

Jayhawks win in comeback for the ages over rival Tigers

It will go down as one of the greatest games played between these two rivals, the #4 Kansas Jayhawks and #3 Missouri Tigers in their heated rivalry, as it will be the last time these two squads meet in the regular season for the foreseeable future.

The Tigers coming off a loss at home to the Kansas State Wildcats, were looking to go 2-0 on the season against the Jayhawks and get back into the conversation for the Big 12 regular season title; well they looked the part as they took control of the game in the first half, deflating the Allen Fieldhouse crowd, by taking a 19 point lead in the first half, as they seemed to be hitting on all cylinders. Missouri led it by 12 points at halftime.

Kansas fought back throughout the second half but never really could overcome Missouri until late in the game. The Jayhawks used a give and go from senior guard, Tyshawn Taylor to junior forward, Thomas Robinson to tying the ballgame as Robinson made the bucket and was fouled. Hitting the free throw Robinson tied the game at 75-75 with a seconds to go. Sophomore guard, Phil Pressey drove to the hoop at the end of regulation for the game winning basket for the Tigers, but was met by the force of Thomas Robinson, who swatted the shot away like a fly, to preserve the tie and force overtime.

In overtime it was back and forth between the squads when with eight seconds left in the game, Taylor hit two clutch free throws to give the Jayhawks the 87-86, one-point lead and Missouri wouldn't get a shot off at the end, giving the Jayhawks their largest comeback victory at Allen Fieldhouse in program history, coming back from 19 points.

Robinson led the Kansas with 28 points and 12 rebounds; scoring 18 points in the second half and coming up with the crucial block at the end of the game. Taylor continued his successful play, notching 24 points, five assists and only one turnover; while sixth man, Connor Teahan tallied 12 points off the bench. For Missouri it was senior guard, Marcus Denmon who led the way with 28 points, while senior forward, Ricardo Ratliffe notched 22 points for himself, in the loss.

The win locked a share of the Big 12 regular season title for the Jayhawks, improving their record to 24-5 and 14-2 in the Big 12. While Missouri has now lost their last two games, falling to 25-4 and 12-4 in the league.