


NCAA TOURNAMENT HISTORY (50th overall—and 32nd consecutive—appearance)

114-48 all-time record...3 national titles (2008, 1988, 1952)...6-time national runner-up (last: 2012)...16 Final 4's
2021 (#3 seed in West): Defeated #14 Eastern Washington 93-84 before getting crushed by #6 USC 85-51 in Second Round

2022 POSTSEASON: The Jayhawks are in the national championship for the 1st time since losing to Kentucky in 2012 following wins over Texas Southern, Creighton (by 7), Providence (by 5), Miami (76-50) and Villanova (81-65). Kansas led Villanova from start-to-finish while shooting 54% overall and from 3. The Jayhawks outscored Miami 47-15 in the 2nd half.
Conference Tournament: The top-seeded Jayhawks defeated West Virginia, TCU & Texas Tech to win Big 12 Tournament for the 12th time & 1st since 2018. Versus Texas Tech, Kansas shot just 5-22 from 3 but had a +19 advantage in made free throws

SEASON RECAP: The nation's preseason #3 team slipped up to Dayton on Black Friday down in Disney but notably defeated Texas Tech in double overtime, beat Baylor by 24 points, swept Iowa State and collected one-possession wins over Oklahoma (twice) and at Kansas State. The Jayhawks did get run out of their own building by 18 points to Kentucky on January 29. Kansas clinched a share of the Big 12 title with a 4-point win over TCU and OT win vs. Texas to close out the regular season.

STRENGTHS: ***Offensive Juggernaut:** Nation's 6th-best offense per KenPom has put on an offensive clinic the past 60 minutes
***On The Wings:** It doesn't get much better than the Agbaji/Braun combination at the off-guard spots
***Returning Production:** Brought back four starters from last season, all but Marcus Garrett

OTHER TEAM NOTES: The biggest takeaway for Kansas since Championship Week is that Remy Martin looks healthy again after being a non-factor for most of conference play due to a right knee injury...Kansas, which led the nation in Quad 1 wins (12), won the Big 12 for *just* the 2nd time in the last 4 seasons following an NCAA-record 14 straight conference titles spanning 2005 to 2018... Extending an NCAA record by playing in 32nd straight NCAA Tournament, the Jayhawks have also won 20 games in 33 straight seasons, the sport's longest active streak... Kansas was the favorite to win it all in 2020 before COVID shut down the season... Prior to their 34-point loss to USC in the Second Round a year ago, the Jayhawks had never lost an NCAA Tournament game by more than 16 points... After posting its worst offense ever under Bill Self last year (54th in adjusted offensive efficiency per KenPom), Kansas is a well-oiled machine on that end. In addition to lacking creators last season, the Jayhawks have gone from a so-so fast break team to a near-automatic transition bucket.

Bill SELF, 59-years-old (Oklahoma State '85) **23rd NCAA Tournament: 54-21, 4 Final Fours, 2008 NCAA Champion**
19th season at KU: 555-124 (.817) 29th overall: 762-229 (.769) Assts: Kurtis Townsend, Norm Roberts, Jeremy Case
-2017 Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame inductee has as many home losses (16) as Big 12 titles (16) at Kansas
-Has led Jayhawks to 4 Final Fours, including the national title in 2008 & national runner-up in 2012 (also made it in 2018)
-6-time Big 12 Coach of Year and 2-time AP National Coach of Year has also led KU to 9 Big 12 Tourney titles
-Replaced Roy Williams (UNC) after being HC for 3 seasons at Illinois, 3 at Tulsa, and 4 at Oral Roberts
-Father Bill Self Sr. passed away at age of 82 in January...Sr. notably said, "Don't worry about the mules, just load the wagon"

***#2 Christian BRAUN [BROWN]** 6-7 218 JR F Burlington, KS: 10 points & 5 assists vs. Villanova...12 points, 6 boards & 4 assists vs. Miami...All Big-12 2nd Team choice made Big 12 All-Tourney Team... Tough, competitive trash-talker has developed into complete player... All 4 double-doubles have come since Feb... Has made 55% of 2's after 44% 1st 2 years... Just 32% of shots are 3's (61% 1st 2 yrs) ... Bro Parker is on Santa Clara...Mom & Dad also hooped D-I... AAU teammates w/ Dajuan Harris

***#3 Dajuan HARRIS JR.** 6-1 170 RS-SOPH PG Columbia, MO: Matched career-high with 3 made 3's vs. Villanova...Ranks 8th nationally in assist-to-turnover ratio at 3-to-1...Made GW layup with 7.1 seconds left to beat Iowa St. Jan. 11... 8 assists without a single turnover in last year's NCAA Tourney...Former Missouri St. commit redshirted '19-20 season to get academics in order

***#10 Jalen WILSON** 6-8 225 RS-SOPH PF-C Denton, TX: 11 points, 12 rebounds & 5 assists vs. Villanova...11+ rebounds last 4 games...16 points vs. Providence & 14 vs. Creighton...Shooting under 31% last 4 games & just 3-of-20 from 3 in last 6 games... All-Big 12 3rd Team selection averaging 13+ PPG on 49% FG last 24 games after 6.6 PPG on 40% FG 1st 12... Missed 1st 3 games of the season stemming from a DUI arrest... Was limited to 8 minutes in NCAA Tournament last year due to bout with COVID

***#11 Remy MARTIN** 6-0 175 SR PG Burbank, CA: 3 points vs. Nova...Midwest Regional Most Outstanding Player led Jayhawks in scoring 1st 3 games this Tourney (had not done so once prior) while averaging over 19 points on 57% FG... Season-high 23 points vs. Providence after 20 vs. Creighton ...Missed 10 games upon initially suffering right knee injury on December 29... Preseason Big 12 POY led Pac-12 in scoring last year (19.1 PPG) at Arizona State...Has burst, pushes the ball, great ISO player

***#30 Ochai [OH-cheye] AGBAJI [uh-BAH-gee]** 6-5 215 SR SF-SG Kansas City, MO: 21 points vs. Villanova on 6-of-7 3's... Averaging 19.5 PPG on 70% FG last 2 games after 10.3 PPG on 33% FG in 1st 3 games this Tourney (including season-low 5 points on 0-of-5 3's vs. Providence)...First Team All-American broke out of slump with 18 points (12 in 2nd half) vs. Miami (also 5 rebounds, 4 assists & 4 steals)...Was 1 of 4 finalists for Naismith Player of the Year...Big 12 Player of the Year & Big 12 Tourney's Most Outstanding Player... Big 12's leading scorer averaging 18.9... 19 20-point games this season after 7 total entering year... 4th-year starter has increased scoring & 3-point accuracy every year... Career-hi 37 points in 2OT win vs. TX Tech Jan 24... Projected 1st-rounder has grown from shooter that can score to scorer that can shoot...6-10 wingspan

***#33 David McCORMACK** 6-10 250 SR C Norfolk, VA: 25 points on 10-of-12 shooting & 9 rebounds vs. Villanova...Averaging 20 PPG on 84% FG last 2 games...15 points on 6-7 FG vs. Miami...Failed to score in double figures in 1st 3 games this Tourney... 9 of 10 double-doubles have come vs. Big 12 ...Relegated to bench role 3 games in Jan. ... Big 12's Most Improved Player last yr

***#44 Mitch LIGHTFOOT** 6-8 225 SR C Gilbert, AZ: 9 points in 17 minutes (8 FTA) vs. Miami...24-year-old 6th-year senior is KU's lone remaining scholarship player from 2018 Final Four team...Posting career-highs in scoring and field-goal percentage