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kansas city, mo., dec. 30.... leroy bacher, a 220-pound center with a sore left foot, <sup>was</sup> is poised to erect a new big seven tournament scoring record friday as he led oklahoma into a battle which will decide nothing but last place .

the sooners battle cornell, this year's guest team, in the leadoff game of a four-game day-night card which will close this tenth annual festival. bacher now stands at 56 points, ~~six~~ a 16-length lead over the field, and only 26 digits removed from lyde lovellette's all-time single-meet high of 82 ~~established~~ ~~fix~~ which the old kansas mastadon established five years ago.

all bacher needs to do is match his tournament average of 28 in two games. lovellette averaged 27.3 in erecting the ~~existing~~ ~~six~~ existing ceiling.

the massive sooner center will have no such height advantage as he did thursday against kansas state's 6-9 jack parr. he did well to collect 24 points to add to tuesday's opening salvo of 32 since parr blocked five of his shots and kept his arms up to discourage bacher's favorite hook, ~~the~~ leroy got seven of his nine goals by driving by for layups as ou absorbed its second frightful lacing, 64-36, in a first-round consolation match.

against cornell bacher will face men of his own size in milt kogan and ray zelek, both of who are his height, 6-5. however, the ithacans have been in a zone most of the time through their first two games, which means the wide sooner post-man, will tackle a new test.