

the drakes' tournament showing divulged that much. oklahoma came in with a gloomy 1-3 record. it won one tossup.... 87-77, over washington in the opening round.... forged the meet's no. 2 upset.... the 86-70 conquest of nebraska,.... in the second round, and fought kansas all the way before going down in the finals.

this was accomplished chiefly through tremendous hustle on both floor and backboard. through the first two games, ou also shot at a 48-percent pace from the field. this dropped to 32 against the tenacious jayhawk dragnet, which came out of the tournament not such a far cry from last year's piratical savagery.

aside from ou's surprise vault to the finals, lester lane, 5-11 junior guard from murcell, carried off the major prize of individual glory for snaring the scoring scepter. he unwound nights of 28, 20 and 16 points, for a total of 64 to outdistance washington's huge center, dean parsons, by a single basket. in winning lane snapped a streak of seven consecutive meets in which aivot-man has won this laurel:

here's the way the tourney's top ten finished:

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| player | school | FG | FT | PF | TP |
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| les lane, oklahoma, g | | 23 | 18 | 11 | 64 |
| dean parsons, washington, c | | 23 | 16 | 9 | 62 |
| jesse prisock, k-state, f | | 25 | 11 | 11 | 61 |
| chuck duncan i-state, c | | 18 | 19 | 12 | 55 |