

CU Faces Iowa State Thursday

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KANSAS CITY, Dec. 28.—Big George Hannah, the unassuming youngster who played in the shadow of Colorado University's greatest basketball player for three years, finally had his "night."

The 6-8 senior from Lake Forest, Ill., who was reliefer for "Burdy" Haldorson until the latter's graduation, was the whole show in the Buffs' brilliant second-half comeback which netted an 88-69 triumph over Oklahoma in the Big Seven conference tournament opener here Tuesday.

He poured through 22 of his 28 points in that CU rally that started with the defending conference champs 10 points down with 3:26 left in the first half.

His tip-in of Mel Coffman's missed free throw with 7:04 of the last half played gave Colorado a never-ending lead at 51-49 and started the Buff scoring parade.

Few of the estimated 6,500 in attendance in Municipal auditorium could have given Colorado much of a chance to win off their listless first-half showing.

Except for a brief spurt at the start when Hannah, Coffman and Bill Peterson shot Colorado to an 8-2 edge, the Buffs had to be content to play "catch up" and not too successfully at that.

A Colorado dry spell and rapid Oklahoma point production for a three-minute 28-second stretch from that spot in the proceedings made for the difficult Buff task.

Leroy Bacher, OU's muscled middle man, Jimmy Peck, Gary Badling and Joe King all chipped in with points that pushed the Sooners into a 12-8 edge with 6:00 played.

The Buffs found the range again at this point. But Oklahoma found the target more often to increase its advantage to 10 points late in the first half and finally to 7, at 41-34, at the intermission.

Bacher was the enemy's most potent threat, hitting at a near-perfect 7-for-8 clip and adding