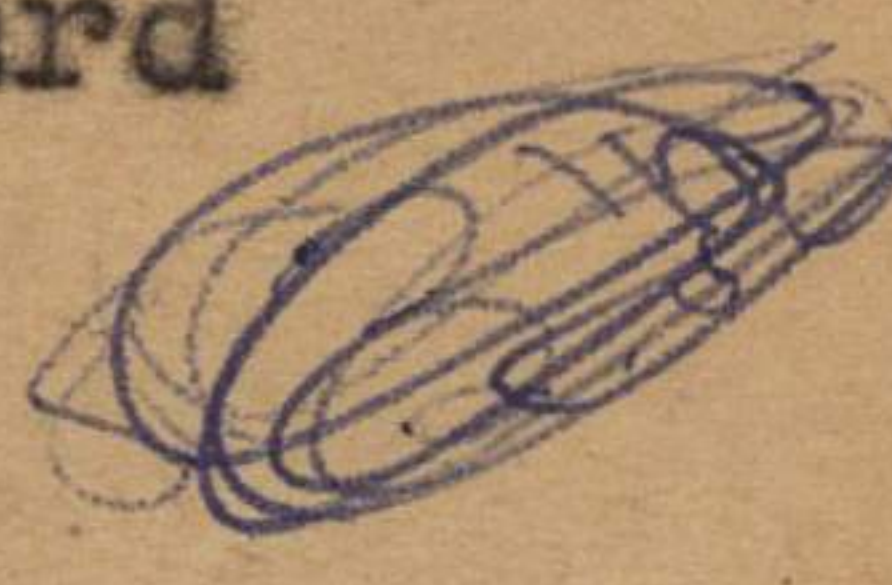


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kansas city, mo., dec. 31... oklahoma could salvage no better than seventh place in the tenth big seven basketball tournament which closed friday, but the sooners the meet's only two-award individual in center leroy bacher.

the massive el renoan not only won the affair's individual point scepter at 74, but that salvo earned him a slot on ^{covering} the first all-tournament team, selected by sportswriters and casters. ~~covering~~ his mates included norman stewart of missouri and gene elstun, kansas, forwards; dallas dobbs, kansas, and gary thompson, of iowa state's champions at guards. stewart actually is a forward, but the team was selected ~~from~~ on the basis of most votes  for any five men.

the second five lined up this way: john crawford, iowa state, and jim ranglos, colorado, forwards; rex ekwall, nebraska, center; chuck rolles, cornell, and pachin vicens, kansas state, guards.

bacher's 74 points ~~was~~ was just one digit above rolles' final figure. the tiny cornell guard whisked through 33 in the seventh-place battle against 18 for bacher. however, the 220-pound sooner pivot canned six of his points in overtime to lift the redshirts to a 71-68 triumph.

the sooners had the ithicans dangling 60-55 with 4:25 from the wire only to see rolles pump his ~~next~~ next-to-last basket two minutes later to fashion a 6-260 cornell edge. ~~xxx~~ jimmy peck's 15-foot jumper tied the score with 3:00 remaining and cornell could not score out of a stall in two attempts.