

Missouri won the '49 title by edging Oklahoma, 44-42, in the finals, after disposing of Colorado, 62-51, and Michigan, 47-46. Yet none of the Bengals' starting five of Bill Stauffer, Don Stroot, Jerry Fowler, Bob Wachter and George Lafferty earned a first-team all-meet berth.

Wilfong, since lifted by the armed forces, drew his handcuff in last year's meet from Kansas guard Dean Kelley who restricted him to four points from the free throw line. Had the versatile Tiger sentinel merely notched his season's average of 11.1 KU could not have scored that 66-62 semifinal upset.

Norton cut his record in the opening round of 1951 as Oklahoma upset Stanford, 77-71. The lean 6-4 Redshirt harvested 13 baskets, nine of them lay-ups out of Bruce Drake's patented "Shuffle" with which the Spooners hoodwinked the Pacific Coasters all evening. Furthermore Norton canned every one of his 13 free throws tries which also is a meet mark.

Stanford had come into the tourney with a string of eight consecutive early-season victories.

Colorado met a similar fate in '49 won it lugged a ribbon of seven straight triumphs into the hall, only to suffer that 51-62 sacking at the hands of Missouri, the champs' widest winning spread of the meet, in the semifinals.

That record Stanford-Iowa State match was chiefly the product of a rules experiment which 1) Forced the offended team to shoot all free throws and 2) Gave the offended team ball possession after every successful free throw.

The KU-KS heart-stopper, played just one game later, must go down as the tourney's greatest bout to date. This saw the