

CYCLONES FOIL

Utilizing a Fierce Half-Court Press
Back to Within a Minute
Holds On to

TENSE TO THE END

Coach Bebe Lee's Cagers Close
to 52-53 Position in Last
Minute.

GARY THOMPSON SCORES 18

Iowans' Own 43-36 Advantage at
Half Time of Big Seven
Tourney Semifinal Tilt.

BULLETIN.

Kansas university stormed
into the finals with a jolting
73-56 victory over Missouri's
Tigers.

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Cinderella's coach almost turned back into a pumpkin ahead of schedule last night, but Iowa State kept the team pulling to eke out a 55-52 semifinal victory over Colorado and advance to the finals of the Big Seven pre-season basketball tournament.

About 10,000 persons were in Municipal auditorium to see the Cyclones stave off a determined Colorado half-court press and win.

The Buffs Catch Fire.

Colorado came from eleven points back in a roaring rally which came within a point of catching the Cyclones, rated a favorite to win this tournament. The final ten minutes of the game were tense and the issue wasn't settled until the horn blew the end of the game.

The half-court press used by the Buffaloes, conference champions last year, worked on the Cyclones. The Iowans were kept outside most of the time and they were unable to get the close-in shots they needed to keep command.

Leading by five points at the half, Iowa State made its move as the second half got started. In five minutes the Cyclones had generated an 11-point lead, the largest of the game, when John Crawford drove in to make it 37-26. Iowa State enjoyed another 11-point advantage, 39-28, before Colorado came roaring down the stretch.