**Kentucky Women’s Basketball Postgame Notes**

**FINAL:  #10/9 Kentucky 73, Alabama 48**

**Memorial Coliseum – Lexington, Ky.**

**Jan. 7, 2016**

**Team Records and Series Notes**

    UK posted its first Southeastern Conference victory of the 2015-16 season with a 73-48 win over Alabama in the SEC home opener.

    With the win, UK moves to 12-1 on the season, and 1-1 in league play.

    The meetin g was thew 43rd beteen the Wildcats and the Crimson Tide, with UK advancing to 26-17 in the all-time series.

    Kentucky has won 11 of the last 13 games against Alabama, and leads the all-time series in games played in Lexington, 13-6.

    Matthew Mitchell is in his ninth season with Kentucky and the win moves him to 236-111 overall, including a 206-82 record while at Kentucky.

    UK played in front of 4,792 fans.

**Team Notes**

    The victory marked the first time that UK had won an SEC game by 20 or more points since a 108-8 victory over Ole Miss on Feb. 13, 2014.

    UK shot 27-of-62 from the field for 43.5%, while holding Alabama to 17-of-56 for a .304 clip.

    The Wildcats outrebounded the Crimson tide by 15, posting a 45-30 advantage.  UK also had an 18-2 edge in second chance points and a 30-10 edge on points in the paint.

    All five of UK’s starters scored in double-digit figures, marking just the second time this season that the feat has been accomplished.

    UK closed out the first period with an 8-0 run, six of which points came from behind the free throw line.

    UK led at the end of the first period, 15-9.

    The run extended to 12-0 through the second period, marking the 16th time this season that the Wildcats have had a run of 10-or-more points.

    Kentucky held the advantage in nearly every statistical category at the half, notably holding a 27-17 edge in rebounding and outscored Alabama 16-4 in the paint.

    UK shot a low 33.3% from the field in the opening half, but held Alabama to 25.0% on 7-of-28 shooting.

    By the close of the third quarter, three Wildcats had entered double digit scoring (**Evelyn Akhator, Alexis Jennings** and **Maci Morris)**.

    UK ended the game with a 16-3 run, conceding just one field goal in the final 6:50.

**Individual Notes**

    **Evelyn Akhator** scored a career-high 21 points, the second time in her career that she has surpassed the 20-point barrier.

o   Akhator added eight rebounds and three blocks, and was the only Wildcat to have a clean foul record for the contest.

    **Alexis Jennings** recorded the fourth double-double of her career with 12 points and 10 rebounds. It was Jennings’ second-straight double-double.

    **Janee Thompson** scored 10 points and added seven assists along with the sixth block of her career.

    **Makayla Epps** added 10 points, six rebounds, and five assists.

    **Maci Morris** scored 10 points and bounced back from not making a 3-pointer in the game against Auburn, the first time in her UK career that she had not made a triple, to sink a pair of 3-pointers.