

Cyclones Check Kansas, 82-81; K-State Coasts

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KANSAS CITY, Dec. 28—The upset motif continued in the ninth annual Big Seven basketball tournament here Tuesday night as Iowa State toppled previously undefeated Kansas, 82-81, and Kansas State bounced California's favored guests, 88-75.

A capacity crowd of 10,500 at Municipal Auditorium saw the league's two "States" roll into the semi-finals along with Oklahoma and Missouri, who earned their berths in first round action Monday night.

The Sooners go against Missouri at 8 p. m. Wednesday with Kansas State and Iowa State following in the second semi-final to see who meets in the championship match Thursday night.

Consolation play begins Wednesday afternoon with Colorado and Nebraska clashing in the 2 p. m. game and Kansas meeting California in the other.

Just as Monday night when Oklahoma skimmed past Colorado, 73-71, in overtime on Jimmy Peck's clutch basket, fans were treated to a thriller in Tuesday night's opener.

Duncan Hits 34

With sturdy Chuck Duncan setting a blistering pace with 34 points to lead the way, Iowa State handed Kansas its first defeat in five starts this season. It also was only the second time in the tournament's history that Phog Allen's Hawks have dropped a first-round game here, the other such loss coming at the hands of Kansas State in 1949.

Duncan, a rugged 6-5 center, pushed the Cyclones into a 78-75 lead with 4:15 to go with a pair of driving setups only 20 seconds apart.

Soph Comes Through

Iowa State, showing great improvement in Bill Strannigan's first year as coach, never let the lead out of its grasp the rest of the way as sophomore Gary Thompson twice went to the foul line during the final pulsating minutes to lift through four freethrows.

Kansas, which led most of the game and by as much as six points with 8½ minutes to go, clawed frantically for the ball as it became apparent its season's first defeat in five games was in the making. But the Cyclones stood them off down the stretch and the big crowd, ready to claim another underdog as its own, began roaring for the Iowans.

It was only the second time in nine years that Iowa State managed to win its opening tournament game, the other first-round victory coming at the expense of Harvard in 1948.

Today's Starters

OKLAHOMA	Pos.	MISSOURI
6-3 Sam Thompson	F	Norm Stewart 6-4
6-0 Bobby Burr	F	Med Park 6-2
6-3 Fred Muller	C	Bob Reiter 6-9
5-10 Lester Lane	G	Lionel Smith 6-1
5-9 Jimmy Peck	G	Redf'd Reichert 6-1
TIPOFF—8 p. m., Municipal Auditorium, Kansas City.		
SECOND GAME—Iowa State vs. Kansas State, 9:45 p. m.		
CONSOLATION BRACKET		
2 p. m.—Colorado vs. Nebraska.		
3:45 p. m.—Kansas vs. California.		

Tuesday's Boxes

KANSAS STATE (88)				CALIFORNIA (75)			
	g	f-fa	pf		g	f-fa	pf
Smith, f	3	8-12	5	Blake, f	3	0-0	4
Schneider, f	0	4-4	0	E. M'Keen, f	1	0-1	2
Adams, f	1	0-0	1	Friend, f	5	5-10	4
Powell, f	0	2-3	0	Mastrov, f	0	0-0	1
Stone, f	6	0-0	2	Brown, f	0	0-0	0
Craft, c	4	0-1	3	B.M'Ken, c	13	6-14	4
Jung, c	5	3-4	5	Hagler, c	0	3-4	1
Poore, g	5	7-9	3	Diaz, g	0	5-6	5
Vicens, g	2	7-12	4	W'ntraub, g	1	2-2	1
Snyder, g	1	3-4	?	Mayne, g	0	0-0	3
Flynn, g	0	0-0	1	Hess, g	2	4-6	3
				Arrillaga, g	0	0-0	1
Totals	27	34-49	27	Totals	25	25-43	29
Halftime Score—Kansas State				45, California			
				41.			

IOWA STATE (82)				KANSAS (81)			
	g	f-fa	pf		g	f-fa	pf
Vogt	2	3-3	3	Elstun f	7	4-4	5
Dekoster f	2	1-3	5	Davenport f	3	3-4	2
Frahm f	1	3-8	2	Divich f	0	0-0	0
Alleman f	0	2-2	0	King f	2	0-0	4
Duncan c	13	8-14	4	Padgett f	0	2-4	1
Dale c	0	0-0	1	Johnson c	1	8-9	4
Thompsn g	4	6-7	3	Brainard c	1	7-9	?
Sandbulte g	0	2-3	0	Dobbs g	8	0-1	2
Wetter g	3	7-8	2	Johnston g	1	0-0	1
				Parker g	4	0-1	5
				Hollinger g	1	1-4	3
Totals	25	32-48	20	Totals	28	25-35	28
Halftime score—Kansas				50, Iowa State			
				43.			