

bulge over Kansas State in the semifinals of the Big Seven tournament in Kansas City, a game which the Jayhawks eventually copped 90-88 in overtime.

It was his two-goal sleuthing of USC's brilliant backliner, Ken Flowers, that allowed the Hawkers to grab early control for a 76-55 rout in Lawrence.

It was his two leaping goals in the final two minutes of play that pulled the Jayhawks abreast of Peoria Caterpillars, 60-60, in the finals of the United States Olympic playoffs, which the Kansans lost, 60-62, in the last 15 seconds.

These are merely the cold figures. Of even more significance are Kelley's unquenchable desire and unremitting hustle even in defeat. Here is a boy who made a highly-poised leap from a small class B high school to the big show without losing a stride.

He welcomes the stiff challenge and the fierce pressure of competition. He asks no quarter and expects none. He is eager to belabor the opposition as quickly and as definitely as possible and expects the same knockout try from the enemy.

Aside from his speed and spirit, Kelley's assets are these....consistently gilt-edged coverage of opponent's quick, dangerous little men; versatile scoring ability off the break, the jump or the one-hand set; exceptional rebound timing which allows him to pull his load in this department despite lack of physique; and quick, deadly, intelligent passing and play-making. Even as a sophomore he displayed unusual poise, never falling apart when thrust into the clutch of games against the likes of Oklahoma A & M, Kansas State and Missouri.