

# Salute: 2017 Women's College World Series Team



**It was another gritty performance on the road as the Tigers made history again, marking the first time in program history LSU earned back-to-back-to-back trips to the Women's College World Series. The Tigers are one of two teams in the nation to make three-straight WCWS appearances.**

For the third consecutive year LSU earned the right to host the opening round of the NCAA Tournament at Tiger Park against UL-Lafayette, McNeese State and Fairfield.

In the team's opener of the 2017 NCAA Baton Rouge Regional, the No. 18 LSU softball team battled to a 2-1 victory over Fairfield. Shemiah Sanchez sent a ball deep to right field to score Emily Griggs and Bailey Landry to give the Tigers a 2-0 lead. Sophomore right-hander Sydney Smith led the Tigers in the circle, allowing one run on three hits.

With the win, the Tigers advanced to the semifinal to face UL-Lafayette. The Tigers fell to the Cajuns 4-2 but regrouped with their backs against the wall. LSU used a seven-run fourth inning to propel the Tigers to a 10-1 win against McNeese in Game 5. With the win, the Tigers advanced to the championship to face UL-Lafayette.

The Tiger offense stayed hot and Carley Hoover fired her second complete game of the day to defeat Cajuns and forced a Game 7 in the regional.

Thanks to a gritty relief performance by Hoover and a two-run blast by Sydney Springfield that helped spark the offense, the Tigers advanced to the NCAA Super Regional round for the sixth time in program history with a 5-1 win over UL-Lafayette Sunday afternoon at Tiger Park in Baton Rouge.

Once again the LSU put their backs against the wall, as the Tigers fell to Florida State in the NCAA Tallahassee Super Regional. Facing the end of their season, the 13th-seeded Tigers regrouped and gained momentum after a one-hit shutout performance by Allie Walljasper. The Tigers scored their lone run in the bottom of the third off an RBI single from Aliyah Andrews to defeat Florida State 1-0 and broke a 36-game win streak by the Seminoles at JoAnne Graf Field. The win forced a deciding game to advance to Oklahoma City.

Thanks to Savannah Jaquish, who drove in four runs, and Carley Hoover, who came in relief to hold off No. 4 seed Florida State 6-4, the Tigers advanced to the Women's College World Series for the third-straight season.

Savannah Jaquish got LSU a run with her bat, saved a run with a tag at the plate and then Constance Quinn posted what would be the decisive run as LSU opened the Women's College World Series with a 2-1 victory over No. 9 UCLA, moving on to face No. 1 Florida.

LSU's chance to start 2-0 in the Women's College World Series for the first time in six appearances couldn't come to fruition as SEC rival and the tournament's top seed, Florida, scoring a 7-0 win over the Tigers. With the loss, the Tigers moved to the bottom of the bracket, facing elimination.

The Tigers were behind early as No. 3 Oregon took a 2-0 lead. LSU answered right back as the Tigers scored their lone run in the top of the second off a solo shot down the left field line that flew past the foul pole by Shemiah Sanchez, her second homer of the season. But Oregon ended LSU's run in the 2017 Women's College World Series after claiming a 4-1 victory over the Tigers.



**GAME 1 • LSU 2, UCLA 1**

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WP-Allie Walljasper (18-5) LP-Rachel Garcia (22-8) T-1:54 A-8428  
 E - Jaquish (8) LOB - Tigers 2; UCLA 7. 2B - Griggs (7), Jaquish (13), Garcia (12).  
 SH - Springfield (3), Perez (6). SB - Perez (9). CS - Al. Andrews (2)  
 Umpires - HP: Leah Bowan 1B: Bryan Smith 3B: Erin Peterson

**GAME 2 • Florida 7, LSU 0**

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WP-Barnhill (26-3) LP-Carley Hoover (15-8) T-2:21  
 LOB - UF 5; LSU 6. 2B - Lorenz (2); Ocasio (11); Herndon (4). HR - Kvistad (8);  
 Wheaton (4). HBP - DeWitt; J. Roberts. SH- Wheatong (6); Swertfager (4);  
 Springfield (4). SF - Wheaton (2).  
 Umpires - HP: Terry Holt 1B: Erin Peterson 3B: Bryan Smith

**GAME 3 • Oregon 4, LSU 1**

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WP- Kleist, M. (21-4) LP- Walljasper (18-6) T-2:07 A-9076  
 E - Sanchez (16); Serrett (15). LOB - LSU 4, ORE 8. 2B - Rhodes, S. (8); Lilley, J.  
 (8). HR - Sanchez (2); Svekis, G. (10). HBP - Udria, N.; Rhodes, S. SB - Sanchez  
 (3)  
 Umpires - HP: Bryan Smith 1B: Leah Brown 3B: Ron Alexander