

1997 Women's College World Series

FRESNO STATE vs ARIZONA May 25, 1997 at Oklahoma City

FRESNO STATE 3 (54-14)

ARIZONA 6 (60-5)

Name (Pos)	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A
LAURA BERG cf.....	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
ROBYN YORKE rf.....	4	0	2	0	0	0	1	0
NINA LINDENBERG 2b.....	3	0	2	1	0	0	5	2
ANGELA CERVANTEZ 1b.....	3	0	0	0	0	0	7	1
AMANDA SCOTT p/lf.....	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	2
TRINA PUCKETT 3b.....	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	2
BROOKE BERNARDONI dh.....	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
CATALINA CHAVEZ c.....	3	1	1	1	0	1	5	1
RANDI BERG ss.....	3	0	1	0	0	1	0	2
CANDICE BOWLIN lf.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LINDSAY PARKER p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
KIM PECK p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals.....	28	3	8	3	0	8	18	11

Name (Pos)	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A
ALISON JOHNSEN cf.....	4	1	2	2	0	1	4	0
KATIE SWAN dh.....	4	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
LEAH O'BRIEN 1b.....	3	2	2	2	0	0	7	0
LEAH BRAATZ c.....	4	0	2	1	0	1	6	2
NANCY EVANS p.....	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
LETY PINEDA 3b.....	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	2
LISA PITT ss.....	3	0	0	0	0	1	2	2
BRANDI SHRIVER rf.....	3	1	1	0	0	1	0	0
JULIE REITAN lf.....	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHRISSEY GIL lf.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MICHELLE CHURNOCK 2b.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Totals.....	28	6	8	5	1	4	21	8

Score by innings: R H E

FRESNO STATE	101	100	0	-	3	8	3
ARIZONA	002	022	-	6	8	0	

E - LINDENBERG, PUCKETT, BERG, R..
LOB - FRESNO 5, ARIZONA 7.
2B - BRAATZ.
HR - CHAVEZ(3), JOHNSEN(7), O'BRIEN(2).
SH - O'BRIEN, REITAN. SF - SCOTT.

FRESNO STATE	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
AMANDA SCOTT.....	4.1	5	4	2	1	3	21	22
LINDSAY PARKER.....	1.0	2	2	2	0	0	5	6
KIM PECK.....	0.2	1	0	0	0	1	2	3

ARIZONA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
NANCY EVANS.....	7.0	8	3	3	0	8	28	29

Winner - EVANS 35-2. Loser - SCOTT 18-5. Save - None.
PB - CHAVEZ.
Umpires - Home:P. Yarranton 1st:J. Murdock 3rd:L. Rudloff
Start: 6:00 pm Time: 1:55 Attendance: 2099

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FRESNO STATE inning 1

BERG, L. singled to left field. YORKE singled down the lf line; BERG, L. advanced to second. LINDENBERG singled to center field, RBI; YORKE advanced to second; BERG, L. scored. CERVANTEZ reached on a fielder's choice; LINDENBERG advanced to second; YORKE out at third ss to 3b. SCOTT struck out. PUCKETT struck out, out at first c to 1b. 1 run, 3 hits, 0 errors, 2 LOB.

ARIZONA inning 1

JOHNSEN grounded out to p. SWAN grounded out to 2b. O'BRIEN grounded out to 2b. 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

FRESNO STATE inning 2

BERNARDONI struck out looking. CHAVEZ popped up to ss. BERG, R. struck out, out at first c to 1b. 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

ARIZONA inning 2

BRAATZ doubled to left field. EVANS reached on a throwing error by 2b, advanced to second; BRAATZ advanced to third on a throwing error by 2b. PINEDA walked. PITT struck out. SHRIVER struck out looking. REITAN grounded out to ss. 0 runs, 1 hit, 1 error, 3 LOB.

FRESNO STATE inning 3

BERG, L. singled to left field. YORKE singled, bunt; BERG, L. advanced to second. LINDENBERG singled to right field; YORKE advanced to second; BERG, L. advanced to third. CERVANTEZ popped up to ss. SCOTT flied out to cf, SF, RBI; BERG, L. scored. PUCKETT struck out looking. 1 run, 3 hits, 0 errors, 2 LOB.

ARIZONA inning 3

JOHNSEN singled to shortstop. SWAN reached on a fielder's choice; JOHNSEN out at second 3b to 2b. O'BRIEN homered to left center, 2 RBI; SWAN scored. BRAATZ flied out to rf. EVANS reached on an error by ss. PINEDA reached on a fielder's choice; EVANS out at second ss to 2b. 2 runs, 2 hits, 1 error, 1 LOB.

FRESNO STATE inning 4

BERNARDONI flied out to cf. CHAVEZ homered to left field, RBI. BERG, R.

grounded out to 1b unassisted. BERG, L. grounded out to p. 1 run, 1 hit, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

ARIZONA inning 4

PITT popped up to 2b. SHRIVER grounded out to 3b. REITAN grounded out to p. 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

FRESNO STATE inning 5

YORKE flied out to cf. LINDENBERG grounded out to 3b. CERVANTEZ flied out to cf. 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

ARIZONA inning 5

JOHNSEN struck out looking. SWAN reached on an error by 3b. O'BRIEN singled to pitcher; SWAN advanced to second. BRAATZ singled to right field, RBI; O'BRIEN advanced to third; SWAN scored, unearned. SCOTT to lf. PARKER to p for BOWLIN. EVANS reached on a fielder's choice; BRAATZ advanced to second; O'BRIEN scored, unearned. PINEDA fouled out to c. PITT grounded out to p. 2 runs, 2 hits, 1 error, 2 LOB.

FRESNO STATE inning 6

SCOTT grounded out to ss. PUCKETT struck out. BERNARDONI struck out. 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

ARIZONA inning 6

SHRIVER singled to left center. REITAN out at first 1b to 2b, SAC; SHRIVER advanced to second. SHRIVER advanced to third on a passed ball. JOHNSEN homered to right center, 2 RBI; SHRIVER scored. PECK to p for PARKER. SWAN singled to left field. O'BRIEN out at first c to 2b, SAC; SWAN advanced to second. GIL to lf for REITAN. BRAATZ struck out. 2 runs, 3 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.

FRESNO STATE inning 7

CHAVEZ struck out. BERG, R. singled. BERG, L. reached on a fielder's choice; BERG, R. out at second p to 2b. YORKE grounded out to 3b. 0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.

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NCAA Women's College World Series

Notes

ASA Hall of Fame Stadium –Oklahoma City, Okla.
Sunday, May 25, 1997

GAME 13: ARIZONA 6, FRESNO STATE 3

- Arizona advances to the championship game of the NCAA College World Series for the seventh consecutive time. The last time that the Wildcats failed to make it to the title game was 1990, a Fresno State-UCLA final.
- Arizona is 29-12 overall in the NCAA Women's College World Series. The Wildcats have won 16 out of their last 18 games in the WCWS. The 3-0 loss to Fresno State today ended a six game winning streak at the College World Series for the Wildcats. Prior to that loss, UA had not lost at the WCWS since UCLA beat the Wildcats 2-0 in the 1995 title game.
- The Wildcats are 4-2 in the championship game of the Women's College World Series. The Wildcats are 1-0 all-time versus Washington in the championship game (6-4 win last year) and 2-2 against UCLA.
- The Arizona win guarantees an all Pac-10 Conference championship game.
- Arizona senior Leah O'Brien has now hit safely in 14 consecutive College World Series games. She is a lifetime .569 (29-for-51) hitter at the WCWS. She went 4-for-6 with two RBI today.
- Coming into the game, the Wildcats had not hit a home run in the 1997 NCAA College World Series and had just two home runs in their last eight games. However, the power outage ended with two home runs against Fresno State tonight.
- Wildcat senior Leah O'Brien hit just her second home run of the season and the sixth of her career. Junior Alison Johnsen hit the seventh homer of her career, all coming this season.
- The Bulldogs are now 25-20 all-time in the Women's College World Series. Fresno State is 55-34 overall in the NCAA Tournament.
- The Bulldogs failed to advance to the championship game after losing its opening round game. The last time that a team made it to the title game after a loss in the opening round was in 1992 when Arizona advanced to the championship game. Arizona lost to Long Beach State 1-0 in that opening game and lost to UCLA 2-0 in the championship.
- Fresno State junior Nina Lindenberg tied the single-season record for RBI in a season. Lindenberg finished the season with 64.
- The 1997 Bulldog softball team, who ends its season with a 55-14 record, set several team seasonal records including batting average (.326), runs (374), hits (630), doubles (100), RBI (336) and hit by pitches (37).
- Arizona had a 1997 College World Series high in runs with six. The Wildcats had scored just four runs in their previous three games of the tournament before plating six in this game.
- Arizona senior Leah O'Brien is hitting .500 (7-for-14) with four RBI, a double and a home run at the College World Series. Wildcat catcher Leah Braatz-Cochrane broke out of a 0-for-10 slump at the WCWS with a 2-for-4 performance.

NCAA Women's College World Series

Coach and Player Quotes

ASA Hall of Fame Stadium – Oklahoma City

Sunday, May 25, 1997

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Fresno State Head Coach Margie Wright

General comments:

"We had our chances. We didn't capitalize at all on our own ability once they got ahead of us. Some of our kids got outside of themselves and didn't focus on what they needed to do. They were very capable but just not do it. Arizona played a heck of a ball game. They were completely focused up at bat, they hit the ball hard and they hit it everywhere. I think our team could have hit the ball just as hard, but we didn't do it."

On Leah O'Brien's home run:

"I think that took a lot out of us. We know she's a good hitter and it's the World Series, so she turns it on. I mean every year. She's a great ball player. I think maybe if that ball would have hit the fence and stayed in it might have been a little different. I still think our kids felt they could win, felt they could come back, but we didn't focus on what we needed to do up at bat."

On Fresno's defensive performance:

"Obviously, we had a couple of mistakes tonight that we don't normally make that opened the door for them. Like our team, Arizona takes advantage of any opportunity that they have to score. They're aggressive on the bases and they get a lot of confidence when they run around the bases."

On the difficulty of trying to sweep Arizona twice in one season:

"Well, the odds are a little bit against you, sometimes, with a team that good. I guess if we had to do it over again we'd have taken a split in Fresno and taken a sweep here. It's tough to do, but I think it would have been tough for them to beat us four times too. I think they were really tired of losing to us and they were very focused."

On how tough it is to come up one game short of the championship game:

"I think where we kind of got sidetracked on our goal was in our first game here. That put us in a real tough position. I'm very proud of this team and I don't think I can say enough good things about every one of them. We're graduating eight kids but we have some outstanding ones returning who have been here and will be able to share that with the new kids coming in. I think Fresno State will be back in this position many times to come."

Fresno State junior center fielder Laura Berg

On how she and her teammates felt after the game:

"We had a great year. We have everything to be proud of. We're going to walk out of here with our heads up."

On the state of next year's Fresno State team:

"We've got Nina (Lindenberg) coming back, we've got Amanda (Scott) coming back. We've got some great kids coming in. We're going to have a great team next year."

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Arizona Head Coach Mike Candrea

General comment:

"It's one thing to talk about it, and it is another thing when you see it happening. This is another example where I saw some kids pick their games up to another level. We had some people really step up at the plate. We've been waiting all week for someone to step up and swing the bat like we know we can swing it. Hopefully this will launch us into tomorrow. When you get into a one-game showdown anything can happen."

On Arizona junior pitcher Nancy Evans:

"She has a big heart and is a person that never says 'never.' She threw her guts out. She really handcuffed some of their hitters with the drop ball."

On Arizona junior catcher Leah Braatz:

"I was really impressed because about the last two or three innings she kind of changed her game plan a little bit and started going with the drop ball a little bit. It was phenomenal. I thought that was a key because they were sitting on the rise ball."

Arizona senior Leah O'Brien

On her hitting success in the Women's College World Series:

"I just go out there every day and try to give it my best. Maybe when you go out there five days in a row in good games against tough competition you step it up a notch."

On beating Fresno State:

"We finally put it together. The last three times we've played them (Fresno St.) they have gotten key base hits to win the games. This time we finally had a few people step up and get key hits at the right time."

Arizona junior outfielder Alison Johnsen

On her home run:

"I told Coach (Mike) Candrea that I think that was the best pitch I have seen since I've been here. They've been keeping it outside and inside low. That pitch (inside and high) I like to hit for power. It was a good pitch and I made good contact."

Arizona junior pitcher Nancy Evans

On her drop ball:

"Everyone who has seen me pitch knows that I am a rise ball pitcher. I have never really had a drop ball, but this year I have been working on it. Now when it comes to crunch time Leah (Braatz) and I have been working really well together and throwing the drop ball a lot more. It has been coming in more during crucial situations and been key for us."