



# UMKC ATHLETICS

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## ***Roos Ready to Host South Dakota State for Friday Night Clash***

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – UMKC will continue its three-game home stand on Friday when the South Dakota State Jackrabbits visit Municipal Auditorium. Tip-off is set for 6 p.m. CT, as fans are encouraged to wear their ugliest holiday sweater for a chance to win a UMKC swag pack.

### **UMKC Roos (3-10) vs. South Dakota State Jackrabbits (10-5)**

**Date | Time:** Friday, December 22 | 6 p.m. CT

**Location:** Kansas City, Mo.

**Site:** Municipal Auditorium (9,827)

**TV:** KMCI (38 The Spot) – Neil Harwell & Michael Watson

**Live Stats:** [www.umkcstats.com](http://www.umkcstats.com)

**Live Stream:** [WAC Digital Network](#)

**Radio:** [ESPN KC 99.3 FM](#)

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**South Dakota State:** [Men's Basketball Homepage](#)

**Live In-Game Updates:** [@UMKCbmb](#)

### **#TeamKC Notes:**

Friday's game against the Jackrabbits will be UMKC's second and final Friday game of the season after opening the 2016-17 campaign at Wichita State.

In the Roos game at Incarnate Word on Dec. 16, UMKC blocked 10 shots as a team - just one shy of the program record of 11 that was set against Nicholls State in 1991.

UMKC is led on the court this season by **Xavier Bishop** (Springfield, Ill.), who is currently averaging 13.0 points and 3.4 rebounds per game. The sophomore has hit double-figure scoring in five-consecutive contests for the Roos. He has also contributed a team-high 40 assists.

Senior **Broderick Robinson** (Grand Junction, Colo.) is averaging 11.8 points and 4.8 rebounds per game. He was named to the Gulf Coast Showcase All-Tournament Team after averaging 19.3 points, 5.3 rebounds and 3.0 assists, while going 15-for-16 at the free throw line, in three games at the tournament.

In UMKC's 65-55 win at UT Martin on Nov. 26, sophomore **Isaiah Ross** (Davenport, Iowa) became the first Roo since standout LaVell Boyd against South Dakota in 2015 to make 10-plus field goals in a single game.

All 12 eligible student-athletes have seen action so far this season for UMKC. **Aleer Leek** (Juba, South Sudan) is the only Roo to start all 13 games.

As a team, the Roos are shooting 71.1 percent from the free throw line, with Robinson, Bishop, **Marvin Nesbitt Jr.** (Chicago, Ill.), and **Robert Knar** (Mundelein, Ill.) all shooting better than 75 percent at the charity stripe.

The Roos are averaging 7.5 steals per game, compared to their opponents at 5.4 per contest. Robinson leads the team with 20 on the year, while Bishop and **Marco Smith** (Kansas City, Kan.) have 14.

**Kareem Richardson's** troop features six returning letterwinners and welcomes nine newcomers this season. The Roos will look to the senior leadership of Robinson, as UMKC lost all five of its starters from 2016-17. Robinson, along with Bishop played in all 35 games for the Roos last season, while Ross made an appearance in 34 contests. Richardson enters his fifth year at the helm of the Roos program.

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