

winning the first game of the set.

On the credit side is the fact that Allen has started four sophomores in each game, enough in itself to bring about defeat. Another is the apparent red and blue depth. Allen used 20 men in the second Rice encounter, all but five scoring. He used 14 in the opener against Rice; 12 against Tulsa, and 18 in the initial win over LSU.

The Jayhawkers are defending tournament champions, ~~having~~ and defending conference c-titlists.

KU's sister-school, Kansas State, plus Iowa State and Nebraska also are moving up. Tex Winter's Wildcats, after suffering road losses to UCLA and Arizona, have climbed into ~~the~~ the 500-level with wins over Wyoming, 70-50, and Washington, 81-74. The former was impressive, since the Cowboys have ridden down Oklahoma A & M, 50-43, and St. Louis, 74-68, since leaving the smoking ruins in Manhattan. Both victories were achieved at Laramie, but they were significant ones nonetheless. Fact is, the setback at Manhattan, is Wyoming's only defeat in six games.

State's resurgence can be traced directly to Jim Smith, veteran senior forward, who suddenly has lived up to his physical promise with ~~25~~ 50 points in his last two outings.

If the Purple gets by Indiana Tuesday in Manhattan, it will come into the tournament conceded a ~~chance~~ healthy chance of reaching the finals.

Meanwhile, Nebraska hit its high of the season in pounding Bradley, 93-68, Saturday, while Iowa State, an earlier Brave victim, was lashing Creighton, 100-65. This is the same Creighton five that played Wyoming, a 72-76 loss a week ago.