



2002 NCAA Division I Baseball Championships
South Bend Regional
May 31-June 2, 2002
Frank Eck Stadium

South Alabama vs. Ohio State (Game #5) Notes

SOUTH ALABAMA

- This was the first meeting between South Alabama and Ohio State since 1993. South Alabama leads the all-time series 2-1. South Alabama won the last meeting 13-5 (1993), while the Buckeyes took a doubleheader from the Jaguars in 1976 (10-2, 8-6).
- Junior Ryan Mulhern's first-inning opposite field homerun gives him 29 homers in his two-year career with the Jaguars. Mulhern moved past current major leaguer Mike Mordecai for seventh all-time on the South Alabama career homerun list.
- The Jaguars are 18-6 in night games this season. They are also 13-3 versus left-handed pitchers this season.
- South Alabama has not advanced to day three of the Regional since the tournament format changed in 1999. They were 1-2 in 1999, 0-2 in 2000, 1-2 in 2001 and 1-2 in 2002.
- South Alabama is 3-8 in NCAA tournament elimination games since 1995.
- Today marked Jaguars' pitcher Bert Heath's longest career outing at 6.2 innings. His previous longest stint was 5.2 innings against New Mexico State on March 17, 2001. Heath also has equalled his career best for strikeouts in a game with eight. He also had eight strikeouts against Eastern Illinois on March 2, 2001.

OHIO STATE

- Buckeye pitcher Scott Lewis has won six straight decisions and tonight marked his second consecutive nine-inning complete game. He also had a nine-inning complete game against Minnesota in the Big Ten Championship. He also had 10 strikeouts, his third 10+ strikeout game of the season.
- Buckeye second baseman Christian Snively is now 5-for-15 in the Regional with seven RBI.
- With his homerun in the bottom of the fourth, Terry Pettorini has a hit in his last five games (a career-high). He is 6-for-14 and has scored at least one run during that time. He now has five hits in the 2002 postseason with four being for extra bases (three homeruns and one double).
- 26-4-1 when leading after the fifth inning and a perfect 25-0 when leading going into the ninth.
- Ohio State is now 5-14-1 when their opponent outhit them (South Alabama had 10 hits, compared to seven for the Buckeyes).