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2021-22
KANSAS MEN'S BASKETBALL

POSTGAME NOTES



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(1) KANSAS vs (8) NORTH CAROLINA
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NCAA TOURNAMENT - NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

KU STARTERS

- Dajuan Harris (39/41)
- Christian Braun (39/74)
- Jalen Wilson (27/53)
- Ochai Agbaji (39/116)
- David McCormack (37/96)

SERIES HISTORY: Series tied, 6-6

KANSAS' WIN:

- Gave Kansas its sixth National Title including its fourth NCAA Tournament title. Tied Kansas for the sixth-most NCAA Tournament Championships all-time, behind only UCLA (11), Kentucky (8), North Carolina (6), Duke (5), Indiana (5).
- Made Kansas 4-6 in the NCAA Tournament National Championship game.
- Made Kansas 34-6 on the season, Kansas' most wins in a season since 2010-11 (35-3).
- Made KU 12-1 in neutral-site games this season.
- Knotted the Kansas-North Carolina series at 6-6, with Kansas owning the NCAA tournament series history at 5-2.
- Made Kansas 14-14 in NCAA Final Fours all-time.
- Made KU 45-13 all-time as the No. 1 seed and 8-1 against the No. 8 seed.
- Made Bill Self 763-229 all-time, 556-124 while at Kansas and 55-21 all-time in the NCAA Tournament (46-16 while at Kansas).
- Made Kansas 5-5 in NCAA Tournament games played in New Orleans, including 1-2 in National Championship games in New Orleans.
- Made Kansas 4-1 under head coach Bill Self in games played in April.
- Made Kansas 2,357-877 all-time, the all-time winningest program in NCAA Division I history.

TEAM NOTES:

- Kansas went with the starting lineup of Dajuan Harris, Jalen Wilson, Christian Braun, Ochai Agbaji and David McCormack for the 24th time this season. The Jayhawks are now 20-4 when using this starting combination.
- Kansas won the opening tipoff, which led to Agbaji connecting on a 3-pointer to put KU ahead, 3-0. That marks the 12th time this season the Jayhawks scored a 3-pointer for their first points, including their second-straight game. Agbaji also scored Kansas' first points on a 3-pointer in the semifinal game against Villanova.
- Kansas faced a 15-point deficit at halftime (40-25), marking the largest deficit faced at halftime in a Final Four game since March 31, 2018, when Kansas fell to Villanova in San Antonio. Kansas trailed 47-32 in that game.
- Kansas completed the largest halftime deficit to win an NCAA title game (15) after trailing 40-25 - the previous record was 10, by Kentucky against Utah in 1998 - It also set a new Final Four record, with the previous record being 11 (Duke over Maryland in 2001 semifinals and Temple over Kansas State in 1958 third-place game).
- Kansas' 16-point deficit was the largest it faced in a National Championship game since trailing by as many as 18 against Kentucky in the 2012 National Championship. Kansas fell short in that game, 67-59.
- Kansas completed the largest deficit to win a National Championship game (16) after trailing 38-22 with 2:23 left in the first half - the previous record was 15 when Loyola Chicago trailed Cincinnati, 45-30, with 14:00 left in the second half in 1963.
- The Jayhawks held North Carolina to 69 points and improved to 26-0 on the season when holding their opponent to less than 70 points.



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• Five players recorded double-doubles – Christian Braun and David McCormack of Kansas and Armando Bacot, RJ Davis and Brady Manek of North Carolina – the most in a National Championship game.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES:

- Super-Senior Mitch Lightfoot saw action for the 168th game in his career, which is more than any other KU player and 8th on the NCAA active list. Danny Manning held the record at 147 games played from 1985-88.
- Lightfoot has now played in 17 career NCAA Tournament games, which is the most in school history, breaking the tie at 16 with Keith Langford, Aaron Miles, Nick Collison, Kirk Hinrich, Richard Scott, Steve Woodberry, Danny Manning and Chris Piper.
- Super-Senior Jalen Coleman-Lands appeared in his 172nd career game, which is tied for second on the NCAA all-time list.
- Senior Ochai Agbaji has now played in 99 consecutive games, which is the seventh most in school history.
- Junior Christian Braun scored 12 points on 6-of-14 from the field, his 35th 10+ point game of the season and 53rd of his career. Braun coupled that with 12 rebounds, marking his sixth-career double-double and fifth of the season. His 12 rebounds were his 10th double-digit rebound game of his career.
- Redshirt sophomore Jalen Wilson registered his 40th double-digit performance of his career, scoring 15 points on 5-of-13 from the field. He has scored in double-digits 21 times this season.
- Senior David McCormack tallied 15 points on 7-of-15 from the floor, his 55th double-digit scoring performance of his career and 23rd of the season.
- Agbaji scored in double-figures for the 37th time this season, scoring 12 points on 4-of-9 shooting on Monday night. He has now scored 10+ points in 83 games in his career.
- Agbaji finished the season with 732 points, which ranks eighth on the all-time single-season scoring list at Kansas. He finished his career with 1,652 points, which ranks 15th all-time in program history.
- Redshirt sophomore Dajuan Harris recorded three steals on Monday, marking his seventh game with three or more steals this season. His season-high of four came on two occasions (vs. UTEP, at Iowa State).
- Over the course of two 2022 Final Four contests, Agbaji shot 7-11 from 3-point range for 63.6 percent (6-7 vs. Villanova, 1-4 vs. North Carolina), which is fifth all-time in a single Final Four.
- Bill Self is the first Kansas head coach with multiple NCAA Championships (2008, 2022)
- Tonight was Kansas head coach Bill Self's 76th NCAA Tournament game – fifth-most all-time