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kansas city, mo., dec. 28... oklahoma drew a near blank of one basket in the third period, and only six for the second half, here friday night to fall before missouri's tight-sleuthing tigers, 49-61, in the semifinal round of the big seven basketball tournament.

bill ^{brawny} ~~st~~ stauffer, the bengals' ^{bousing} center, and art helms, ~~tail~~ ^{tail} ~~freshman~~ 6-4 freshman from crocker, mo., layed the club on the sooners by gathering ³² ~~35~~ ²⁶ rebounds ~~between them~~ and 38 points between them to usher mu into the finals against kansas in saturday night's sixth annual finale.

stauffer's 26 tallies ~~were~~ represented his high of a three year career. meanwhile helms and gene landolt, 6-4 junior, were limiting sherman norton, oklahoma's torrid forward, to three goals and seven free throws.

kansas plunged into the king row in the first game by turning ~~it~~ kansas state's chief weapon, the fast break, against the wildcats for a 49-35 first half bu

kansas plunged into the finals by outlasting kansas state, 90-88, in a fantastic overtime battle to open the night's firing. ~~the~~ phog allen's amazing jayhawks turned the wildcats' favorite weapon, the fast break, against state for a 49-35 halftime lead then got five rapid fire p oints from their all-american center, to reap the heart-stopping triumph.

it was quite a day for the 13,000 fans who paid their way to see afternoon and night sessions. stanford edged iowa state, 103-102 in a losers' bracket matinee which ~~toppled~~ ~~broke~~ ~~wasn't~~ ~~over~~ ~~until~~ also went overtime.

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