

Puk, Gators ousted at World Series

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OMAHA - A.J. Puk and the Florida Gators saw their baseball season come to an end at the College World Series Saturday night with a 5-4 loss to Virginia.

Puk, a 6-foot-7 left-hander from Cedar Rapids Washington, did not pitch for Florida in the game. He was the losing pitcher in a 1-0 setback to Virginia earlier in the CWS on Monday.

Virginia will face Vanderbilt in the championship round of the College World Series in a rematch of last year's finals. Vandy beat Virginia for the NCAA title last year. The best-of-3 series begins Monday.

Puk finished his sophomore campaign with a 9-4 record and 3.81 ERA, with 104 strikeouts in 78 innings. Baseball experts think his performance against Virginia in the College World Series on Monday boosted his stock for the 2016 Major League draft next June.

Florida finished the year with a 52-18 record.