

SOONERS IN FORM

Upset Tradition Is Maintained as Oklahoma Upends Colorado Basketeers.

A FINE SLATE TONIGHT

Kansas Plays Iowa State and Kansas State Takes On the Guest Team, California.

TOURNAMENT STANDINGS.

	W.	L.	Pct.	Pts.	Opp.
Missouri	1	0	1.000	75	58
Oklahoma	1	0	1.000	73	71
Kansas State
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Iowa State
California
Colorado	0	1	.000	71	73
Nebraska	0	1	.000	58	75

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You needn't be surprised that Oklahoma, rated well down by one and all before last night, should up and dump a highly rated team such as Colorado in the Big Seven pre-season basketball tournament.

Fact is, the Sooners have made pretty much a habit of upsetting the odds in the nine tourneys so far.

In 1949 Oklahoma dusted the highly rated Kansas State Wildcats in the second round, a distinct upset.

Then, in 1951, Oklahoma knocked out a Stanford team which came into the tourna-

ment with top credentials. That was in the first round.

Only the last year the Sooners surprised the guessperts with a finals appearance, defeating Washington and Nebraska to get there.

So this is just another in the upset pattern the Sooners have established in nearly half the Big Seven pre-season meets held so far.

Sunflower State Night.

Tonight is the big night so far as the general area interest is concerned. Kansas meets Iowa State and Kansas State takes on a man-sized chore in playing guest California. The games are at 8 o'clock and 9:45, respectively.

Now that Colorado is in the matinee bill, Missouri, California and the two Kansas schools will share the spotlight until another one drops.

Kansas must be accorded the most chance of getting through on the basis of the record so far. K. U. is undefeated in four games, K-State has a 3-2 record to date, although the Wildcats have met a better class of opposition that has the Lawrence team.

California has lost only once in eight outings, a double overtime affair with College of the Pacific. Iowa State has a 4-1 record although again the Cy-

clones haven't knocked off any giants.

They've Drilled on Zone.

Despite Missouri's trouble with Nebraska's zone defense in the first half of the second game, Sparky Stalcup, Missouri coach, says the Tigers have practiced against the zone defense.

"They weren't moving the ball enough," Stalcup says of his team. "We've worked against the zone. Matter of fact, Wisconsin used the zone against us."

Coincidence: Norm Stewart, Missouri high-point man against Nebraska last night with twenty-six, also got twenty-six against Wisconsin's zone.

Lane Moves Up on List.

Oklahoma's Les Lane has moved up to be No. 2 scorer over his collegiate career in the Big Seven tourney.

Lane notched thirty-one last night to boost his total to 138. Top man in the list is Kansas's Clyde Lovellette, who roped 222 points in three tourneys. This is Lane's third.

Standing sixth in the list is Colorado's Burdette Haldorson, whose twenty last night made his total 128.