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Jayhawks hang on for win in the Sunflower Showdown

MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP) Tyshawn Taylor had 20 points in a virtuoso performance for No. 4 Kansas, which fended off a stiff test from Kansas State for a 59-53 victory Monday night that put the Jayhawks alone in first place in the Big 12.

Jeff Withey added 18 points and 11 rebounds in another impressive performance, helping make up for an off game by Thomas Robinson and allow the Jayhawks (21-5, 11-2) to win for the 36th time in their last 39 games against the Interstate 70 rival.

Kansas moved one-half game ahead of No. 3 Missouri (23-2, 10-2), which plays Oklahoma State on Wednesday night, in the race for the regular-season conference championship.

Jamar Samuels had a season-high 20 points and 12 rebounds for the Wildcats (17-8, 6-7), who missed out on a golden opportunity to tack a signature win on its NCAA tournament resume.