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POSTGAME NOTES

2023 WNIT - FIRST ROUND
 WESTERN KENTUCKY (19-14) vs. KANSAS (20-11)
 LAWRENCE, KAN. (ALLEN FIELDHOUSE)
 MARCH 17, 2023



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KU STARTERS (CAREER STARTS)

Zakiyah Franklin (110)
 Wyvette Mayberry (70, 26 at Kansas)
 Holly Kersgieter (85)
 Chandler Prater (31)
 Taiyanna Jackson (62)

SERIES INFO: Kansas 1-0 (1-0 in Allen Fieldhouse)

THE RESULT...

- Improved the Jayhawks to 20-11 on the year, giving Kansas the second-straight 20-win season and 23rd in program history
- Made Kansas 10-5 all-time in the WNIT and 4-0 all-time in the first round of the event
- Advanced the Jayhawks to the second round of the NIT, where KU will face longtime rival Missouri
- Made KU 1-0 all-time against Western Kentucky
- Made Kansas 14-3 this season at Allen Fieldhouse

TEAM NOTES

- The Kansas starting five of Zakiyah Franklin, Holly Kersgieter, Wyvette Mayberry, Chandler Prater and Taiyanna Jackson have started 18 games this season, in which the Jayhawks are 11-7 when using this lineup.
- Chandler Prater (13 points, 13 rebs) and Taiyanna Jackson (21 points, 15 rebs) each had a double-double against the Hilltoppers. The last time Kansas had two players record a double-double in the same game was against Kansas State on 1/29/2023 at Allen Fieldhouse.
- The Jayhawks took a 15-point lead heading into the fourth quarter, scoring 30 points in the third for the most points by Kansas in a quarter this season.
- All five Kansas starters recorded double-digit scoring in the win. The last time the Jayhawks had five players in double figures was against Southeast Missouri State on 12/4/2022.
- Kansas shot 46.4 percent from the field on 32-of-69 shooting, including 16-18 from the free throw line.
- Kansas is 1-0 when tied at halftime this season.
- The Jayhawks outrebounded Western Kentucky 45-37 and are 18-5 when Kansas out rebounds its opponent this season.
- Of Kansas' 86 points, 50 of them came in the paint
- The Jayhawks' 50-point second half ties the team's season-high points in a half.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

- Senior Taiyanna Jackson's 21 points and 15 rebounds are good for her 19th double-double on the season (23rd career), moving her to fifth on Kansas' single-season double-double leaders. Jackson's 15 rebounds is a WNIT school record for Kansas. Jackson swatted away two shots for her 94th block of the season. She is one block shy of tying the record (95) in which Jackson set in the 2021-22 season. Jackson also moves into fourth on the all-time Kansas single-season rebounding list
- Senior Holly Kersgieter drained four threes in the Jayhawks' win, notching her 200th career 3pt made.
- Junior Chandler Prater scored 13 points and brought down 13 rebounds for her third double-double of the season, second consecutive. Prater's 13 rebounds is a new career-high for the junior.
- Senior Zakiyah Franklin dropped 20 points and six rebounds, logging her ninth game of the season with 20+ points. Franklin also tied her season-high, dishing out seven assists.

COACH SCHNEIDER QUOTES

On the team's halftime adjustments...

"Well for not playing for a week we looked a little disjointed in the first half. We were able to collect ourselves and we did a better job defensively in the second half. It's good to see us respond like that, but I still thought we took way too many threes in the first half. We did a better job of getting Taiyanna more touches down low in the second half."

On taking care of the basketball...

"Sometimes you play so fast that you get too aggressive with the ball, and I thought we did much better in the second half of controlling the game."

On Kansas' 50 points in the paint...

"It's big and obviously Taiyanna is a big reason for that. That is her 19th double-double on the season, most since 1979. It's been a long time since we've had a player average a double-double in a season, and I thought she had a great game overall."

On the Kansas/Missouri rivalry...

"My good friends talk to me about it all the time. Tomorrow will be an education day on what the rivalry means. The preparation there is as important as the "X's" and "O's" we put on the board."