Kansas vs. Ohio State

-By: ????

-Where: New Orleans, LA

-When: Saturday, March 31st, 8:49 PM

-Records: Kansas (31-6) Ohio State (31-7)

Matchups

Offense-Ohio State offense vs. Kansas offense-The teams are very similar when it comes to points per game. Kansas is averaging 74.2 points per game and Ohio State is averaging 75.0 points per game. It is the same case with the field goal percentage, Ohio State is shooting .480, and Kansas is shooting .476. Even the free throw percentage is fairly close. Kansas is .691 in shooting free throws and Ohio State is .705. Kansas is leading in three point shooting percentage with .345, and Ohio State is shooting .333. Another statistic that Kansas is leading in is they are sharing the ball slightly more with 15.2 assists per game, and Ohio State is averaging 14.66 assists per game. Kansas is averaging more turnovers per game though with 12.97 turnovers per game and Ohio State is averaging 11.78 turnovers per game.

Edge- Ohio State

Defense-Kansas Defense vs. Ohio state defense- Kansas is leading in the steal category with 7.4 steals per game and Ohio State is just trailing with 7.21 steals per game. Another category that Kansas is leading in is blocks per game, with 5.64; Ohio State is averaging 3.1 blocks per game. The rebounding category is very close, Kansas is averaging 37.6 rebounds per game and Ohio State is averaging 37.1 rebounds per game. Ohio State is giving up less points with 59.7 points per game, Kansas on the other side is giving up 61.6 points per game.

Edge- Kansas

Intangibles

A couple other stats that people forget about is the margin they are winning by, Ohio State is winning by an average 12 points a game, and Kansas is winning by an average of 8.5 points a game, also Ohio State has had the tougher schedule getting to the final four, they played a 15 seed (Loyola, MD), a 7 seed (Gonzaga), a 6 seed (Cincinnati), and a one seed (Syracuse), on the other hand Kansas has had a bit easier road, they played a 15 seed (Detroit), 10 seed (Purdue), 11 seed (North Carolina State), and a one seed (North Carolina).

Edge- Ohio State

Prediction- This will be a great game but I think Ohio State will end up on top based on all of the statistics I have gathered. Score: 64-73, Ohio State.