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UMKC Hits the Road for WAC Matchups at Utah Valley, Seattle U

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – The UMKC men’s basketball team will head west for a pair of games at Utah Valley on Thursday and Seattle U on Saturday. Thursday night’s contest will air in the Kansas City metro area on KSMO-TV at 8 p.m. CT, with Neil Harwell and Joel Goldberg on the call.

UMKC Roos (5-12, 0-1 WAC) vs. Utah Valley Wolverines (12-5, 1-0 WAC) | Seattle U Redhawks (11-7, 0-1 WAC)

Dates & Times: Jan. 11, 8 p.m. CT at UVU | Jan. 13, 3 p.m. CT at Seattle U

Locations: Orem, Utah | Seattle, Wash.

Sites: UCCU Center (8,500) | KeyArena (17,459)

Live Stats: www.UMKCstats.com

Live TV (UVU Game): KSMO-TV | Neil Harwell & Joel Goldberg

Live Stream: [WAC Digital Network](#)

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Utah Valley: [Men’s Basketball Homepage](#)

Seattle U: [Men’s Basketball Homepage](#)

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

#TeamKC Notes:

UMKC overcame a 16-point deficit for a 79-77 victory at USC Upstate on Jan. 2, led by a 21-point game from **Isaiah Ross** (Davenport, Iowa) and 20-point performance from **Broderick Robinson** (Grand Junction, Colo.). It marked the third time in four outings that Ross tabulated at least 20 points, while it was Robinson’s third 20-point game of the season.

Robinson led the way for UMKC in its Western Athletic Conference season opening loss to UT Rio Grande Valley at Municipal Auditorium on Saturday. The senior scored 20 points for the second-consecutive game, while contributed a pair of assists and a steal. Robinson leads the way on the court this season, averaging 12.6 points and a team-high 4.9 rebounds per contest.

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.

Sophomore **Xavier Bishop** is currently second on the team in scoring average (11.9) and first in assists with 55 on the season. He has also scored a team-high 202 points on the court.

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

As a team, the Roos are shooting just under 70 percent from the free throw line, with Ross shooting better than 75 percent at the charity stripe. In UMKC's victory at USC Upstate on Jan. 2, 11 of **Jordan Giles'** 15 points came at the free throw line.

The Roos are averaging 7.0 steals per game, compared to their opponents at 5.4 per contest. Robinson leads the team with 24 on the year, while **Marco Smith** (Kansas City, Kan.) has 17 and Bishop has 16.

In the WAC, Robinson is currently 10th in scoring and the leader in steals. Ross has the third-most 3-pointers in the WAC with 43.

Aleer Leek (Juba, South Sudan) has the sixth-most blocked shots in the WAC, averaging 1.2 a game with a team-high 20 on the season.

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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