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opponents will tell you its a good thing kansas and kansas state ~~avvixthex~~ were drawn in the same bracket for the sixth big seven basketball tournament beginning a four-day run in kansas city wednesday. that way the carnage will take place in only one tier.

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there never has been more solid ~~faxx~~ pair of favorites in meet history than the current jayhawkers and wildcats. ~~mutix~~ phog allen's troupe tackles colorado in its first assignment wednesday. the purple meets nebraska in thursday's lid-lifter. ~~thevixthixdax~~ both are expected to win, and if so, will collide in the second round of the ~~mx~~ upper bracket. the

wiseacres say this will be the finals one night early.

through games of december 21, the two sunflower titans had dropped only one game between them in 13 starts. kansas went into saturday night's tussle with usc in lawrence working on a six-game winning streak. ~~statexndxvwx~~ invaded bloomington, ind. to face the hoosiers with a 6-1 mark. the wildcats have fallen only before tough san francisco, 52-55. they snapped an 81-game home court winning streak in tucson by whipping arizona, 76-57, in the leadoff game of the same trip. they whacked hamlin's ~~naibxkingsvx~~ towering naib kings, 92-73, in manhattan, to establish a new school non-conference score mark.

both clubs are using the same ~~faxux~~ formulae that marked their ascension as the big seven's 1-2 quintets last year. the jayhawks ~~kings~~ always anchor their winning hopes to the nation's most murderous one-man scoring threat, clyde (mount) lovellette.

this is a simple cut to a winner but it has worked well for the kansans for three seasons. and the old battle wagon is rolling at an even more heated pace as he begins his senior hitch. his 27.8 scoring average on 167 points currently ~~ixx~~ tops the nation's major collegiate