

## 2023-24 KANSAS MEN'S BASKETBALL

# **POSTGAME NOTES**



5/6 KANSAS (7-1) vs. 4/5 UCONN (7-1) LAWRENCE, KAN. // ALLEN FIELDHOUSE DECEMBER 1, 2023

## **KU STARTERS (STARTS AT KU/CAREER STARTS)**

Dajuan Harris Jr. (85/85) Elmarko Jackson (8/8) Kevin McCullar Jr. (41/90) KJ Adams Jr. (44/44) Hunter Dickinson (8/97)

**SERIES INFO:** Kansas and Connecticut met for the fourth time in a series that dates back to 1995, while the Jayhawks improve to 4-0 all-time against the Huskies.

#### THE KU WIN...

- Made Kansas 7-1 or better for the 10th-straight season beginning in 2014-15.
- Made the Kansas-UConn series 4-0 in favor of the Jayhawks.
- Made Kansas 4-1 in the BIG EAST/Big 12 Battle.
- Made Kansas 4-0 in Allen Fieldhouse this season and 844-117 all-time in the venue, including 303-17 under Bill Self.
- Made Bill Self 572-133 while at Kansas and 779-238 overall.
- Made Kansas 2.377-886 all time.
- Snapped UConn's streak of 24 consecutive nonconference wins by double digits.

### **TEAM NOTES**

- With the win, Kansas is now 13-0 at home against top-5 opponents ranked higher than KU in the Bill Self era.
- Kansas outscored UConn 38-31 in the first half. The seven point lead is the largest halftime lead against a top-5 opponent since February 6, 2023, when KU defeated No. 5 Texas 88-80 at Allen Fieldhouse.
- The Jayhawks shot 64.3 percent (9-of-14) from the three-point line. This is the first time KU shot 60 percent or better from beyond the arc since February 22, 2022 vs. Kansas State (62.5 percent).
- Kansas only turned the ball over eight times, the lowest this season.
- The game was marked by long possessions. Despite both teams turning the ball over only eight times each, the Jayhawks attempted a only 46 shots, a season low, and the Huskies attempted 56 shots, also a low mark this season for a Jayhawk opponent.

## **INDIVIDUAL NOTES**

- Graduate-senior Kevin McCullar scored 21 points and added five rebounds along with one assist in 36 minutes. McCullar has scored 20 or more points for the fourth time this season and seventh time in his career. McCullar also added six points while shooting a perfect 6-of-6 from the charity stripe.
- McCullar hit a season-high 75.0% (3-of-4) from behind the arc going 3-for-3 down the stretch to help the Jayhawks erase a deficit and never relinquish its lead. With 5:56 remaining in the game, he drained his first trey to give the Jayhawks a 55-54 lead. On the ensuing possession, he hit his second three to extend the lead to 58-54. And finally, with 1:08 remaining, he drained a rainbow three from the right corner to push Kansas out to a 6-point lead, 66-60.
- Senior Hunter Dickinson added 15 points as he shot 50 percent (6-of-12) from the floor. This is the eighth time this season and 90th time in his career he has scored in double-figures. Dickinson played in 38 minutes, a season-high. He has now played 30+ minutes in all but two games this season (North Carolina Central, 11.6.23 & Manhattan College, 11.10.23).
- This is the second time this season Dickinson made three or more three-pointers. He went 3-for-3 vs. North Carolina Central in the season opener.
- Junior KJ Adams scored a season-high 18 points along with five rebounds. Adams has now scored in double-figures in three-straight games and six times this season. This marked the 25th time in his career that he has scored in double digits.
- Adams also logged 39 minutes in the game, tying Dajuan Harris for the most by a Jayhawk this season.
- Freshman Elmarko Jackson played in a season-high 32 minutes. He produced six points while shooting a perfect 100 percent (2-of-2) from the free throw line.
- Redshirt-senior Dajuan Harris recorded one steal. He tied Tyshawn Taylor for 14th on the all-time Kansas steal list with 172 career steals.