

WELCOME TO OMAHA

With the University of Virginia baseball team making its first appearance in the College World Series, here's a quick guide to the event and what to watch for this week.



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BY THE NUMBERS

1 Team from the state of Virginia that has played in the CWS. James Madison went 0-2 in 1983. At the CWS, that's known as "two and barbecue."



2 No-hitters in the CWS — Texas' Jim Ehrler against Tufts in 1950 and Oklahoma State's Jim Woxson against North Carolina in 1960.

12 CWS titles for Southern California, double the second-place team on the all-time list, Texas. The Trojans have won just one championship since 1978 — a 21-14 (nine-inning) win over Arizona State in 1998.



Workers prepare Rosenblatt Stadium in Omaha, Neb., for the College World Series.

15 Most innings pitched in the CWS, a record that figures to never be broken. Ohio State's Steve Arlin threw all 15 innings of a 1-0 win over Washington State in 1965. Arlin struck out 20 batters in the game. He went on to play six seasons in the major leagues — while working as a dentist.



32 Texas does top the list for most CWS appearances. The Longhorns have played in 11 championship games, second only to Southern Cal's 14.

1947 The first year of the CWS. California beat Yale 8-7. The captain of that Yale team? Former president George H.W. Bush. Yale also lost in the 1948 title game and hasn't been back to the CWS since.

.578 Fresno State's winning percentage (37-27) entering last year's CWS, when they won the title. The Bulldogs started the season 8-12 and needed to win the Western Athletic Conference tournament just to earn a spot in the NCAA tournament's field of 64.

5-0 Louisiana State's record in CWS championship games, winning all five of its titles in a 10-year span from 1991-2000.

— Darryl Slater

3 THINGS TO HEAR, SEE AND EAT IN OMAHA

1 The College World Series is one of the few remaining places in baseball where you can hear live organ music. **LAMBERT BARTAK** has played the organ at Rosenblatt for more than 50 years. In 1988, he was ejected from an Omaha Royals minor-league game for playing the theme song from "The Mickey Mouse Club" during an argument between umpires and Omaha's manager.

2 **WARREN BUFFETT** is the second-richest man in the world. The CEO of Berkshire Hathaway, he has a net worth of about \$37 billion. He also happens to live in Omaha's Dundee neighborhood — in the same modest, 6,000-square-foot home that he bought in 1958 for \$31,500.

3 Omaha is famous for its beef, so the city's steakhouses are as much an institution as the College World Series itself. **JOHNNY'S** (johnnyscafe.com) opened in 1922, **GORAT'S** (goratssteakhouse.com) in 1944, **CASCIO'S** (casciossteakhouse.com) in 1946 and **ANTHONY'S** (anthonyssteakhouse.com) in 1967. If you're feeling adventurous, swing by **DINKER'S BAR** (2368 S. 29th St.) and try some Rocky Mountain oysters (if you don't know, don't ask).



SATURDAY NIGHT 7, ESPN



Virginia
(48-13-1)



No. 3 LSU
(51-16)

DID YOU KNOW?

Though Omaha, Neb., is synonymous with the College World Series, the event was held in Kalamazoo, Mich., in its first two years and Wichita, Kan., in its third. Omaha's Rosenblatt Stadium, which opened in 1948, has hosted it every year since. The NCAA last year signed an agreement to keep the CWS in Omaha through 2035. In 2011, it will move from Rosenblatt to TD Ameritrade Park, a new stadium in downtown Omaha.