Here's the way the first round bracket lines up:

Tuesday

7:30 p.m. Colorado vs. Oklahoma

9:30 p.m. Iowa State vs. Kansas State

Wednesday

7:30 p.m. Missouri vs, Nebraska

9:30 p.m. Kansas vs, Cornell

Iowa State is the meet's youngest team with only one senior figuring prominenlty and as many as three sophomores frequently starting. ~~Itxwilxvkx~~ It will throw its sophomore center, 6-8 Don Medsker against K-State's 6-9 rookie, Jack Parr, in a duel which could pivot the outcome.

Some idea of how close this one will be can be found in scores against one common foe, Texas Tech . The ~~Ci~~ Cyclones whaled the Red Raiders 20 points ~~xtx~~ (72-52) at Ames. The Wildcats beat them 19 ~~x~~ (89-70) at Manhattan.

If the Cardinal and Gold can get by K-State, it will own ~~xn~~ a better than even chance to reach the finals. For it figures to handle either Colorado or Oklahoma~~x~~ in the semfinals.

Missouri remains a light favorite. The Tigers will bring in a 4-2 level , but only seven points are between them and an unblemished record. Purdue beat them, 62-58, at Lafayette and Indiana clipped them , 81-78, in Columbia. The Hoosiers are 18th-ranked on the latest AP tables. And MU whipped Illinois, No. 17, 74-73. This is tougher fare than the Cyclones have been chewing. And , to reach for Texas Tech again ~~x~~ for comparison, the Bengals slaughtered it by 32 , 92-60, in Columbia.