

Simple arithmetic shows that if Lane merely meets his average during tournament play he will close out with 56 charities for his tourney career, or nine more than Johnson canned during his three-year duty.

Another four-year hand, Kansas State forward Jim Smith also threatens the single-tournament record. He has dropped 43 in five games for an 8.6 average. And since becoming a regular over the last three games, he has accounted for 32 of this total. During this span he has gone to the line 44 times.

Smith Has Chance

This is an average chance of slightly more than 11 times per game. Since Smith is traveling at a 75-percent accuracy pace, it is not difficult to see that he will vie seriously with Lane in shooting at Diercks' record. Even Johnson's career standard is within reach even though Smith has netted only 21 tosses during his previous nine games of tournament action.

Too, Smith has notched 13 throws twice to date, in a single game, against Wyoming and Washington, thus brushing the present one-game tourney mark of 14 held jointly by Kansas State's Dick Knstotman (1952) and Kansas' Bill Brainard (1953).

The team free throw mark for one game already has been bettered twice. Kansas nailed 38 in its 100-72 win over Rice December 18. Oklahoma hit 37 in a 79-86 loss to Baylor December 14.

Under team records even Stanford's single-game high of 103 points, scored in a rules experiment game against Iowa State in 1951, is not safe. Kansas and Iowa State both have been at the century mark in pre-meet games.

Trio May Top 100

Only three performers, two of them four-year men, are conceded a chance of cracking the tourney's 100-point career scoring elite. And elite is the correct word, for only 12 men have achieved that bracket to date. Roughly, this is only 1 percent of the conference players who have taken part in eight previous meets. Guest team personnel is not included since their one-year stands eliminate a career chance of three or four tourneys.