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Softball Travels to Arkansas for Midweek Match-Up with Razorbacks

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. – The UMKC softball team (4-14) will travel to the University of Arkansas on Tuesday for a midweek doubleheader with the Razorbacks.

The first game between the two teams is set to start at 3 p.m. CT with the second slated to begin at 5 p.m. CT.

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Live stats for UMKC's games are available at UMKCStats.com.

About the Roos

UMKC opened its home slate with the We Back Pat Tournament this past weekend at Missouri 3&2. Despite falling to Missouri State, Southeast Missouri and Saint Louis, shortstop **Morgan Byrn** (Lawrence, Kan.), outfielder **Kendra Leach** (Easton, Kan.) and freshman **Lia Lombardini** (Chesterton, Ind.) represented the Roos on the all-tournament team.

Byrn received Western Athletic Conference Hitter of the Week laurels on Feb. 27 after bombing three home runs in two games at the UTA Invitational. She went 7-for-14 from the plate over the course of five games and accounted for five of the team's 11 RBIs.

The Roos went 2-3 at the Battle at the Beach in Conway, S.C., as freshman **Alex Larson** (Overland Park, Kan.) captured her first career wins, both against Rider. The freshman right-hander pitched all five innings of UMKC's 8-0 victory on Feb. 18, allowing just three hits and one walk. In Sunday's 5-3 win over the Broncs, Larson came in for relief to pitch the final 3.2 innings and gave up just two hits while throwing two strikeouts. As a result, Larson was named WAC Pitcher of the Week on Feb. 20.

UMKC opened the 2017 season at the Belmont Winter Fest Tournament in Nashville, Tenn., on Feb. 10-12. In the Roos' 4-2 victory over UMBC, sophomore **Maegan Rollow** (Broken Arrow, Okla.) went 1-for-3 with two RBIs while junior **Kelsey Goodwin** (Broken Arrow, Okla.) contributed two hits in four at-bats.

Leach and sophomore infielder **Bri Sims** (Rowlett, Texas) were each named to the 2017 Preseason All-WAC team in a poll by the league's coaches.

Sims, a 2016 All-WAC first team selection, returns to the field for UMKC this season with second-team members Goodwin and Byrn. The Roos finished 24-26 overall and 10-5 in the WAC in 2016.

Up Next

The Roos will travel to the Jayhawk Invitational this weekend in Lawrence, Kan., for games against Drake, Iowa and Green Bay.

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