
 Beat Oklahoma State, 9-7  
 (11 innings)

**Tuscaloosa Super Regional**  
 Beat St. John's, 8-0  
 Beat St. John's, 7-2

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AP photo

Alabama catcher Brady Neal touches the plate after a home run against Oklahoma State.



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Alabama's Jason Torres celebrates a double against St. John's in the NCAA super regionals.

## The Crimson Tide roll into Omaha for first time in 27 years

BY MICHAEL GRIFFITH

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The Tide are rolling into Omaha for the first time since 1999.

Alabama defeated St. John's 7-2 in Game 2 of the Tuscaloosa Super Regional to advance to the 2026 College World Series.

Jason Torres' grand slam in the top of the seventh inning gave Bama a 7-2 lead late in Game 2 before it held on to de-

feat the Red Storm in two games.

"What a day, what a year, what a season," Alabama head coach Rob Vaughn said after the Tuscaloosa Super Regional victory. "27 years in the making. It's hard to find the words. This group really met the moment head-on these last few weeks and really came together to accomplish something great."

The Tide is built around a strong pitching staff and a do-it-all style offensive

attack.

Bama holds a 4.22 team ERA with over 500 strikeouts. Offensively, the Tide have stolen more bases (85) in 2026 than they have hit home runs (79).

Starting pitcher Tyler Fay leads the staff with an 11-4 record and 103 innings pitched with a 4.37 ERA. Zane Adams and Myles Upchurch, who both hold ERAs under 4.00, will also be available to take the mound for the Tide.

Justin Lebron leads the team in homers (16), stolen bases (41), and runs scored (58). Lebron has tallied 64 hits (13 doubles) and has been caught stealing only once in 42 attempts.

"There's no secret to what we do," Vaughn said. "We haven't hit 150 home runs; we didn't hit .350 this year. Sometimes you look at our stats and think about how we won, but these guys are just winners. When we needed the plays to happen,

they made them happen. Style of play matters."

Vaughn is the youngest coach in the CWS field at 38 years old, and is in his third year at the helm of the Crimson Tide baseball program.

"It's going to be a different experience for all of us," he said. "I've played in the Big 10 tournament there before but never in the College World Series. This group isn't ready to be done playing. We've already made history this year and accomplished

some great things, but we aren't done. We still have more baseball to play."

The Crimson Tide will open the 2026 College World Series against Oklahoma, which advanced out of the Lawrence Super Regional round with a 2-0 sweep of Kansas.

Alabama took its only series against Oklahoma, winning two out of three games in Norman, OK, at the beginning of April.



Alabama athletics

The Alabama dugout reacts during the super regionals against St. John's.



Alabama athletics

Alabama fans celebrate during the super regionals.

### WORLD SERIES CAPSULES

Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — A look at the eight teams competing in the College World Series, which starts Friday at Charles Schwab Field in Omaha, Nebraska. (Capsules in order of CWS opening games. Coaches' records through super regionals):

**Troy (38-30)**

**Coach:** Skylar Meade (186-119 in 5 years at Troy and overall).

**Road to Omaha:** Won Gainesville regional: lost to Miami 10-5, beat Rider 15-7, beat Miami 9-6, beat Florida 16-11, beat Florida 10-2. Won Troy super regional: beat Little Rock

12-2, beat Little Rock 7-2.

**All-time record in CWS:** 0-0.

**Meet the Trojans:** C Jimmy Janicki (.341, 19 HRs, 85 RBIs), 1B Blake Cavill (.279, 13, 50), 2B Sean Darnell (.249, 4, 45), SS Aaron Piasecki (.346, 10, 48), 3B Josh Pyne (.291, 10, 37), LF Drew Nelson (.307, 6, 49), CF Steve Meier (.321, 9, 44), RF Houston Markham (.324, 3, 12), DH Jabe Boroff (.264, 11, 32). Starting pitchers: LHP Benjamin Stubbs (6-3, 4.93 ERA), RHP Tommy Egan (6-5, 5.38), LHP Hayden Smith (4-0, 2.94). Relievers: RHP Noah Thigpen (0-5, 6.29), LHP Zach Crotchfelt (7-2, 3.50), RHP Matt Dill (4-2, 5.50), RHP

Dylan Alonso (4-3, 4.63), RHP Cooper Ellingworth (2-4, 6.15)

**Quotable:** "It's what you put everything into, everything you do you do for this. You don't sleep, you don't stop thinking about it. We have a lot of work to do and we will get to it, but I think that last out (in super regionals) was the first time my mind has taken a breath in years." — Meade.

**West Virginia (45-15)**

**Coach:** Steve Sabins (89-31 in 2 years at West Virginia and overall).

**Road to Omaha:** Won Morgantown regional: beat Binghamton 10-1, lost to Kentucky 11-9, beat Wake Forest 10-5,

beat Kentucky 11-9, beat Kentucky 6-5. Won Morgantown super regional: beat Cal Poly 12-2, beat Cal Poly 17-1.

**All-time record in CWS:** 0-0.

**Meet the Mountaineers:** C Gavin Kelly (.384, 17 HRs, 57 RBIs) or Matthew Graveline (.293, 6, 36), 1B Armani Guzman (.312, 1, 41), 2B Brodie Kresser (.298, 2, 33), SS Matt Ineich (.296, 4, 35), 3B Tyrus Hall (.278, 7, 34), LF Matthew Graveline or Brock Wills (.280, 2, 23), CF Paul Schoenfeld (.342, 4, 50), RF Wills or Guzman, DH Sean Smith (.320, 9, 53). Starting pitchers: LHP Maxx Yehl (9-2, 2.10 ERA), RHP Chansen

Cole (10-1, 2.85), RHP Dawson Montesa (5-5, 5.78). Relievers: RHP Ian Korn (5-1, 3.07), RHP Reese Bassinger (4-3, 3.23), RHP Carson Estridge (4-0, 3.27), RHP David Hagen (4-1, 3.48), LHP Joshua Surigao (0-0, 3.60), LHP Ben McDougal (1-0, 3.65).

**Quotable:** "Mountaineers are going to Omaha. Hundred and thirty-five years in the making, so pretty special to be part of something that's never been done in history before." — Sabins.

**Mississippi (41-21)**

**Coach:** Mike Bianco (990-585-1 in 26 years at Mississippi, 1,090-656-1

in 29 seasons overall).

**Road to Omaha:** Won Lincoln regional: beat Arizona State 7-6, 14 innings, beat Nebraska 6-3, beat Arizona State 5-4, 10 innings. Won Auburn super regional: beat Auburn 6-4, beat Auburn 5-3.

**All-time record in CWS:** 10-11 in 6 appearances.

**Meet the Rebels:** C Austin Fawley (.233, 13 HRs, 39 RBIs), 1B Will Furniss (.311, 8, 56), 2B Dom Decker (.272, 10, 33), SS Owen Paino (.246, 5, 24), 3B Judd Utermark (.312, 22, 53), LF Brayden Randle (.253, 3, 21), CF Hayden Federico (.294, 4, 28), RF Tristan **See CAPSULES, C-19**

# UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA (51-12) BULLDOGS

0	Ryan Wynn	INF	Douglasville, Ga.	Jr.
1	Tre Phelps	IF/OF	Atlanta	Jr.
2	Ryan Black	INF	Grand Prairie, Texas	Sr.
3	Daniel Jackson	C/OF	Sandy Springs, Ga.	Jr.
4	Mike O'Shaughnessy	INF	Delmar, N.Y.	Sr.
5	Justin Byrd	RHP	Bogart, Ga.	Jr.
6	Jordan Stephens	RHP	Rochelle, Ga.	Jr.
7	Jack Arcamone	C/OF	Trumbull, Conn.	Jr.
8	Rylan Lujo	INF	Coconut Creek, Fla.	Soph.
9	Kolby Branch	INF	Lucas, Texas	Sr.
10	Matt Scott	RHP	Redding, Conn.	Sr.
11	Bryce Calloway	1B/P	New Orleans	Grad.
12	Caden Aoki	RHP	Huntington Beach, Calif.	Grad.
13	Scott Newman	OF	Glenview, Ill.	Jr.
14	Kenny Ishikawa	P/OF	Yokohama, Japan	Soph.
15	Ty Peeples	OF	Lavonia, Ga.	Fr.
16	Zach Brown	RHP	Santa Ana, Calif.	Jr.
17	Teddy Brennan	LHP	Southampton, N.Y.	Grad.
18	T.L. Saxon	INF	Watkinsville, Ga.	Jr.
19	Andrew Behnke	LHP	Nashville, Tenn.	Grad.
20	Joe Nottingham	RHP	Windsor Mill, Md.	Fr.
21	Jordy Oriach	UTL	Haverhill, Mass.	Sr.
22	Henry Allen	UTL	Auburn, Ala.	Soph.
23	Cole Johnson	OF/P	Watkinsville, Ga.	Fr.
25	Dylan Wood	RHP	Elk Grove, Calif.	Fr.
27	Dylan Vigue	RHP	Leominster, Mass.	Jr.
28	Brennan Hudson	C/INF	Cumming, Ga.	Sr.
32	Grant Edwards	RHP	Walker, La.	Grad.
33	Jackson Peavy	LHP	Macon, Ga.	Fr.
34	Caleb Johnson	LHP	Paris, Texas	Jr.
35	Paul Farley	RHP	Kennesaw, Ga.	Soph.
37	Joe Volchko	RHP	Visalia, Calif.	Jr.
42	Brad Pruett	RHP	Corinth, Texas	Jr.
43	Luke Wiltrakis	RHP	Sandy Springs, Ga.	Soph.
44	Cole Konlarsky	OF	Chino Hills, Calif.	Grad.
45	Bradley Stewart	LHP	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.	Soph.
46	Logan Spivey	RHP	Barnesville, Ga.	Jr.
47	Thomas Ellisen	RHP	Kimberly, Wis.	Grad.
50	Alexander Sifford	INF	Nashville, Tenn.	Fr.
51	Lucas Morici	RHP	Marietta, Ga.	Sr.
65	Mason Kosowick	RHP	Ft. Worth, Texas	Grad.



Daniel Jackson



**Athens Regional**  
 Beat Long Island, 18-2  
 Beat Liberty, 6-2  
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**Athens Super Regional**  
 Beat Mississippi State, 13-12  
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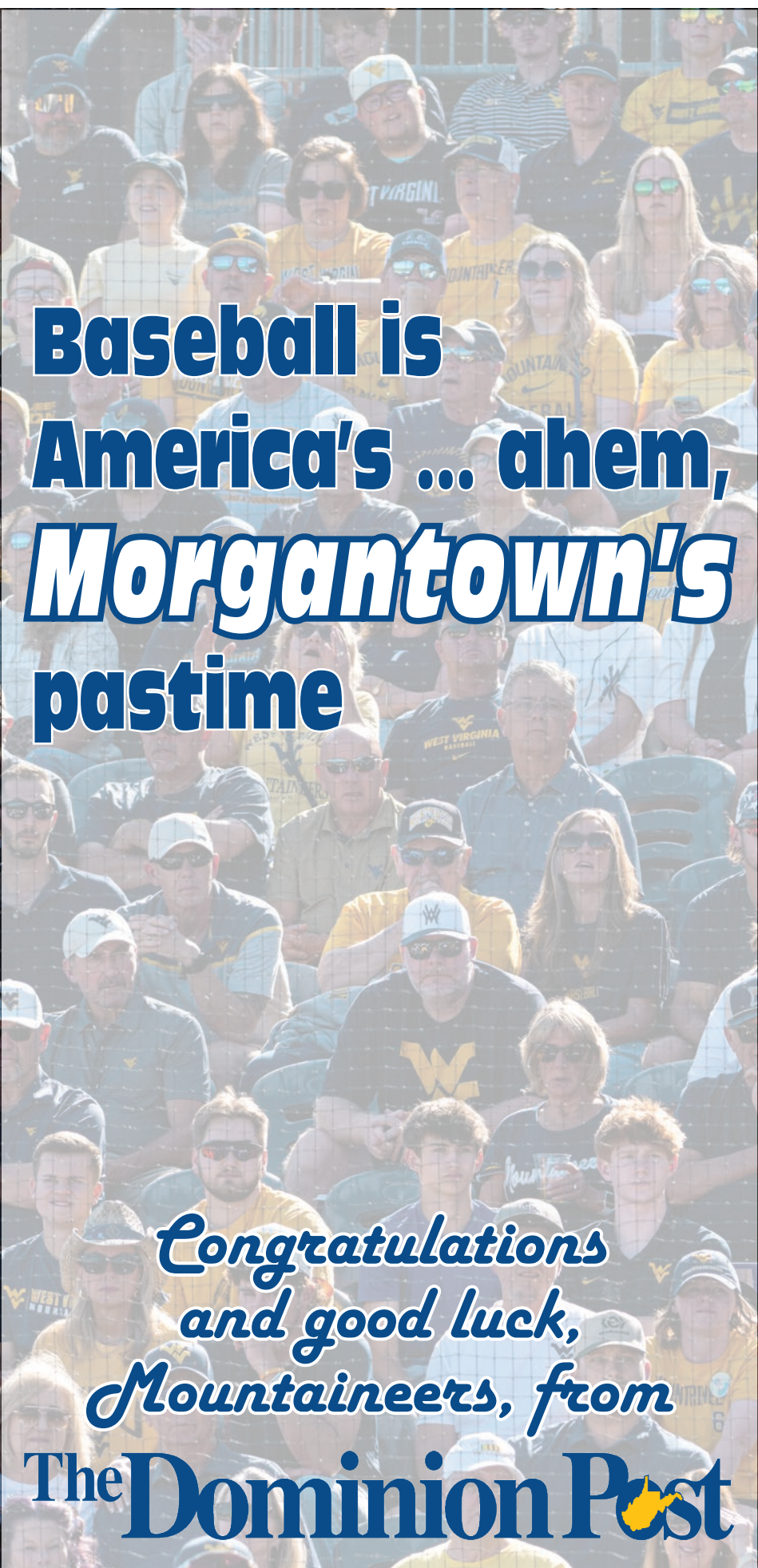
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# BULLDOGS PLAY LONG BALL



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Georgia baseball catcher Daniel Jackson is third in the NCAA with 31 home runs. The Bulldogs lead the country with 174 homers.

## Daniel Jackson, Georgia bringing 'Sour Power' to College World Series

BY SPENCER RIPCHIK

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Georgia catcher, Daniel Jackson, watched his ball after he hit it. He slowly started to walk to first, while keeping an eye on the ball. The ball made its way over the left field wall for a home run, so Jackson started to trot around the base path.

Jackson taking a stroll around the bases is a familiar sight, but this time it was extra special be-

cause his home run was the go-ahead two runs in the top of the 10th, which eventually led to the Bulldogs beating Mississippi State in the super regional.

The No. 3 seed in the tournament and SEC champions punched their ticket to Omaha to play in the College World Series as the top remaining seed. Georgia is in a bracket with Oklahoma, Texas and Alabama.

"Coach (Wes) Johnson talks about it all the time,"

Jackson said after his go-ahead homer. "You can be the hero of your imagination. When you go to bed at night, you think of the great thing you are about to do."

Jackson rounding the bases for a home run has now happened 31 times this year, leading the team. His 31 home runs are third in the NCAA, and he has hit the most out of the remaining players. Jackson is one of the best hitters in college baseball and has a batting

average of .396.

"He's the best player in the country," head coach Wes Johnson said. "He'll be the best player I'll have ever coached."

Jackson hasn't always been a premier hitter in college baseball. After spending his freshman season at Wofford, Jackson transferred to Georgia. In 2025, he had a batting average of .240 and only had 14 home runs.

In the offseason, Jackson spent a lot more time fixing the mental part of his game, rather than working on the technical side, because, as his teammate Kolby Brach said, he's always had the "tools."

"The last two years have been a crazy ride for me," Jackson said. "The mental game, that was where I probably needed to improve the most. We talk about belief a lot. When you go into the box, believe in yourself and tell yourself you're the best, a lot of great things can happen."

Jackson headlines a team full of power. The Bulldogs lead the NCAA with a whopping 174 home runs. Aside from Jackson, first baseman Jacob deGrom hit 21, designated hitter Michael O'Shaughnessy has 20, leadoff hitter and third baseman Tre Phelps and

Branch both knocked out 19, and there are two other hitters who have both hit 13.

With all the home runs, Georgia has started a new tradition called "Sour Power." After someone hits a home run, they are drenched in sour candy as an incentive to hit a homer. It's made the locker room a lot closer.

"The whole 'Sour Power' thing, that's been a crazy thing that's united us," Jackson said. "It's turned into this fun thing."

Georgia, who now has 51 wins and has won its last eight, stomps teams with its offense. The Bulldogs have scored the second-most runs in the country this season. Georgia has scored 54 runs in its five NCAA tournament games.

"It doesn't matter how many you can get," Johnson said about the offense and home runs. "I think the number sometimes, though, can give you a clue of how they might pitch you, but these guys understand staying in the moment."

The offense gets a lot of the attention, but Georgia's pitching isn't something to breeze over. Camden Aoki is the Bulldogs' ace and has a 9-1 record with a 4.04 ERA. Joey Volchko is Georgia's No. 2 option and has a 10-2

record. The Bulldogs also have a lot of bullpen arms. Georgia used five bullpen pitchers in Game 1 of the super regional and three in the next game.

It helps when the offense puts up double-digit runs almost every game.

With the high-powered offense, Georgia is looking for its second national championship. It'd be the second since 1990. The Bulldogs were runners-up in 2008, and they haven't been back to the College World Series since.

From 2001 to 2008, Georgia appeared in the College World Series yearly, under head coach David Perno. Johnson was hired in 2024 and is looking to put the Bulldogs back on the map as one of the premier programs in college baseball.

Georgia, as the highest remaining seed, is the joint favorite to win the national championship, according to FanDuel. The Bulldogs are tied with SEC foe Texas at +300.

The goal for this team is to win its second national championship.

"This group is special," Branch said. "I truly do go home and think about Omaha, and taking Georgia back to this place, securing the legacy that Georgia needs to have in Omaha."

Congratulations Mountaineers!

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AP photo

Georgia's Ryan Black (2) bats during an NCAA super regional baseball game against Mississippi State on Sunday in Athens, Ga.

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Bissetta (.277, 23, 61), DH Collin Reuter (.259, 7, 38). Starting pitchers: LHP Hunter Elliott (5-3, 5.15 ERA), RHP Taylor Rabe (5-3, 3.71), RHP Cade Townsend (5-3, 3.94). Relievers: RHP Hudson Calhoun (5-3, 3.69), RHP JP Robertson (5-1, 4.04), RHP Landon Waters (0-1, 3.13), LHP Wil Libbert (2-2, 6.32), RHP Owen Kelly (3-2, 4.25), LHP Walker Hooks (3-1, 2.43, 9 saves).

**Quotable:** "Their road to this point hasn't always been easy. But man, the way they've hung in there, stuck by one another early on. Just great teammates, then developed into great leaders and the faces of the program." — Bianco.

### North Carolina (50-12-1)

**Coach:** Scott Forbes (250-116-1 in 6 years at North Carolina and overall).

**Road to Omaha:** Won Chapel Hill regional: beat VCU 8-0, beat East Carolina 7-5, beat East Carolina 9-3. Won Chapel Hill super regional: lost to USC 9-5, beat USC 4-0, beat USC 4-3.

**All-time record in CWS:** 19-25 in 12 appearances.

**Meet the Tar Heels:** C Colin Hynes (.271, 9 HRs, 55 RBIs), 1B Erik Paulsen (.296, 11, 54), 2B Gavin Gallaher (.285, 12, 54), SS Jake Schaffner (.358, 6, 46), 3B Cooper Nicholson (.262, 16, 48), LF Rom Kellis V (.306, 4, 19), CF Owen Hull (.390, 7, 81), RF Carter French (.232, 0, 13), DH Macon Winslow (.293, 10, 57). Starting pitchers: RHP Ryan Lynch (5-4, 4.22 ERA), RHP Jason DeCaro (11-2, 2.28), RHP Caden Glauber (10-0, 2.20), LHP Folger Boaz (3-3, 7.03). Relievers: LHP Jackson Rose (4-0, 2.35), RHP Walker McDuffie (8-3, 3.44, 6 saves), RHP Matthew Matthijs (3-0, 5.34), RHP Cameron Padgett (0-0, 6.56).

**Quotable:** "We're not done yet. We got a lot more baseball left to play." — French.

### Oklahoma (38-22)

**Coach:** Skip Johnson (305-197 in 9 years at Oklahoma and overall).

**Road to Omaha:** Won Atlanta regional: beat

The Citadel 8-3, lost to Georgia Tech 9-3, beat The Citadel 15-5, beat Georgia Tech 15-8, beat Georgia Tech 8-7, 10 innings. Won Lawrence super regional: beat Kansas 8-1, beat Kansas 13-2.

**All-time record in CWS:** 18-18 in 11 appearances (won national titles in 1951, 1994).

**Meet the Sooners:** C Deiten Lachance (.332, 15 HRs, 62 RBIs), 1B Dayton Tockey (.259, 8, 22), 2B Kyle Branch (.225, 3, 21), SS Jaxon Willits (.290, 6, 48), 3B Camden Johnson (.309, 9, 47), LF Brendan Brock (.293, 12, 52), CF Jason Walk (.269, 4, 22), RF Dasan Harris (.362, 4, 23), DH Trey Gambill (.293, 10, 35). **Quotable:** "Where does it go from here? I don't know. But I can tell you this: We'll go up there and fight and claw. We went through a lot of adversity all year long, and (our players) fought through it and never wavered, and kept battling and kept battling and kept battling." — Johnson.

### Alabama (42-19)

**Coach:** Rob Vaughn (116-61 in 3 years at Alabama, 299-178 in 9 seasons overall).

**Road to Omaha:** Won Tuscaloosa regional: beat Alabama State 21-3, beat South Carolina Upstate 7-5, beat Oklahoma State 9-7, 11 innings. Won Tuscaloosa super regional: beat St. John's 8-0, beat St. John's 7-2.

**All-time record in CWS:** 11-10 in 5 appearances.

**Meet the Crimson Tide:** C Brady Neal (.330, 10 HRs, 50 RBIs), 1B Luke Vaughn (.217, 9, 30), 2B Brennan Holt (.240, 2, 23), SS Justin Lebron (.282, 16, 48), 3B Jason Torres (.236, 8, 47), LF Eric Hines (.296, 9, 24), CF Bryce Fowler (.320, 6, 40), RF Peyton Steele (.221, 2, 24), DH John Lemm (.253, 9, 33). Starting pitchers: RHP Tyler Fay (11-4, 4.37 ERA), LHP Zane Adams (7-4, 4.04), RHP Myles Upchurch (8-3, 3.57).

**Quotable:** "What a day, what a year, what a season, man. Twenty-seven years in the making, I couldn't think of a better group to be able to kick that door down." — Vaughn.

### Texas (45-13)

**Coach:** Jim Schlossna-

gle (89-27 in 2 years at Texas, 1,035-482 in 25 seasons overall).

**Road to Omaha:** Won Austin regional: beat Holy Cross 19-1, beat Tarleton State 16-2, beat UC Santa Barbara 6-4. Won Austin super regional: beat Oregon 11-3, beat Oregon 6-5.

**All-time record in CWS:** 88-65 in 38 appearances (won national titles in 1949, 1950, 1975, 1983, 2002, 2005).

**Meet the Longhorns:** C Carson Tinney (.333, 22 HRs, 58 RBIs), 1B Ashton Larson (.280, 1, 16), 2B Temo Becerra (.318, 6, 42), SS Adrian Rodriguez (.306, 4, 40), 3B Casey Borba (.269, 18, 57), LF Anthony Pack Jr. (.359, 11, 52), CF Dariyan Pendergrass (.222, 0, 6), RF Aiden Robbins (.342, 24, 64), DH Ethan Mendoza (.269, 10, 47).

**Quotable:** "The standard is the national title, and we'll do our best to win that. I have to walk by that sign that says '38 trips to Omaha' and 38 has been sitting there for a while. So I'm glad we'll be able to change it to 39." — Schlossnagle.

### Georgia (51-12)

**Coach:** Wes Johnson (137-46 in 3 years at Georgia and overall).

**Road to Omaha:** Won Athens regional: beat LIU 18-2, beat Liberty 6-2, beat Liberty 6-1. Won Athens super regional: beat Mississippi State 13-12, beat Mississippi State 11-9, 10 innings.

**All-time record in CWS:** 10-11 in 6 appearances (won national title in 1990).

**Meet the Bulldogs:** C Daniel Jackson (.396, 31 HRs, 86 RBIs), 1B Brennan Hudson (.296, 21, 50), 2B Ryan Wynn (.342, 9, 37), SS Kolby Branch (.297, 19, 58), 3B Tre Phelps (.364, 19, 58), LF Kenny Ishikawa (.333, 2, 18), CF Rylan Lujo (.374, 13, 45), RF Ryan Black (.298, 9, 32), DH Michael O'Shaughnessy (.294, 20, 55).

**Quotable:** "The chemistry on our team, it's hard to talk about. It's just incredible. I think a big factor of that is, as silly as it sounds to say, winning. When you're winning together, it's fun and it's true. The locker room is a much happier place after a win." — Jackson.

## EYES

CONT. FROM C-2

They've come in bunches, as Guzman has terrorized opposing pitchers with the threat to run at any time. In seven games in this NCAA tournament, Guzman has eight stolen bases.

There's a good reason for that: "Sabins trusts me, and whenever I see

that green light, I'm just going to go," Guzman said.

One more swipe and the record belongs to him, in what would serve as a personal historical achievement during the school's best baseball season ever.

"He's coming into his own," Sabins said. "He's one of the most athletically talented players in

the country. He's an incredible person and an incredible leader. He's stepped into a spot right now, where I don't think he's going to go in the other direction.

"I think you're going to see him continue to develop and get better and continue to make even bigger strides. It feels like he's hung on to something."

## HISTORY

CONT. FROM C-2

program's bid to Omaha.

Junior catcher Daniel Jackson hit a two-run home run in the 10th inning to win that game.

Jackson leads the Bulldogs with 31 home runs and 86 RBIs.

The home run numbers for the other participants: Ole Miss (107), Texas (103), Troy (93), North Carolina (82), Oklahoma (82), Alabama (80) and

West Virginia (55).

### A familiar ace

If West Virginia and North Carolina meet up in Omaha, there's a chance the Mountaineers may have to face Tar Heels' ace Jason DeCaro again.

It was DeCaro, then as a fresh 18-year old, who was the starting pitcher when North Carolina eliminated WVU from the super regionals in 2024. He pitched 6 1/3

innings and gave up two hits and one run in the Tar Heels' 2-1 victory.

This season, DeCaro is ranked as the 50th top prospect for the 2026 MLB Amateur Draft by Baseball America. He enters the College World Series with an 11-2 record and a 2.28 ERA. His last outing saw DeCaro throw a complete game in a 4-0 victory against Southern Cal. He allowed just two hits, one walk and struck out eight.

## 2026 Men's College World Series at Charles Schwab Field (Omaha, NE)

**Double elimination / x-if necessary**

**Friday, June 12**

Game 1 - West Virginia vs. Troy, 2 p.m.  
Game 2 - North Carolina vs. Mississippi, 7 p.m.

**Saturday, June 13**

Game 3 - Alabama vs. Oklahoma, 3 p.m.  
Game 4 - Georgia vs. Texas, 8 p.m.

**Sunday, June 14**

Game 5 - Loser of Game 1 vs. Loser of Game 2, 2 p.m.  
Game 6 - Winner of Game 1 vs. Winner of Game 2, 7 p.m.

**Monday, June 15**

Game 7 - Loser of Game 3 vs. Loser of Game 4, 2 p.m.  
Game 8 - Winner of Game 3 vs. Winner of Game 4, 7 p.m.

**Tuesday, June 16**

Game 9 - Winner of Game 5 vs. Loser of

Game 6, 2 p.m.

Game 10 - Winner of Game 7 vs. Loser of Game 8, 8 p.m.

**Wednesday, June 17**

Game 11 - Winner of Game 6 vs. Winner of Game 9, 2 p.m.  
Game 12 - Winner of Game 8 vs. Winner of Game 10, 7 p.m.

**Thursday, June 18**

x-Game 13 - Teams/Times TBD  
x-Game 14 - Teams/Times TBD

**Championship Series**

**Saturday, June 20**

Game 1 - Teams TBD, 8 p.m.

**Sunday, June 21**

Game 2 - Teams TBD, 2:30 p.m.

**Monday, June 22**


x-Game 3 - Teams TBD, 7 p.m.



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