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M.U. women lose in Lady Kat final

By the Missourian staff

The University of Kentucky women's basketball team won its own Lady Kat Invitational Tournament on Saturday night, defeating Missouri 102-84 at Lexington, Ky.

Kentucky, which led 57-46 at halftime, won its own tournament for the 11th straight year. Missouri finished second.

"We came out real slow, and they got the lead early," M.U. Coach Joann Rutherford said. "We never gave up, but we just couldn't get over the hump. We had too many turnovers."

The Wildcats improved to 2-0 for the season with the victory. Missouri fell to 1-1.

Junior Lisa Sandbothe, who led the Tigers with 19 points and four rebounds, was named to the all-tournament team. Other Tigers in double figures in the final game included Sharon Bax, who scored 18 points and grabbed seven rebounds, and Marcia Brooks, who added 15 points and had nine rebounds.

Missouri faces sixth-ranked Louisiana State on Monday in its home-opener at the Hearnes Center.

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The Missouri women's basketball team lost 102-84 to Kentucky last night at the Kentucky Tournament in Lexington, Ky.

It was the 11th consecutive tournament win for the host Wildcats (2-0).

"We came out slow and they got the lead early," Missouri coach Joann Rutherford said. "We never gave up. We would get within eight or nine points, but then we would turn the ball over and start playing out of our game plan. We just couldn't get over the hump."

Lisa Sandbothe led Missouri (1-1) with 19 points. Sharon Bax followed with 19 points, Marcia Brooks had 15 and Erica Fields 12. Brooks was the Tigers' leading rebounder with nine and led in assists with five. Carla Yancey had eight points and four assists for the Tigers.

"Lisa was hot early and did a good job for us," Rutherford said. "Kentucky had good size and good depth. We played poor defense."

Kentucky led at the half 57-46. Sophomore guard Kristi Cushenberry sparked the Wildcats with 21 points, shooting 10 of 14 from the field. She was named the tournament's MVP.

Vanessa Foster-Sutton followed with 18 points. Lisa Ellis, the Wildcats' 6-6 center, had 17. The two other Wildcats in double figures were Josh Mills with 14 and Stacy McIntyre with 11.

Kentucky outrebounded Missouri 43 to 36. Mills led the Wildcats with 12 rebounds and Foster-Sutton had nine.

Kentucky shot 52 percent from the field, while Missouri hit 49 percent of its shots. The Wildcats hit 78 percent of their free throws. Missouri hit 65 percent.

"Overall, it was a poor performance," Rutherford said. "We have to bounce back and get ready to play LSU Monday night."

The Tigers have their home opener tomorrow night against LSU at 7:30 in the Hearnes Center. LSU is the 13th-ranked team in the nation.