

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 ~~xxxx~~ forward Jim Smith also threatens the single-tournament record. He has dropped 43 in five games for a 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. This is an average chance of slightly more than 11 times per game. Since Smith is ~~a~~ travelling at a 75-percent ~~efficiency~~ 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 tho 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 Knottman (1952), and Kansas' Bill Brainard (1953).

~~Two teams, Kansas and Oklahoma~~ The team free throw mark for one game already has been bettered twice. Kansas nailed 38 in ⁷⁹⁻⁸⁶ its 100-72 win over Rice December 18. Oklahoma hit 37 in a ~~79-84~~ 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 save. Kansas and Iowa State both have been at the century mark in pre-meet games.

~~Only~~ 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 ~~are riding in~~