

### Jayhawks Defense push them to National Championship Game

It's been a wild ride thus far in the NCAA tournament for the Kansas Jayhawks winning multiple games in the final minutes and utilizing their defensive prowess. Down throughout most of the game the Jayhawks fought back once again in the NCAA Tournament and was able to over the odds against them to advance to the national championship game on Monday night, with a 64-62 win over the Ohio State Buckeyes.

It was yet again the defense that sparked the Jayhawks to victory in the NCAA Tournament, which has been the key in every other tournament game down the stretch of the contest. Jayhawks down 34-25 at the end of the first half would start the second half on a crucial run, but it was the the Jayhawks forcing the Buckeyes to finish their first 10 shots of the second half that really led to the Jayhawks getting back into the game.

KU would hold the Buckeyes to 24.2-percent shooting in the second half, ultimately taking the lead permanently with 97 seconds left to go in the game. It was practically both teams starters combing for all the points in the game, as only three points were scored by either bench (KU's Connor Teahan scored all three points). Ohio State was led by senior guard, William Buford, who had 19 points and sophomore forward, Jared Sullinger, who tallied 13 points and 11 rebounds.

For the Jayhawks four of the five starters tallied double figures. First Team All-American, junior forward, Thomas Robinson lead the Jayhawks with 19 points and eight rebounds. Senior guard, Tyshawn Taylor finished with 10 points and nine assists, while junior guard Elijah Johnson tallied the only double-double of the game for KU with 13 points and 10 rebounds. Junior guard, Travis Releford added 15 points, also in the contest.

Kansas now moves on to the national championship game for the first time since 2008, when they won the national title, coincidentally over the man that happens to coach their opponent this time, too in another blue-blood college basketball program, the University of Kentucky. The Wildcats make the national championship game for the first time since 1998, when they took home the title. The matchup sets up as a rematch of an early regular season game this past season, in which the Wildcats won at Madison Square Garden, 75-65, but one things for sure both of these to blue-blood basketball programs have become better teams since that game early in the regular season

National championship is set to tip off at 8:23pm tomorrow evening, as the two winningest programs in college basketball face off against each other.