

4th and last of a series  
big seven tournament

If you still believe in position identification in basketball, four guards are scheduled to stage the finest mass demonstration of backline scoring since the founding of the Big Seven tournament when the eighth annual affair ~~unfurls~~ yanks up the curtain Saturday in Kansas City's ~~Miss~~ Municipal auditorium.

This quartet includes Gene Staufers of Kansas State; Fred Segar, Nebraska; Les Lane, Oklahoma, and Dutch Van Cleave, Iowa State. All four are riding ~~in~~ among the conference's pre-tournament top ten scorers, and at least one of them should make the stoutest bid for the meet individual scoring crown since Nebraska's Jim Buchanan missed by nine points against Kansas' prolific Pachyderm, Clyde Lovellette, two years ago.

Of this gang, only Segar, the 6-4 Cornhusker, finished among the circuit's scoring elite in league play last year with a 13.1 average for ninth position. None crashed the tournament's top ten last year. Fact is only Kansas' ~~Dean Kelley, now graduated,~~ finished ~~in the king row,~~ sentinel to finish in the king row was Kansas' Dean Kelley, now graduated. And he was no better than ~~ninth with 35 points,~~ a ninth-place tie with 35 points.

Although, the guards have three representatives among the Top Ten ~~series~~ tournament career scorers, Kansas State's Ernie Darrett, and Colorado's Wayne Tucker, along with Buchanan, they never have made much splash in any single meet. Buchanan's 1951 effort is the high-water mark and he is the lone ~~in~~ out-court ~~man~~ delegate on the Top Ten Single Tournament scorers.