



CONTACT INFORMATION

Tyler Wall
Strategic Communications Graduate Assistant
e: tlw4g5@mail.umkc.edu
o: 816.235.1053 | c: 573.268.5162
UMKCKangaroos.com

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

December 1, 2017

UMKC Returns Home to Host Lincoln, Oral Roberts

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – After beginning the 2017-18 season with six consecutive road games, the UMKC women's basketball team (0-6) will return to Swinney Recreation Center for the first time to host Lincoln University (3-4) and Oral Roberts (3-3).

The Roos will look to start a new chapter in the month of December, as the team was unable to secure a win in facing off with six challenging opponents on the road. The road stretch did not come without its bright spots, as UMKC put together a few impressive second half performances that offer some momentum for the games ahead.

Aries Washington (Kansas City, Mo.) has continued to produce on the offensive end for the Roos, proving to be a reliable scoring option. After putting up 15 points against Kansas, the senior guard leads UMKC with 17 points per game while shooting a team-best 43.7% from the field. Washington has chipped in with 5.5 rebounds and 1.3 assists per game as well.

Kristen Moore (Chicago, Ill.) enters the game coming off her best performance of the season at Kansas. Her 18 points and 10 rebounds, both team-highs in the game, marked her first double-double of the season. On the year, Moore is averaging 13 points per game, which sits second on the team behind Washington, and leads the Roos in bringing down seven rebounds per contest.

UMKC will look to get heat up offensively as they hold a field goal percentage of 31.4% and a three-point percentage of 27.3% as a team through the first six games. Look for the Roos to continue employing a full-court pressure defensively as it has proven to be effective in their recent contests. The team has forced at least 15 opponent turnovers in their last four games.

UMKC Roos vs. Lincoln University Blue Tigers

Date: Saturday, December 2

Tipoff: 5:00 p.m. CT

Location: Kansas City, Mo. (Swinney Recreation Center)

Series: UMKC leads 6-1

Live Stats: www.statbroadcast.com

Radio: www.umkckangaroos.com

TV: [WAC Digital Network](#)

Live In-Game Update: [@umkcwbb](#)

It has been up and down season thus far Lincoln University, who most recently took home a 67-59 win over Upper Iowa on their home court. The trip to UMKC will serve as an exhibition game for the Blue Tigers, but is part of the regular season schedule for the Roos. Senior guard Citlali Lopez has been the primary offensive weapon for Lincoln, averaging a team-best 11 points and 2.4 assists per game. Lopez has been a threat all over the floor, shooting 41.5% from the field and 43.8% from beyond the arc in addition to her excellent passing. The Blue tigers have been strong on the boards in the early going, outrebounding opponents by an average of seven per game. They have been prone to giving up open looks, allowing opponents to shoot just under 40% from the floor, which could be key for a UMKC team who has struggled getting their shots to fall consistently.

UMKC Roos vs. Oral Roberts Golden Eagles

Date: Wednesday, December 6

Tipoff: 7:00 p.m. CT

Location: Kansas City, Mo. (Swinney Recreation Center)

Series: UMKC trails 19-29

Live Stats: www.statbroadcast.com

Radio: www.umkckangaroos.com

TV: [WAC Digital Network](#)

Live In-Game Update: [@umkcwbb](#)

Oral Roberts will compete in a pair of games over the weekend before the game with UMKC. They are currently riding a two-game win streak, claiming victories over Houston Baptist and Tulsa, whom the Roos faced earlier this year. The Golden Eagles are led by a pair of players averaging in double-figure scoring thus far. Senior forward Faith Ihim leads the team at 12.3 points per game, shooting an efficient 59.5% from the field, and also has accounted for eight rebounds per contest. Freshman guard Maya Mayberry has also been a factor for ORU early in her career, tallying 10.3 points and 1.3 assists per game. Defense has been a strength for the Golden Eagles, who have been very solid in limiting their opponents to shooting just 37.6% from the field and 25.3% from three-point range. The last matchup between UMKC and Oral Roberts ended in a 83-70 lost in the 2012-13 season.

The Roos will hit the road again following the two-game home stand for a matchup with Wichita State on Saturday, Dec. 9 at 2 p.m. CT before hosting Harris-Stowe State on Monday, Dec. 11 at 7 p.m. CT.

For more information on UMKC women's basketball, like us on [Facebook](#) and follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

– UMKC –