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## ***Roos Fall at Home to CSU Bakersfield, 76-62***

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – The UMKC women’s basketball team (8-15, 4-4 WAC) was unable to fend off CSU Bakersfield (12-10, 6-2 WAC) Saturday afternoon, losing by a final score of 76-62. The Roos were without leading-scorer **Aries Washington** (Kansas City, Mo.) who suffered a leg injury in Thursday night’s game against Grand Canyon.

The hot shooting from Thursday night’s action did not carry over into the weekend contest with CSU Bakersfield. Following a **Kiana Law** (Pittsburgh, Pa.) jumper to put the first two points on the board, the Roos missed on their next 10 field goal attempts in the midst of a 13-0 Bakersfield run.

UMKC started to find a rhythm at the end of the opening period but finished the quarter shooting just 5-of-14 (35.7%) from the field and 1-of-4 from beyond the arc. After scoring the first five points of the second quarter, CSU Bakersfield stretched their lead to 26-11, the largest advantage of the first half.

**Rilyne Like** (Overland Park, Kan.) gave the Roos some much needed offense as the team attempted to climb back in the game before the halftime break. The sophomore guard scored six points in the second quarter to lead the team into half trailing 41-27.

Like finished the contest with a career-high 12 points, including a pair of three-pointers, in notching her first double-digit scoring output of the season. She also tallied a career-high four rebounds in the matchup.

“Our team didn’t come out with a sense of urgency which put us in a big hole going into the second half,” noted head coach **Jacie Hoyt**. “Bakersfield came ready to play and we didn’t.”

UMKC came out firing in the second half of play with **Daijane Dillard** (Los Angeles, Calif.) and **India Johnson** (Overland Park, Kan.) connecting on back to back jumpers to trim the deficit to single digits. The surge would not last long as CSU Bakersfield sparked a 13-4 run ending at the 2:31 mark of the third quarter, extending their lead to a game large 19 points.

**Samantha Waldron** (Omaha, Neb.) knocked down a pair of three-pointers to end the third period to keep the Roos within striking distance at 62-49. Waldron, who finished the day with a team-high 17 points, made her mark in the UMKC record book as she

now sits in 10<sup>th</sup> place on the all-time career scoring list with 1,151 points. She also grabbed five rebounds and dished out two assists in the game.

The Roos were unable to make a run in the final ten minutes to get back within single digits as CSU Bakersfield walked away with a 76-62 win in Swinney Recreation Center. Waldron, Like, Johnson and Law all finished the contest in double-figures scoring.

As a team, UMKC shot 21-of-56 (37.5%) from the field in what proved to be a tough shooting day throughout the contest. The Roos also committed 20 turnovers which continued to plague the team as they attempted to mount a second half comeback.

“We didn’t follow our game plan at all,” commented Hoyt. “We need to make a quick change in some areas if we don’t want to have this feeling again.”

UMKC hits the road next for a pair of WAC matchups. The team will square off with Seattle U on Thursday, Feb. 8 at 8 p.m. CT before matching up with Utah Valley on Saturday, Feb. 10 at 4 p.m. CT. Both games will be broadcast on the [WAC Digital Network](#) free of charge.

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