

lane will be paired with his most threatening pursuer for both the single-tournament scoring mark and this year's meet scoring crown, in the cyclones' ~~vs~~ ~~convex~~ chuck duncan. the husky 6-5 pivot comes into the final night trailing the flashy sooner guard by a single point. his 34 in the 82-81 upset of kansas tuesday, is the tourney's single-game high to date, and he added 23 more against wednesday as the cardinal and gold fell before kansas state, 60-70, following ou's narrow 87-95 loss to missouri in the opening semifinal.

missouri guard norm stewart and burdette haldorson, colorado's 6-7 center, are the closest to the top pair with 45 each.

the tournament never has seen as many good little men no tournament in nine years has seen as many good little men as the present one. yet lane, and his sophomore stablemate, jimmy peck, must be considered the best of these backline shorties.

consider this: oklahoma had scored 160 points in ~~thex~~ its first two tourney starts. of this total, lane and peck have accounted for an even 100, or 62 percent of the redshirts' entire offense. they collected 51 between them as ou pressed brawny missouri all the way and reaped 49 ~~xmwx~~ tuesday's 73-71 first-round overtime upset of colorado. no other backline is within whispering distance of such a feat.

the ~~tigerx~~ missouri-kansas state scrap for the flag will be the first tournament meeting between the two teams, state never has been beaten in a king-row test, having one all three previous trips to the finals. missouri is 1-1 at that level, having edged past oklahoma, 44-42, and bowed, 65-75, to kansas, in 1951.