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Off the strength of this string, MU has vaulted all the way to in the latest AP balloting; in the UP.

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Until Colorado establishes itself against California, Kansas is the only other early muscle-member of the league. The Jayhawks broke Tulsa's four-game victory string Tuesday night in Lawrence, . Earlier ~~the Jayhawks~~ Phog Allen's club had flashed unexpected power in demolishing LSU, 83-57, in its opener.

Other tournament members are travelling closing to predicted form. Kansas, after scoring a surprising 83-58 annihilation of LSU in its opener, fell to a .500 level Tuesday when Tulsa chopped its six 30-game homecourt winning streak, , in Lawrence. Iowa State and Nebraska have divided two starts, while K-State has captured one of three and Oklahoma none of three .

The Tigers are expected to write a tighter grip high in the polls by overrunning Arkansas Wednesday night in Columbia. That game will close MU's pre-tournament play.

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