



2022-23
KANSAS MEN'S BASKETBALL
POSTGAME NOTES



1 KANSAS (28-7, 13-5) vs 16 HOWARD (22-13, 11-3)
DES MOINES, IOWA // WELLS FARGO ARENA
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KU STARTERS (CAREER STARTS)

Dajuan Harris (76)
Gradey Dick (35)
Kevin McCullar (81, 32 at KU)
Jalen Wilson (88)
KJ Adams (36)

SERIES INFO: Kansas leads 3-0 (2-0 in the NCAA Tournament)

THE KU WIN...

- Made Kansas 28-7 overall and gave KU 28 wins for the 12th time in the Bill Self era.
- Made KU 6-2 in neutral-site games this season.
- Made Kansas 116-48 in the NCAA Tournament all-time.
- Made the Kansas-Howard series 3-0 in favor of the Jayhawks, including 2-0 in the NCAA Tournament.
- Gave KU its 16th-straight NCAA Tournament first-game victory, a run that started in 2007.
- Made KU 37-2 in its last 39 NCAA Tournament round-of-64 games, beginning in 1981.
- Made KU 46-13 all-time as the No. 1 seed and 17-0 versus the No. 16 seed.
- Made Bill Self 584-131 while at Kansas, 791-236 overall and 56-21 in NCAA Tournaments (47-16 while at Kansas).
- Made Kansas 2,385- 884 all-time.

TEAM NOTES

- The Kansas starting five of Dajuan Harris Jr., Gradey Dick, Kevin McCullar Jr., Jalen Wilson and KJ Adams have started 32 games this season, in which the Jayhawks are 26-6 in games when using this starting five.
- McCullar scored Kansas' first points of the game on a pull-up jumper, marking the fourth time this season he scored Kansas' opening points. It also marks the 11th time this season that Kansas scored its first points on a jump shot.
- Junior Joseph Yesufu was Kansas' first substitution off of the bench on Thursday, marking the 11th time this season he was the first Jayhawk to sub in.
- Kansas led at halftime, 50-37, marking the 26th time Kansas has led at the break this season. The Jayhawks improved to 26-0 in those games. Kansas' 50 first half points are tied for the most in a first half this season after also scoring 50 at Missouri on Dec. 10.
- For the seventh time this season, Kansas had five individuals in double figures, including Wilson (20), Adams (13), Harris (11), Dick (19) and McCullar (10). The last time was against West Virginia on Feb. 25, while the Jayhawks moved to 7-0 when five players scored in double digits.
- Kansas' 96 points scored were the most by the Jayhawks in an NCAA Tournament game since 2017, when Kansas scored 98 points in a 98-66 win over Purdue.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

- Wilson scored 20 points on 8-of-16 from the field, marking his 73rd career game in double-figures, including his 33rd game this season. Wilson's 20 point outing marks his 28th of his career and 21st of the season, including his sixth-straight game with 20+ points.
- With 20 points, Wilson surpassed the 700 point mark, becoming just the 11th Jayhawk to score 700+ points in a season. He is the latest since 2019 (Dedric Lawson, 700) and his 703 points this season passes Lawson and Nick Collison (2003, 702 pts.) for the ninth most in single season history.
- Dick has now started 35 games as a freshman, which ties for sixth in KU freshman history. Ben McLemore has the most starts as a freshman with 37.
- Dick scored 19 points on 7-of-13 from the field, marking his 24th game this season in double figures. Dick added a career-high 11 rebounds, marking his first-career double double. Dick's 11 boards tops his career high of nine rebounds set against Oklahoma State on Dec. 31, 2022.
- Dick became the first KU freshman to record a double-double in a tournament game since March 25, 2017, when Josh Jackson scored 10 points and 12 rebounds against Oregon.
- With a 3-pointer in the first half, Gradey Dick has the most 3-pointers made as a freshman in KU history (80). He surpassed Jeff Boschee, who made 79 in 1999.
- Dick's 19 points also moved him into fourth all-time in KU freshman scoring history with 500 points, surpassing Xaver Henry (2010, 483 pts.) and Danny Manning (1985, 496 pts.).
- With seven assists on Thursday, Harris moved into 10th for the most assists in KU single-season history with 219, surpassing Aaron Miles (216 in 2005).
- With four steals, Harris also moved into 16th in career steals with 163. He passed Jacque Vaughn (1994-97) and Steve Woodberry (1991-94) at 160 and Jeff Boschee (1999-2002) and Tony Guy (1979-82) at 161.
- Harris scored 11 points on 5-of-13 from the field, marking his 25th career game in double figures, including his 17th of the season.