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lawrence, kan., dec. 24...only three players, jim buchanan, nebraska ~~savior~~ guard; iowa state's 6-7 center, jim stange, and missouri's rebound horse, bill stauffer, are conceded a chance of breaking into the big seven basketball tournament's career scoring elite this week.

a 4-day run
the sixth annual show ~~unfix~~ begins unfolding wednesday in kansas city's municipal auditorium and ~~this~~ every member doubtless will carve a spot somewhere in the first ten of all-time meet point makers. buchanan, the scarlet's fine all-round senior, needs only ²⁰ ~~32~~ points to dislodge a former teammate, bus whitehead, now with phillips 66, for a spot in the current top ten. stange needs only 21. ~~stauffer~~ stauffer needs ~~32~~ 32, and average of slightly more than 10 points per tournament game.

jim iverson, kansas state's steady senior guard, next in line among this year's assault crew, is 53 points away, something that would take a 17.4 point per game average to accomplish.

only four men crashed the upper crust last year, and one of them, jerry waugh, of kansas, was a four-year hand. he and ernie barrett, kansas state all-american, moved into second place at 101 points. wayne tucker ~~and~~ of colorado, and bob pierce, whitehead's towering successor at nebraska, were the other two.

~~here~~ only active member of the top ten in this year's tourney will be k clyde lovellette, ku's gigantic scoring machine, who already has taken a wide lead in only six games. he now rests at 146 points for two meets and will raise the ceiling every time he notches a point beginning wednesday night against colorado.

here is the way the all-time list reads now:

	g	g fg	ft	mft	pf	tp
clyde lovellette, kansas	6	62	22	10	21	146
ernie barrett, kansas state	9	43	15	7	30	101