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goliaths with backline buckshot thru the full 40 minutes here thursday  
before going down, 87-95, in the ~~xxx~~ semifinals of the ~~ix~~ ninth  
annual big seven tournament.

drawing a terrific 51-point boradside from  
their soloing guards, jimmy peck and lester lane, bruce drake's  
nimble nubbins scrapped out of a 14-point early in the first half  
to pull within one point of the tourney favorites on three different  
occasions midway thru the frantic final stanza.

the third of these single-digit deficits was  
written with 11:30 remaining before the tigers put the cap on their  
fiercely fighting foe on a late salvo by bob reitem 6-9 center. and  
to lay-ups out of a stall by guard gary filbert.

kansas state, first round conquerirs of  
caliornia, and iowa state, upset-winners over kansas, were meeting  
in the second semif inal game to fill the berth opposite the tigers  
in thursday night's final. a sellout throng of ~~10,200~~ 10,000  
municipal auditorium fans watched both matches.

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