**Kentucky Women’s Basketball Postgame Notes**

**FINAL:  #13/13 Kentucky 79, LSU 71**

**Veterans Memorial Arena – Jacksonville, Fla.**

**March 3, 2016**

**Team Records and Series Notes**

    Kentucky extended its winning streak to seven games with a 79-71 win over LSU.

    The meeting was the 46th all-time, with the win moving Kentucky to 14-32 in the all-time series.  Kentucky has won four of the last six meetings and is 4-8 against LSU in SEC Tournament games and 2-2 under Matthew Mitchell.

    With the win, UK moves to 22-6 on the season. LSU drops to 10-21 overall.

    Kentucky has reached the 20-win plateau for seven consecutive seasons.

    Matthew Mitchell is in his ninth season with Kentucky and the win moves him to 246-116 overall, including a 216-87 record while at Kentucky.

    Kentucky is 8-1 in the first game of the SEC Tournament under Matthew Mitchell, and 2-0 in the SEC Tournament second round.

    The attendance for Thursday’s morning session was 2,245.

    Kentucky will play Florida Friday at approx. 2:30 p.m. ET in the quarterfinals of the SEC Tournament.  The Gators enter the tournament as the No. 4 overall seed.

**Game Notes**.

    Kentucky started with **Batouly Camara, Janee Thompson, Maci Morris, Evelyn Akhator** and **Makayla Epps** for the eighth straight game.  UK is 7-1 with this lineup.

    The game marked the end of a streak in which the Wildcats had taken down its last six SEC opponents by double digits. It was the first time in program history that the streak had been recorded.

    UK shot 47.2% on 25-of-53 from the floor, but shot 9.1% (1-of-11) from 3-point range, the second-lowest efficiency of the season from beyond the arc.  LSU was held to 40.3% on 25-of-62 shooting.

    Kentucky won the battle in the paint, 42-32, and points off turnovers, 24-17.  However, UK committed 17 turnovers compared to LSU’s 14, the most Wildcat miscues in the past eight games.

    UK outrebounded the Tigers, 36-32.

    The Wildcats committed 25 fouls, tying the second-most in the year.  Three UK players fouled out (Camara, Alexis Jennings, Alyssa Rice).

    The Wildcats went on a 14-0 run in the first quarter, the 22nd run of 10+ points of the season.  It also marked the most consecutive points put up against an SEC opponent this season.

    Kentucky led at the end of the first quarter, 25-14.  The 25 points were the second-most put up against an SEC opponent in the opening quarter, behind only the 26 points scored in the first stanza in UK’s last meeting with LSU on Feb. 7.

    The Wildcats extended the lead to 41-29 at the half.  The 41 points were the second-most scored in the first half in an SEC game, behind only 44 points against Arkansas on Feb. 21.

    Kentucky outscored LSU in the paint, 24-14, and in points off turnovers, 14-2.  The Wildcats committed just five turnovers in the first half and had four steals, forcing an additional five LSU miscues.

    LSU went on a run to get within nine points of UK, but the Wildcats retaliated with six points in under 30 seconds to extend to a 75-60 lead.  However, turnovers plagued the Wildcats and the Tigers were able to get within nine, 75-66, with 1:05 to play in the contest.

    Kentucky was outscored 29-21 in the fourth quarter, which are the most put up by a UK opponent in the final period this year.

    UK was unable to get back out to double digits to close out the game, coming away with a 79-71 victory.

**Individual Notes**

    **Janee Thompson** had 17 points and six assists to lead the team. It was the 13th time this season that Thompson has recorded six or more assists in a game.

    **Evelyn Akhator** recorded the 11th double-double of her career with 15 points and 13 rebounds.

o   A .554 free throw shooter, Akhator had one of the best free throw performances of her career, going 9-of-12 from the charity stripe.  Akhator made her first nine free throws, the longest consecutive streak of her career.

o   Her 12 free throws were the most by a Wildcat since **Makayla Epps** attempted as many against Ole Miss on Jan. 21.

o   Her double-double was the second consecutive for Akhator, marking the first time that a Wildcat had back-to-back double-doubles since **Alexis Jennings** had three straight to start the season on Jan. 3-10 against Auburn, Alabama and Georgia.

    **Makayla Epps** added 17 points, 14 of which came in the first half, along with three steals.  Epps did not play the last 6:29 of the game.

    **Alyssa Rice** had a season-best and career-high-tying nine points, going 4-of-4  from the field, along with five rebounds.