

Dick Knostman, with 38 each, have nailed more points in a single tournament game than K.U.'s Clyde Lovellette, greatest pointsmith in conference annals.

Two teams, Colorado in 1949, and Stanford in 1951, have come into the meet with undefeated records, but never even reached the finals. Nebraska once outscored Iowa State, 19-1, in the overtime period to notch an 86-67 consolation triumph in 1948.

Jim Stange, who still is co-holder of the school record for most points and most free throws in a single game, potted a goal for Nebraska in this one, wheeling into the wrong goal after snaring a jump ball.

The last two finals have ended in tears, boos and rhubarbs.

SMU set 2 patterns for the unexpected in the inaugural meet by winning the championship as one of the two invited guest teams. The Mustangs did so by clipping Kansas, 49-46, in the finals. No other invited five.....Washington is completing the eight-team bracket this year.....ever has won the crown.

Kansas State added impetus to what has become an annual surprise motif in the same meet by ambushing Oklahoma's eventual NCAA runners-up, 59-55, in the opening round of the meet despite a 24-point salute by Sooner pivot, Gerald Tucker.

The Wildcats since have become the tourney's most dominate team, winning three championships....no other club ever has won more than one.....and clearing the first round in every meet.

Yet that blank against the Cyclones persists. It was accomplished chiefly by a pair of midget guards, 5-9 Bob Petersen and 5-8 Don Ferguson, who rollicked for an aggregate of 23 points as the Iowans scored a 56-53 upset in the 1948 third-place playoff.