

MEMPHIS ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Yr.	Ht.	Pts.	Reb.
0	Shawn Taggart	F	So.	6-10	6.0	4.2
1	Willie Kemp	G	So.	6-2	5.2	1.0
2	Robert Dozier	F	Jr.	6-9	9.1	6.7
3	Joey Dorsey	F	Sr.	6-9	6.9	9.7
4	Pierre Niles	F	So.	6-8	.7	.8
5	Antonio Anderson	G	Jr.	6-6	8.5	3.7
14	Chris Douglas-Roberts	G	Jr.	6-7	18.0	4.2
20	Doneal Mack	G	So.	6-5	7.1	1.7
23	Derrick Rose	G	Fr.	6-3	14.8	4.5
31	Chance McGrady	G	Jr.	6-2	.6	.7
32	Jeff Robinson	G	Fr.	6-5	3.0	2.3
35	Hashim Bailey	F	So.	6-10	.4	.2

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RESULTS

NOVEMBER

Tenn.-Martin	W, 102-71	Connecticut	W, 81-70
Richmond	W, 80-63	Arkansas State	W, 84-63
Oklahoma	W, 63-53	Austin Peay	W, 104-82

DECEMBER

Southern Cal	W, 62-58	Georgetown	W, 85-71
at Mid. Tenn. St.	W, 65-41	Arizona	W, 76-63
at Cincinnati	W, 79-69		

JANUARY

Siena	W, 102-58	S. Mississippi	W, 83-47
Pepperdine	W, 90-53	at Tulsa	W, 56-41
East Carolina	W, 99-58	Gonzaga	W, 81-73
at Marshall	W, 68-45	at Houston	W, 89-77
at Rice	W, 77-50		

FEBRUARY

UTEP	W, 70-64	at UAB	W, 79-78
S. Methodist	W, 77-48	at Tulane	W, 97-71
Central Florida	W, 85-64	Tennessee	L, 66-62
Houston	W, 68-59	Tulsa	W, 82-67

MARCH

at S. Mississippi	W, 76-67	Tulsa*	W, 77-51
at S. Methodist	W, 72-55	Texas-Arl.	W, 87-63
UAB	W, 94-56	Mississippi St.**	W, 77-74
Tulane*	W, 75-56	Michigan St.**	W, 92-74
S. Mississippi*	W, 69-53	Texas**	W, 85-67

APRIL

UCLA**	W, 78-63
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DIFFERENCE MAKER



When **Joey Dorsey** plays well, teammates say, Memphis wins. For Dorsey, playing well means devouring rebounds and shutting down his man, which he did against UCLA by grabbing 15 rebounds and holding Kevin Love to two points after halftime.

[1] MEMPHIS vs. [1] KANSAS



WHEN: 9 p.m. **WHERE:** Alamodome in San Antonio. **TV:** WUSA-9, WJZ-13. **RADIO:** WTEM (980 AM).

RECORDS: Tigers (Conference USA, champion), 38-1; Jayhawks (Big 12 champion, 36-3).

COACHES: John Calipari (412-135 in eight seasons overall, 219-64 in eight seasons at Memphis); Bill Self (348-137 in 15 seasons overall, 141-32 in five seasons at Kansas).



BACK COURTS: Memphis's Derrick Rose and Chris Douglas-Roberts have become the tournament's leading duo, a nearly unstoppable combination because of their athleticism. They scored 53 points combined against UCLA, but they'll meet their most difficult challenge against Kansas. "It's like we're looking at a mirror image," Douglas-Roberts said. Rose and Douglas-Roberts have dominated smaller guards, but Brandon Rush, Kansas's leading scorer and a stellar defender, stands 6 feet 6, and Mario Chalmers will make Rose work defensively. Kansas Coach Bill Self wasn't divulging yesterday how he'll try to stop the Tigers, who average 80 points per game, 14th nationally. But Memphis Coach John Calipari said his team will be ready for anything, even a zone. That might not be the answer: Douglas-Roberts has taken and made more three-pointers this season than his first two years combined, going 43 of 104 from beyond the arc. Kansas ranks third nationally in field goal percentage defense, limiting opponents to 37.9 percent shooting from the field.

FRONT COURTS: Memphis assistant coach Derek Kellogg estimated that no two teams converted more slam dunks this year than Memphis and Kansas, partly because both teams like throwing lob passes to their athletic forwards. The lobs may provide glamorous highlights, but evenly matched big men should create a bruising game inside. Memphis guard Antonio Anderson said Tigers forwards Robert Dozier and Joey Dorsey are nearly identical to Darrell Arthur and Darnell Jackson, respectively. The Jayhawks block six shots per game, 12th in the country; Kansas blocked nine shots against North Carolina to tie a national semifinal record.

BENCHES: Memphis and Kansas were widely regarded all season as two of the nation's deepest teams. Jayhawks forward Sasha Kaun, who is originally from Russia, will likely play in the NBA next season. Freshman forward Cole Aldrich gained notice for slowing down Tyler Hansbrough, but will his defense be needed against Dorsey? Guard Sherron Collins, only 5-11, is the best reserve scorer in the game, averaging 9.2 points. When Dozier struggles, Memphis forward Shawn Taggart mixes tough inside scoring and a surprising touch from outside. Aside from Taggart, Memphis rarely used its bench Saturday night because its starters played so effectively.

COACHES: Bill Self and John Calipari both coached under Larry Brown at Kansas early in their careers, and his influence remains with them as each prepares for his first national title game. Self called this the best week of his coaching career, but Calipari has insisted he's approaching the title game as just another contest, a departure from his Final Four trip with Massachusetts in 1996. "I did not feel that way when I was [37]," Calipari said. "I was a little bit overwhelmed with the whole environment."

— Adam Kilgore



BY JED JACOBSON — GETTY IMAGES

Memphis's Joey Dorsey is one of several athletic forwards on the two teams.

KANSAS ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Yr.	Ht.	Pts.	Reb.
00	Darrell Arthur	F	So.	6-9	12.6	6.2
2	Conner Teahan	G	Fr.	6-5	2.2	0.4
3	Russell Robinson	G	Sr.	6-1	7.4	2.8
4	Sherron Collins	G	So.	5-11	9.2	2.1
5	Rodrick Stewart	G	Sr.	6-4	2.8	2.2
10	Jeremy Case	G	Sr.	6-1	1.6	0.3
14	Tyrel Reed	G	Fr.	6-3	2.0	0.4
15	Mario Chalmers	G	Jr.	6-1	12.6	3.1
24	Sasha Kaun	C	Sr.	6-11	7.2	3.9
25	Brandon Rush	G	Jr.	6-6	13.4	5.1
32	Darnell Jackson	F	Sr.	6-8	11.3	6.6
45	Cole Aldrich	C	Fr.	6-11	2.9	3.1

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RESULTS

NOVEMBER

La.-Monroe	W, 107-78	Northern Arizona	W, 87-46
Mo. Kansas City	W, 85-62	Arizona	W, 76-72
Washburn	W, 92-60	Florida Atlantic	W, 87-49

DECEMBER

at Southern Cal	W, 59-55	at Georgia Tech	W, 71-66
E. Washington	W, 85-47	Miami (Ohio)	W, 78-54
DePaul	W, 84-66	Yale	W, 86-53
Ohio	W, 88-51		

JANUARY

at Boston College	W, 85-60	at Missouri	W, 76-70
Loyola (Md.)	W, 90-60	Iowa St.	W, 83-59
at Nebraska	W, 79-58	Nebraska	W, 84-49
Oklahoma	W, 85-55	at Kansas St.	L, 84-75

FEBRUARY

at Colorado	W, 72-59	Colorado	W, 69-45
Missouri	W, 90-71	at Oklahoma St.	L, 61-60
Baylor	W, 100-90	at Iowa St.	W, 75-64
at Texas	L, 72-69		

MARCH

Kansas St.	W, 88-74	Texas*	W, 84-74
Texas Tech	W, 109-51	Portland St.**	W, 85-61
at Texas A&M	W, 72-55	UNLV**	W, 75-56
Nebraska*	W, 64-54	Villanova**	W, 72-57
Texas A&M*	W, 77-71	Davidson**	W, 59-57

APRIL

North Carolina**	W, 84-66
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DIFFERENCE MAKER



Brandon Rush is comfortable leading a balanced attack, but against a team as high-powered as Memphis he needs to assert himself. He'll also be charged with stopping Chris Douglas-Roberts, which no one has done in the tournament.