

KANSAS WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

POSTGAME NOTES

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2023 WNIT - GREAT 8
ARKANSAS (24-13) VS. KANSAS (23-11)
LAWRENCE, KAN. (ALLEN FIELDHOUSE)

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KU STARTERS (CAREER STARTS)

Zakiyah Franklin (113) Wyvette Mayberry (73, 29 at Kansas) Holly Kersgieter (88) Chandler Prater (34) Taiyanna Jackson (65)

SERIES INFO: Kansas leads, 5-4 (Kansas leads 4-1 at Allen Fieldhouse)

THE WIN...

- Improved the Jayhawks to 23-11 on the year
- Gave Kansas its first season with 23 wins since 1998-99
- Made Kansas 13-5 all-time in the WNIT, including a 2-0 record in the quarterfinal round of the event
- Advanced the Jayhawks to the Fab 4 round of the WNIT, where KU would face the winner between Oregon and Washington
- Made Kansas 5-4 all-time against Arkansas, 4-1 against the Razorbacks in Lawrence and 2-0 versus Arkansas in the WNIT.

TEAM NOTES

- Kansas' five turnovers tied for the lowest for a game in school history (5 vs. Northern lowa, 3/13/06)
- The Jayhawks opened the game with an eight-point lead in the first quarter. That is the biggest lead Kansas has had in the first quarter of the WNIT (vs. Western Kentucky, 6) (vs. Missouri, 5) (vs. Nebraska, 5).
- Kansas has led by at least five points after the first quarter in all four WNIT contests. KU is 21-3 when leading after one quarter this season.
- In their four games in the WNIT, the Jayhawks have outscored their opponents 146-106 in the first half.
- Leading 38-19 at intermission, the Jayhawks have led at halftime in all four WNIT games. For the season, KU is 20-3 when leading at half this season.
- Kansas led 60-50 after three quarters. The Jayhawks are 22-1 when leading after three periods this season.
- Kansas last trailed in the WNIT in the second quarter of its first game vs. WKU. KU last led the last 3.5 games of the WNIT.
- There were 4,806 fans in attendance, the largest Kansas home crowd since Feb. 17, 2019 vs. Texas Tech (4,784).
- Kansas outshot Arkansas, 45.0% to 36.7%. The Jayhawks are 22-4 this season when shooting better than their opponent.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

- With her traditional three-point play late in the first quarter, Holly Kersgieter moved past Angie Snider (1981-84) on the KU career scoring list. She also passed Chelsea Gardner (2011-15) who scored 1,522 points. Kersgieter sits in 11th on the KU career scoring list with 1,541 points.
- Kersgieter moved into third on the KU career three-point field goals made list, currently at 207. Kersgieter passed Danielle McCray who made 205 threes from 2007-10.
- Kersgieter also moved into sixth on the single-season three-point field goals made list with 63, passing Jessica Washington (61), Erica Hallman (61), Kylee Kopatich (61) and tying Natalie Knight (63).
- Kersgieter' posted her seventh 20 point game of the season, 20th of her career. Her 25 points were the most she has scored in the WNIT surpassing the 14 points vs. WKU and 14 vs. Nebraska. Kersgieter also shot 10-of-13 from the free-throw line, tying her career high.
- Kersgieter had four steals and has had three-plus steals in 11 games this season, 27 for her career.
- Two-time All-Big 12 and Big 12 Defensive Team selection Taiyanna Jackson scored 12 points in the first quarter on 6-of-6 shooting. Jackson has scored in double-figures 28 times this season and 40 times in her career.
- With her block with 1:02 left in the first half, Jackson swatted the 100th shot of the season. She is the ninth player in Big 12 history to accomplish the feat and it is the 18th time it has happened since the inception of the conference in 1996-97.
- With 22 points and 11 rebounds, Jackson recorded her 21st double-double of the season. She tied Carolyn Davis for most double-doubles by a Jayhawk in a WNIT tournament with three. The 22 points marked her seventh game this season with 20-plus points, seventh of her career.
- Jackson has shot 75.0 percent (33-of-44) from the field during the WNIT. That is good for fifth all-time on the Kansas WNIT records.