

Oklahoma began a semistall early, playing the ball deep in the offensive court and forcing the Kansas defenders to come out. The strategy paid off in fouls on the Jayhawks but not in points. Kansas crept away to a 7-3 lead in the first three minutes, a slow start.

Born was the big scorer for Kansas, hitting two early goals and tipping in another as the Kansas lead mounted to 12-5.

Ron Blue hit with a pair of long ones and Les Lane added a jump shot as the Sooners closed to 11-14. Born and Harold Patterson paced the Kansans to a 20-15 first quarter lead.

Kansas Hikes Lead.

Oklahoma got within three points, 17-20, in the early second quarter but Dallas Dobbs hit a jumper for K. U. and Allen Kelley added a free throw and a 1-handed push for a 25-17 count. But Jones hit on the fast break and he and Lane led Oklahoma back to a 32-all tie at the midway mark of the period.

Larry Hamilton's long 1-hander gave Oklahoma a lead

but Bill Brainard, subbing for Born who had collected four fouls, hooked off the post and hit a free throw for 37-36.

Then in close battling to the horn ties of 37-all and 39-all were posted before three late free throws gave Kansas a shaky 42-39 halftime edge.

Kansas had fourteen field goals to eleven for Oklahoma in the first half and had a 41.2 per cent shot average. Oklahoma has 35.5 per cent but hit seventeen free throws to fourteen for K. U. Kansas had a slight 18-16 edge in rebounding in the first half.