

Big Seven Meet Tips Off Tuesday

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Those twin sunflower basketball powers, Kansas and Kansas State, face the slimmest chance of reaching the Big Seven tournament finals since 1949 when the tenth annual dribble derby unwinds next week in Kansas City's Municipal auditorium.

The absence of one or the other of these clubs in the king row is almost unique in meet history. Only once, in the event's previous nine years, has there been a final not involving one of them. Missouri edged Oklahoma, 44-42, in the 1949 title round. Before and since, the Jayhawkers have moved into the home stretch five times; the Wildcats four.

In 1952 they played for the crown with State rolling to a 93-87 victory, highest winning score and highest combined score ever erected in the finals. Between them, the sunflower tandem has cornered five championships, State in '47, '50 and '52; KU in '51 and '53.

Kansas lost, 46-49, to SMU in the '46 finals and to Oklahoma, 49-52, in 1948 in addition to its 1952 loss to K-State. The Cats toppled, 71-89, to Missouri last year.

State faces the stiffest opening tests when the classic opens a four-day run Tuesday. It has drawn Iowa State, ranked only behind Missouri in pre-meet forecasting, in the nightcap of a two-game card which sends Oklahoma against Colorado's defending conference champions at 7:30 p.m.

The Cyclones come in with the best won-lost record, 5-1, of any tournament team. Most recent, and and significant, conquest, was an 87-76 win over previously unbeaten Vanderbilt Friday night in Ames. Only a 62-65 defeat at the hands of Denver at Denver, separates the Iowans from a perfect slate.

Gary Thompson, their clever little guard, exploded the heaviest one-game shot of any tournament entry in that one with 40 points.

K-State has played in slightly rougher going to reach it 3-3 level. It lost to Indiana's highly-ranked Hoosiers, 72-96, to Drake, 64-70—The Bulldogs lost only by

Scoreboard

	W	L	Pct.	Pts.	Op
Iowa State	5	1	.833	441	363
Kansas	4	2	.667	410	405
Missouri	4	2	.667	456	379
Cornell	3	2	.600	366	348
Colorado	3	3	.500	355	373
Kansas State	3	3	.500	470	457
Nebraska	2	5	.400	408	471
Oklahoma	2	5	.400	441	491

IOWA STATE		KANSAS	
86 N. Dkta St.	60	91 N'western	70
70 Texas Tech	52	56 Wichita	55
62 Tulsa	50	74 Wisconsin	66
72 Colo. A&M	60	62 SMU	81
62 Denver	65	66 Rice	75
87 Vanderbilt	76	62 SMU	58

MISSOURI		CORNELL	
71 S. Dakota	46	83 Buffalo	73
58 Purdue	62	82 Colgate	76
92 Texas Tech	60	59 Harvard	81
74 Illinois	73	82. Brown	63
78 Indiana	81	50 Wash. (SL)	55
82 Idaho	57		

COLORADO		KANSAS STATE	
63 Oregon St.	53	89 Texas Tech	70
68 Oregon	49	72 Indiana	96
60 Iowa	57	64 Drake	70
53 BYU	70	92 Loyola (LA)	66
53 BYU	84	74 Wash. U.	69
58 Colo. A&M	60	79 Houston	86

NEBRASKA		OKLAHOMA	
51 Iowa	60	65 Baylor	55
69 Texas Tech	63	47 Rice	62
74 Michigan	77	69 Vanderbilt	78
46 Wichita	71	68 Ohio State	89
71 UCLA	65	69 Arkansas	59
52 Wisconsin	71	66 Okla. A&M	67
48 Vanderbilt	66	58 Illinois	82

three to Indiana—and to Houston, 79-86. The latter effort must be considered a good one since it was played in Houston. Both other defeats also were on the road.

If the Wildcats can get by their opener they have a better than even chance of reaching the finals against the Colorado-Oklahoma winner.

Cornell, this year's guest team, is capable of upsetting Kansas in the final game of the lower bracket Wednesday. The Big Red will present a 6-4, 6-5, 6-4 front line, hubbed by 220-pound center Ray Zelek, and is starting four seniors.

Player, team	g	fg	ft-fa	tp	Avg.
Stewart, g, Mo	6	59	39-52	157	26.2
Thompson, g, Ia. St.	6	43	53-73	139	23.2
Rolles, g, Cornell	5	46	23-31	115	23.0
Bacher, c, Okla	7	42	37-56	121	17.3
Parr, c, Kan. St.	6	40	17-33	97	16.3
Ranglos, f, Colo	6	33	30-43	96	16.0
Smith, f, Neb.	7	35	41-60	111	15.9
Peck, g, Okla.	7	38	28-33	104	14.9
Dobbs, g, Kansas	6	33	23-32	89	14.9
King, g, Kansas	6	30	27-39	87	14.5
Vichens, g, Kan St.	6	34	33-46	81	13.5
Medsker, c, Io. St.	6	32	12-17	76	12.7
Vogt, f, Ia State	6	25	21-35	71	11.9
King, f, Okla.	7	24	33-45	81	11.6
Ekwall, c, Neb	5	18	22-31	58	11.6
Stone, f, K. State	6	27	14-21	68	11.6