



# POSTGAME NOTES

// 2018-19 KANSAS MEN'S BASKETBALL



## #2/2 Kansas 87, #5/5 Tennessee 81 (OT)

Friday, November 23, 2018

Barclays Center // Brooklyn, N.Y.

### KU STARTERS (SEASON/CAREER)

Devon Dotson (5/5)

Quentin Grimes (5/5)

Lagerald Vick (5/46)

Dedric Lawson (5/69\*) *Includes 64 starts at Memphis*

Udoka Azubuike (5/45)

**SERIES INFO:** KU leads, 3-1**ATTENDANCE:** 5,491

### NIT NOTES

- Kansas' 20-3 record in the NIT Season Tip Off marks the third most wins in the NIT trailing Duke's 25 and Arizona's 22.
- Kansas' four NIT Season Tip-Off titles tie for the most in the event. Duke and Arizona have also won four NITs.
- All-Tournament Team: Jordan Nwora, UL; Sam Hauser, MU; Jordan Bone, Grant Williams, UT; **Lagerald Vick, Dedric Lawson (MVP), KU**

### KANSAS' WIN...

- Made Kansas 5-0 for the second-straight season and seventh time in head coach Bill Self's 16 seasons at KU.
- Made Kansas 20-3 all-time in the NIT Season Tip-Off and gave KU its fourth NIT title.
- Gave the Jayhawks their 13th-straight regular-season victory over a top-10 ranked team.
- Moved KU's record to 15-3 against AP top-10 teams since the 2015-16 season.
- Gave KU its third-straight win in an overtime game and pushed its record to 7-2 in its last nine overtime games. KU is now 21-9 in games that go to overtime under Bill Self.
- Gave the Jayhawks their fifth-straight in-season tournament championship, a streak which began in 2014.
- Made Kansas 3-1 all-time versus Tennessee, giving KU a two-game series winning streak.
- Made Self 452-96 while at Kansas and 659-201 overall.
- Made Kansas 2,253-849 all-time.

### TEAM NOTES

- Kansas shot 50 percent for the game marking the second time the Jayhawks shot 50 percent from the field this season.
- Kansas' five 3-pointers tied for a season low. The Jayhawks also only made five treys against Marquette in the NIT semifinals. Prior to Marquette, the last time Kansas made five or fewer 3-pointers and won the game was at Baylor (5-for-20) in a 67-65 win on Feb. 18, 2017.
- With Tennessee building a nine-point lead (45-36) with 16:06 left in regulation, Kansas has now trailed by eight or more points in each of its last four games.

### TEAM NOTES (CONT.)

- KU went on to win each by six or more points. KU also set season highs in free throws made (22) and free throws attempted (34).
- Kansas outrebounded Tennessee, 43-40, and has outrebounded all five opponents this season.
- KU's 48 points in the paint were its most this season and the most since the Jayhawks tallied 58 paint points against Oakland on Nov. 24, 2017.
- The Jayhawks' 18 points in overtime were their most since also scoring 18 points in a 97-89 win over Iowa State in Lawrence on Jan. 3, 2013.

### OPPONENT NOTES

- The Volunteers' 25.9 percent clip (7-of-27) from 3-point range was a KU opponent season-low and Tennessee's worst percentage from 3-point range this season.
- Tennessee's Grant Williams fouled out with 1:24 remaining in regulation. After that point, KU outscored Tennessee, 20-12.

### INDIVIDUAL NOTES

#### RS-Junior forward Dedric Lawson

- His 24 points and 13 rebounds marked the 39th double-double of his collegiate career and his third as a Jayhawk.
- The performance also give Lawson the third 20+ point outing as a Jayhawk and the 17th of his collegiate career.
- Lawson scored 17 of his points in the second half and overtime.
- Lawson became the third Jayhawk to be named Most Valuable Player of the NIT Season Tip-Off joining Mark Randall (1989), Richard Scott (1993) and Paul Pierce (1997).

#### RS-Sophomore guard K.J. Lawson

- Lawson had his best game as a Jayhawk, playing 19 minutes with a season-high eight points, six rebounds and two steals. His six boards tied for his season high as he also pulled six rebounds against Michigan State in the season opener.

#### Senior guard Lagerald Vick

- Vick made three 3-pointers in the title game in scoring 15 points and earning all-tournament honors. Vick has now made three or more 3-pointers in four-straight games and is 21-for 32 (65.6 percent) from beyond the arc in that span.
- Tallied his second-straight 40+ minute outing, posting a career-high 43 minutes.

#### RS-Sophomore guard Charlie Moore

- Moore scored a season-high nine points surpassing his seven versus Vermont (11/12). His 32 minutes played against Tennessee were also a season high.

#### Junior center Udoka Azubuike

- Azubuike was 4-for-6 from the field in scoring nine points in 17 minutes. Azubuike is 15-for-21 (71.4 percent) from the field in his last three games.
- Suffered his first disqualification of the season and the fifth of his career.