



# UMKC ATHLETICS

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## ***UMKC Returns to Municipal for Trio of Contests to Close 2018 Home Slate***

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – The UMKC men’s basketball team will close out the 2018 home slate over the next week with a trio of Western Athletic Conference games, beginning with Seattle U and Utah Valley.

### **UMKC Roos (6-19, 1-7 WAC) vs. Seattle U Redhawks (16-8, 5-2 WAC) | Utah Valley Wolverines (16-7, 5-2 WAC)**

**Dates & Times:** Feb. 8, 7 p.m. CT | Feb. 10, 7 p.m. CT

**Location:** Kansas City, Mo.

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

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

**Live TV:** KMCI (SU) | KSMO-TV (UVU)

**Live Stream:** [ESPN3 \(SU\)](#) | [WAC Digital Network \(UVU\)](#)

**Live Radio:** [ESPN KC 99.3 FM \(SU\)](#) | [Sports Radio 810 WHB \(UVU\)](#)

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

### **#TeamKC Notes:**

UMKC will open a three-game home stand with Seattle U and Utah Valley this weekend. The Roos contest against the Redhawks is this week’s WAC Game of the Week on ESPN3.

In UMKC’s 62-59 conference victory over CSU Bakersfield on Jan. 18, sophomore **Xavier Bishop** drained his first college career game-winning 3-pointer to give the Roos their first WAC win. The guard currently leads the team on the court, averaging 12.0 points per game.

Despite falling to New Mexico State on Jan. 27, **Aleer Leek** continued to make an impact on the defensive end, grabbing a career high 10 rebounds. The junior also has the fifth-most blocks in the league with 28, averaging 1.1 per game this season.

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** and 20-point performance from **Broderick**

**Robinson.** 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.

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.

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 **Robert Knar** shooting a team-high 82.4 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 shot a season-high 84.6 percent from the charity stripe at Seattle U on Jan. 13 after only shooting only 50 percent in the conference opener at UTRGV on Jan. 6.

The Roos are averaging 6.8 steals per game, compared to their opponents at 5.4 per contest. Robinson leads the team and the WAC with 40 on the year, while **Marco Smith** has 25 and Bishop has 19.

On the stat sheet, **Brandon McKissic** leads all newcomers in scoring while **Marvin Nesbitt Jr.** leads the freshmen on the boards with 3.1 rebounds per contest.

**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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