

KANSAS WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

POSTGAME NOTES

2023 WNIT - CHAMPIONSHIP COLUMBIA (28-6) vs. KANSAS (25-11) LAWRENCE, KAN. (ALLEN FIELDHOUSE) APRIL 1. 2023



2023 WNIT ALL-TOURNAMEN TEAM

Taiyanna Jackson (Kansas, MVP), Zakiyah Franklin (Kansas), Abbey Hsu (Columbia), Kaitlyn Davis (Columbia), Allison Day (Bowling Green), Dalayah Daniels (Washington)

KU STARTERS (CAREER STARTS)

Zakiyah Franklin (115) Wyvette Mayberry (75, 31 at Kansas) Holly Kersgieter (90) Chandler Prater (36) Taiyanna Jackson (67)

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

THE WIN...

- Wins its first WNIT Championship.
- Concludes the season with a record of 25-11 on the year.
- Made Kansas 9-1 in its final 10 games of the season.
- Posts 25 victories in a season for the sixth time in school history, first since 1996-97.
- Improves to 15-5 all-time in the WNIT and 1-1 in the WNIT Championship Game.
- Is 1-0 all-time against Columbia.
- Added to its home wins record for a season, ending at 19.

TEAM NOTES

- The Championship game attendance of 11,701 was the largest for a Kansas women's home game since 16,113 in the 2009 WNIT final.
- Today marked the first time KU trailed after one quarter in the WNIT. KU went 3-5 when trailing after one quarter this season. KU
 last trailed after one quarter on Feb. 15 vs. West Virginia, 11 games ago.
- Leading 31-28 at intermission, the Jayhawks led at halftime in all six WNIT games. For the season, KU went 22-3 when leading at half.
- Kansas led 49-39 after three quarters. The Jayhawks were 24-1 when leading after three periods this season.
- Kansas was 20-for-24 (83.3%) from the free throw line marking the 16th time this season the Jayhawks have made 80 percent or better from the charity stripe.
- Kansas' 50 rebounds marked its most in the WNIT and the sixth time this season the Jayhawks have pulled down 50 or more boards.
- KU won the rebound battle, 50-41, and went 20-5 when outrebounding its opponent this season.
- Kansas held Columbia to 59 points, the Lions' third lowest output of the season and their lowest points scored in the WNIT.
- Kansas's biggest lead was 12 points. The Jayhawks led by 12 or more points in all six WNIT victories.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

- Taiyanna Jackson recorded three blocked shots and moved into second on the KU career blocked shots list at 204. Jackson passed Chelsea Gardner who had 202 blocks from 2011-15. The KU career blocks record is 269 by Lisa Tate (1991-94).
- Jackson set a WNIT record with 33 offensive rebounds for an entire tournament, breaking the previous record of 29 by Northwestern's Pallas Kunaiyi-Akpanah in 2019.
- Jackson added to her own KU single-season blocked shots record, ending 2022-23 at 109.
- Jackson had 12 rebounds in the first half and 21 for the game, which tied a career high. She pulled down 10-plus rebounds in 27 games this season, 34 times in her career. Her 27 games with 10 or more rebounds are third on the KU single-season list trailing Tracy Claxton's 28 (1981-82). Lynette Woodard is first with 35 (1978-79).
- Jackson's 21 rebounds were her most in the WNIT, surpassing her 15 versus Western Kentucky (3/17). It also marked the fourth time this season she has pulled down 20 or more rebounds in a game.
- Jackson recorded her 23rd double-double of the season, 27th of her career. Her 23 double-doubles ended third on the KU single-season list.
- Senior Zakiyah Franklin scored 19 points, moving her to 12th all-time in Kansas scoring with 1,536. Today, Franklin passed Angie Snider (1,518 points from 1981-84) and Chelsea Gardner (1,522 points from 2011-15).
- Franklin ended the first half with 10 points. She scored 10-plus points in 32 games this season, 77 for her career.
- Wyvette Mayberry has made two or more three-point field goals in nine games this season and 23 times for her career.
- With Holly Kergieter's third quarter three-point field goal, she moved up to sixth all-time in single season three-point field goals made with 64.