



UMKC ATHLETICS

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UMKC Continues WAC Play With Road Series at Seattle U

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – The UMKC softball team (10-25, 0-3 WAC) continues conference play on the road this weekend with a three game road series at Seattle U. The teams will square off with a doubleheader on Friday, Apr. 6 beginning at 6 p.m. CT before concluding the series with a 2 p.m. CT on Saturday, Apr. 7.

#TeamKC Notes

The Roos enter their second Western Athletic Conference (WAC) series of the 2018 season after being swept by conference foe New Mexico State last weekend. The loss in the first contest of the series snapped a three-game win streak for the team.

Senior infielder **Ashlin O'Brien** (Fond du Lac, Wis.) got off to a hot start in league play, combining to go 3 for 8 at the plate with a pair of doubles and an RBI over the first three contests. On the season, O'Brien leads the team with a .310 batting average, ranking among the top-20 in the WAC, and has eight runs driven in.

The beginning of conference play saw very positive results for **Andra O'Brien** (Fond du Lac, Wis.) as well in her two appearances in the circle against the Aggies. O'Brien allowed just two runs (one earned) over five innings of work while surrendering no walks and picking up a pair of strikeouts. After a tough first half of the season, the sophomore pitcher will look to build on back to back solid performances.

Olivia Fluehr (Loves Park, Ill.) has recently emerged as a formidable threat in the circle after having proven to be a productive piece to the UMKC lineup. In the conference opening series, Fluehr made appearances in all three games, allowing two runs on six hits over seven strong innings of work. On the season, Fluehr has posted a 4-6 record with a .483 era in addition to her outstanding production at the plate which includes seven home runs and 28 RBI's, both team-bests.

Preseason All-WAC selection **Kelsey Goodwin** (Broken Arrow, Okla.) enters the series looking to continue swinging the bat well. The senior infielder collected three hits in nine at-bats against New Mexico State. Goodwin has seen her numbers steadily rise over the past month, now up to a .278 batting average and 19 RBI's on the season. She also

has put her defensive abilities on display against the Aggies, recording six putouts and five assists without an error.

UMKC vs. Seattle U

Location: Seattle, Wash. (Logan Field)

Series: UMKC leads 10-6

Last Meeting: Apr. 22, 2017 (12-6 SU)

TV: [WAC Digital Network](#)

Live Stats: [StatBroadcast](#)

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

Scouting the Redhawks

Seattle U (24-17, 2-1 WAC) heads into the weekend series fresh off a 3-1 road loss to top ranked Washington on Wednesday. The team opened WAC play last weekend with a strong showing in three games against Utah Valley, winning the first two games of the series before falling in extra innings in the finale.

The Redhawks are led offensively by sophomore first baseman Madison Cathcart, who leads the conference with a .439 batting average and has recorded 50 hits thus far in the 2018 season, good for fourth in the WAC. The sophomore slugger has also shown tremendous power, leading the WAC in home runs (17), doubles (13) and RBI's (49) by wide margins. Cathcart is just 2 for 9 over Seattle U's past four contests which could prove to be quite helpful for the Roos pitching staff.

Sophomore outfielder Cherise Silvan has also played a big role in a Redhawks' lineup that sits third in the conference at 5.1 runs scored per game. Silvan is hitting .302 on the year and has been a major threat on the base paths with eight stolen bases on the season. Seattle U leads the conference in averaging 1.58 steals per game, providing an interesting matchup with UMKC catcher **Alyx Bloom** (Clay Center, Kan.) who leads the WAC with 12 runners caught stealing.

The Redhawks' pitching has been stellar throughout the season, leading the conference with a team era of 2.96. Two starters – Carley Nance and Andie Larkins – have been the primary starters, combining to make 34 of the team's 41 starts on the season. Nance holds a record of 11-10 with a 2.91 era on the year while Larkins boasts a 7-6 record coupled with a 3.12 era. Larkins has been particularly sharp of late, allowing just two earned runs over her past 23.1 innings of work.

Up Next

UMKC will return to home the following weekend to host Utah Valley for a three-game set on Apr. 13-14. The series will begin on Friday night with a 6 p.m. CT contest prior to a doubleheader on Saturday starting at 1 p.m. CT.

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