Wildcats wipe out two 19-point leads to tie at 72-72 6:40 from the finish. It also saw Lovellette score only five points through the first half and nail 22 of his 27 while carrying four fouls. State forward Hoot Gibson, sent the game into overtime with 2 long tip-ins 9 seconds before the finish to forge and deadlock, 80-80. Then the two bitter intra-state foes whirled through 18 points in the overtime.

Ranking on the same plane was Missouri's 1949 win over OU which saw Guard George Lafferty score the his team's last seven points to pull the Tigers from behind.

With the conference expected to be considerably tighter from top to bottom this winter, the intense firing in Kansas City should be even more acrid.

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First round pairings:

8 p.m. Kansas vs. Colorado Saturday

9:45 p.m. Iowa State vs. Missouri

8 p.m. Monday: Kansas State vs. Nebraska

9:45 p.m. Monday: Oklahoma vs. Washington