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first round pairings

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8 p.m. kansas vs. colorado

9:45 p.m. oklahoma vs. stanford

thursday

8 p.m kansas state vs. nebraska

9:45 p.m. iowa state vs. missouri

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by its prolific pachyderm, clyde lovellette, kansas, one of two pre-tournament favorites, yanks up the curtain on the sixth annual big seven basketball meet in municipal auditorium here ~~wednesday~~ at 8 p.m. against colorado.

oklahoma, once a champion and once a runner-up, tackles stanford, this year's guest team, in the second half of the twin-bill at 9:45 p.m.

the second half of first round play will be completed thursday with kansas state's defending champions hitting nebraska at 8 p.m. and missouri closing against iowa state in the nightcap.

~~withvfix~~ semifinals are booked friday night and finals saturday for the four-day event. ~~loserskxx~~ losing teams will play in their own bracket beginning friday afternoon with each club entered assured of three games regardless of ~~kxx~~ its record.

with the final two sessions already sold out, near capacity houses also are expected for the first two nights. ~~playersxxandxxcoachesxxwillv~~ unlike most tournaments, ~~kxx~~ players and coaches will be intensely interested in the affair's outcome also. ~~kxxthxxprxx~~ for the previous five derbys have been a close barometer for the upcoming conference race.