Salute: 2016 Women's College World Series Team



It took a gritty performance on the road to secure it, but for the first time in program history LSU earned back-to-back trips to the Women's College World Series, as head coach Beth Torina became the first coach to take the Tigers to the WCWS three times.

For the second consecutive year, LSU opened the postseason as a top-10 seed, earning the right to host the opening round of the NCAA Tournament at Tiger Park against LIU Brooklyn, McNeese State and Arizona State.

In the team's opener of the 2016 NCAA Baton Rouge Regional, the No. 10 LSU softball team produced 10 runs on 15 hits, plating eight runs in the final three frames of the game to breeze past the LIU Brooklyn Blackbirds 10-2 in six innings at Tiger Park.

With the winner advancing to Sunday's regional title game, the No. 10 LSU $\,$ softball team took control early and never looked back in earning a 4-1 win over the McNeese State Cowgirls Saturday afternoon at Tiger Park, claiming a spot on the final day for the second consecutive year.

Thanks to a pair of runs midway through and the seventh combined shutout in LSU postseason history, the No. 10 LSU softball team advanced to the NCAA Super Regional round for the fifth time in program history with a 2-0 win over the Arizona State Sun Devils Sunday afternoon at Tiger Park in Baton Rouge.

The No. 10 LSU softball team took the lead twice, but every time the James Madison Dukes rallied back and in the end got a walk-off bases-loaded single with two outs in the seventh to take the 2016 NCAA Harrisonburg Super Regional opener 3-2 at Veterans Memorial Stadium.

Facing the end of their season, LSU got a seven-inning, five-hit shutout in the circle from Allie Walliasper and scored both of its runs in the fourth inning to earn a 2-0 win over James Madison to force a winner-take-all game three.

After pulling out a 2-0 win earlier on the day, the Tigers opened the scoring and held on for dear life by weathering late rallies to earn a 3-2 win over JMU in game two to win the 2016 NCAA Harrisonburg Super Regional and qualify for the 2016 Women's College World Series for the second consecutive year for the first time in program history.

In the final game of what was a postponed second session of the 2016 Women's College World Series, the LSU softball team and Michigan Wolverines were locked in a pitcher's duel until a two-RBI hit by Michigan broke the scoreless draw in the sixth and the Tigers would not be able to counter in falling 2-0.

For the second time in as many years, the LSU softball team faced an elimination game against the Alabama Crimson Tide, and for the second time the Tigers earned the victory by jumping out to a big lead and locking down when it counted in a 6-4 win.

A pair of home runs from Bianka Bell, as well as a five-strikeout complete game three-hitter from Carley Hoover in the circle, propelled the LSU softball team to the 2016 Women's College World Series semifinals with a 4-1 win over the No. 19 Georgia Bulldogs.

A three-run home run that tied the game at 3-3 in the bottom of the third helped lift the spirits of the LSU softball team, but in the end the relentless offense of the Oklahoma Sooners proved to be too much as they scored in all but three innings in a 7-3 victory to end LSU's run in the 2016 Women's College World Series.

GAME 1 • Michigan 2, LSU 0

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WP-Betsa, Megan (28-3) LP-Allie Walljasper (11-6) T-2:21 A-9041 LOB - Tigers 6; Michigan 6. 2B - B. Landry(6); Blanco(14). SB -Montemarano(4).

Umpires - HP: Katrina Kershaw 1B: David Erwin 3B: Tracy Hart

GAME 2 • LSU 6, ALABAMA 4

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WP-Carley Hoover (21-8) Save-Allie Walljasper(3) LP-Sydney Littlejohn (23-7) T A-8872 A-8872

E - Simmons(10); Quinn(19); Littlejohn(2). DP - Tigers 2. LOB - Tigers 8; Crimson Tide 7. 2B - Jaquish(19); Griggs(7); McCleney 2(17); Booker(10). HR - Simmons(6); Lafaele(16). HBP - Simmons; Hardy. SH - Jaquish(1). SB - B. Landry(10).

Umpires - HP: Chris Drumm 1B: Cody Little 3B: Leah Bowen

GAME 3 • LSU 4, Georgia 1

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WP-Carley Hoover (22-8) LP-Chelsea Wilkinson (28-9) T-1:54 A-8938 E - Emanuel, C.(2); losefa(5). LOB - Bulldogs 3; Tigers 5. 2B - Hugo(22). HR - Bell 2(14). SH - Emanuel, S.(8); Thornhill(1). SB - B. Landry(11); Thornhill(3); Quinn(11).

Umpires - HP: Tracy Hart 1B: David Erwin 3B: Craig Hyde

GAME 4 • Oklahoma 7, LSU 3

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WP-Parker, Paige (36-3) LP-Sydney Smith (13-4) T-2:45 A-8828 E - Wodach, Lea(5); Bell 2(21); Kloss(2); Quinn(20). DP - Sooners 2; Tigers 1. LOB - Sooners 10; Tigers 6. 3B - Pendley, N.(2). HR - Knighten, S.(13); Jaquish(13). HBP - Arnold, K.; Simmons. SH - Arnold, K.(11); B. Landry(5). SB -Clifton, C.(14).

Umpires - HP: Leah Bowen 1B: Katrina Kershaw 3B: David Erwin