

KANSAS WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

POSTGAME NOTES

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



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 Javhawks 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.