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kansas city, mo., dec. 29... there will be more at stake than the third-place leavingswhen oklahoma tackles kansas state here friday night in the final session of the big seven tournament at municipal auditorium.

the winner will take over the top rung among conference clubs in the all-time meet standings, smu actually holds the no. 1 spot having won its only tournament appearance in 1946 for a 3-0 record.

ou and k-state came into the affair with identical 11-4 marks for five appearances, after losing semifinal encounters to missouri and kansas, respectively, friday night. this means they both now are soorting 12-5 standards. the winner, of course, will be 13-5, and no other league club can match this even with a clean sweep.

state will be havily favored as it left little to be desired even in losing to kansas,88-90,in the most riotous battle of a as wild a third day as the tourney ever has seen.

oklahoma, hitting a cold streak of only six goals in the f final half, toppled before the tigers, 49-61. the sooners showed little of the fire they discgarged in boloing favored stanford , 77-71, in the first round. they will have to be at the best even to stay close to the flying wildcats, who fought back from two 19-poing deficits to force ku into overtime.

phog allens troupe will be favored over missouri. but a large let-down is certain after the win over their kaw river rivals and, off the basis of their excellent play against ou,the bengals must be conceeded a 40-60 chance.

sparky stalcup introduced a new star agains t oklahoma in the 6-4 frame of freshman art helms. he pitched in 12 points and aided bill stauffer on the boards by collecting 1 3

caroms.

however, the tigers,noted for sturdyvx tenacious defensex since stalcup assumed the reins, never have suceeded in slipping the manacle on clyde lovellette, ku's giangantic all-american center.

in four starts against mu , cloudburts clyde has put together point explosions of 29,39,18, and 24. this is 110 or an averge of 27.7xvx 27.5 per outing.

held to five points through the first half by kansas state, lovelette broke loose for 25xinvxvsvfinalvhalfx 20 in the final half and five in the overtime to take over his accustomed spot atop the tournament securingx individual scoring race. combined with his 23 point total against colorado in the opener, his two-game aggregate now is 50.

xtlacup mustxufvxhavexpertsvx with his tallest regular measuring 6-4, stalcup virtually must choose from three choices. s he can employ a 6-8 fre shman, bob reiter, as an individual picket. he can alternate twov6v4vrvgvlvxxxvregularsxvx the same 6-4 tandem that limited ou's sherm norton to 13 points, gene landolt and art helms. or he can throw out a zone.

one almost certain bet is that the missouri bossman won,t putvki stauffer , his top scoring threat, into the lovellette barricade.

ouxx ku and mu are billed at 9:45 p.m, , following the 8 p.m. tipoff between the sooners and wildcats.

tournament notes: although nebraska has lost its first two games, cornhusker guard jim buchanan is one of the meet's top hands....aside from being a prime play-maker he has scored 47 points .... our sherman norton not only will go into the final night as the tourney's top pointsmith but he now owns the meet record of most consecutive free throws.... his seven for seven against missouri ran his string to 20, thus snapping his tie at 13 with bob petrsen, iowa state guard who has held the standard since 1948.... rorton canned 13 without a miss against stanford in the opening round..... the experimental rule played in the losers' bracket did not gain much suppory from the coaches... " i think anyone who is behind might favor the rule", said chick suthelrand of iowa state.... " the present two-shot foul is too cheap ", opines nebraska's harry good.... " but this penalty is too expensive . competitive shooting is still the basis of basketball , and this puts the penalty pust the emphasis on non-competitive (free throw) shooting."

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kansas city,mo.,dec. 27... now firmly established as tournament favorites,kansas state may make a more impressive debut thursday night in its fits round thrust against nebraska,than did oklahoma in upsetting stanford in wednesday's feature here . but the wildcats won't show any more scrap, hwxklxvxmxlvrxsomvxcufulvx deftness and will that did x bruce drakes, sooners.

the purple pillagers from manhattan set sail for their second successive big seven meet title at 8 p.m. xgxinxvx if they win they'll move xgxinxstxvx opposite kansas in an upper bracket semifinal friday night. missouri and iowa state complete thursday's twin-bill at 9:45 p.m. ou gets the winner of this one.

it is doubtful if any team will cause a bigger stir in this year's four-day affair than did the redshirts in nudging the heavily-favored indians inxwednxdayxx 77-71 heart-stopper. stanford not only was slated to win , just about as it chose, but was regarded as the meet's best bet for a fimalist.

thanks two sherman norton's two-record scoring performance and stan grossman's four-goal passing in the last frantic six minutes, the tournament nexxisxxithoutxvavx will see the guest team in losers' bracket play.

the cardinals came into the meet with an unblemished 8-game victory streak. ou came in x somewhat bloody from three road lacings at the hands of illinois, iowa and nyu. the drakes went to the post they had won only one of five starts until their suspsevenpointfinstroogad conquest.

not only snapped ou's three-game x losing streak, but it handed the conference a much need pretige hike in ncaa circles. up to wednesday league clubs had lost 16 of 30 starts against major opposition .

here are the records the lathe-like norton wrote in his 39 point spree:

1) New single game tournament point record. former mark was 38 set by maynard johnson ~~lastxyearx~~ of minnesota last year against colorado .

2) most free throws single game(13). former record was ~~h~~ set by dave weatherby, kansas state, against arkansas, in 1946, and leo vanderkuy, michigam,against kansas, 1949

3) new ~~schoolxx~~ ou point record. former mark was established by gerald tucker in 1943 against nebraska in norman

4) new school free throw record . former mark was set by tucker against missouri in 1947 at norman.

" they just threw me the ball", norton explained after the game in somewhat of an understatement. "~~xxix~~ we got a good team now. we're alright."

the lean forward from lagrange, ill., is a petroleum engineering major who originally wasnot even on a scholarship.

" he actually was worried about shooting too much", ~~said drakex~~ laughed drake"

it should be noted that ~~northanx~~ norton , who recently pocketed 21 points on iowa, fired only 16 times from the field to collect his 13 goals. he was perfect at the charity spripe in 13 ~~p~~ lifts. this means he bucketed 90 percent of all his shots for the night.

" it was , of course, our best game ", drake expanded , " although we looked ragged the second half."

" we simply we're able to keep oklahoma from doing what it wanted to do", explained stanford coach bob burnette. we are not a good defense club and oklahoma has a ~~good~~ very clever offense.

sherm didn't even know he'd broken the record until a reporter told him in the dressing room after the game. the angular senior wasn't even a regular last year althoygh he rimmed 119 points in playing parts of all 24 games.

" it was, of course", our best game", smiled drake. " the boys were much improved although they were ragged the second half."

the sooner bossman pointed out that eight of his 15-man playing squad are playing their first year of varsity basketball.

" we simply we're able to keep oklahoma from doing what it wanted to do",explained stanford bossman bob burnette.

kansas, now unbeaten in eight games to date , and treading a string of 10 in a row counting two wins at the end of last season, was far less impressive than ou. the jayhawks whacked undersized colorado,76-56, but played only eight minutes of good basketball. they roared into a 9-0 lead in the first four minutes and broke loose for 20 points in the final 4½.

tournament notes: sherm norton's 39-point cannade dwarfed fine nights from other scorers including bob kenney, kansas, 21; clyde lovellette,kansas 23, and jim ramstead, stanford, 24.... stanford coach bob burnette, wasn't entirely oblivious to norton's potentialities... he had heard about him from his (norton's) brother, walter who spent two days at palo alto last spring looking over the campus ... the latter now is a freshman at yale.... stanford's defeat marked the second time in six tournaments that the guest team has fallen in the first round of play. .... harvard was the other victim in 1948.

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kansas city,mo. ,dec. 26...riding home on ~~the~~ a record-shattering scoring burts of 39 points by sherman norton,oklahoma's valient sooners up-ended stanford , 77-71, here wednesday night in a hectic first round big seven tournament game that left 8500 muncipal auditorium fans panting.

running their " drake -shuffle" to perfected in the fi st

~~running the indians cross-legged with~~

running the indians cross-legged with their patented drake-shuffle for a 42-26 halftime lead the sooners had to come from behind in the late minutes to sew it up. ~~stanley grossman sprite-like~~ with his mates trailing,62-64 with six minutes left,stanley grossman, sprite-like 5-8 redshirt guard , came off the bench to spark the winning surge. he fired no less than four scoing passes in the clutch and contributed one goal to rally ~~his sagging~~ the fast-flagging sooners who were dangling on the ropes under the pressure of ~~the~~ stanford's ceaseless fast-break and full-court press.

it was norton, of course,who made the difference. the angular forward from lagrange,ill.,banked home 24 points in the first half to ~~give the~~ forge ou's wide bulge then whisked in what proved to be the clincher with just 22 seconds remaining.

his 13 goals,eight were set-ups, and like number of free throws, erased maynard johnson's one-year-old single-game meet scoring mark,which the minnosta post-man ~~six~~ broadsided colorado last year. of 38 points with

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norton was so deadly he ~~xxxxxx~~ collected his 13 goals on just 16 shots from the field for afantastic percentage of ~~xxxx~~ .81. he canned every one of his 13 free throws, which also toppled another tournaent record. the former ~~xxxxxxxx~~ standard in this department was 11,held jointly by kansas state's dave weatherby and leo vanderkuy of michigan.

the surprise win, ~~xxx~~ lifted the surprising drakes into the second round against the winner of thursday night's iowa state-missouri scuffle. it also snapped a three-game losing streak to give oklaoma a 2-5 ~~x~~ early ~~xxxxx~~ season record. the defeat flung stanford from the nation's major unbeaten ranks after eight straight wins.

ripping loose for 20 points in the final ~~xxx~~ 4½ minutes, kansas felled hustling colorado in the night's opening game , 76-56. the jayhawkers thus moved opposite the kansas state-nebraska victor .

the latter two clubs meet at 8 p.m. to the second half of first round warring. ~~xxxxxxxx~~ the tigers and cyclones are booked at 9:45 p.m.

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so
~~xo~~ furious was the milling after stanford ~~kuxlsdx~~ ~~xbruant~~ overhauled the sooners , 62-60, with 6:35 remaining that the lead changed hands seven times and the score was tied ~~fixx~~ on five occasions during the pulsing stretch run.

grossman ~~xx~~ propped his weary mates the first time he got the ball,hurling the leather three-fourths the length of the court following a ramstead tip-in to the fleeing bob waller ~~xx~~ who ~~tixx~~ knotted the count at 64-64 with a wide-open ~~xxx~~ ~~x~~ crip.

the cardinals ~~xxxdinals~~ got a 24-point detonation themselves from jim ramstead,a 6-5 , 190-pound kangeroo,who cleared both boards all night in addition to his shooting blast.

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the ~~kix~~ tiny brooklynite hit the same target on ou's next sally for another set-up,to mount a 66-64 redhsirt lead.

but guard jim walsh hooked home a short righthander to ~~xxxtxxx~~ re-lace a 66-66 knot at 3:15.

grossman then calmly dropped home his fourth shot in as many attempts , a short righthander from the corner, and ou was once again on top..

ramstead ~~loftadx~~ southpawed a missed walsh's leg a moment later for another tie at 68-68. limping on a sprainked ankle, indinan forward ron tomsic stuck the west coasters on top with a free throw off a norton foul.

~~nortenxthenvtosixxx~~ with ~~the~~ stanford pressing almost chest to chest, grossman cut another set-up flip to norton and it was 70-69 with 2:~~32~~ 15 remaining. the lank forward was fouled by ramstead on his ~~xfxvtvx~~ goal and canned the bonus effort as well.

tomsic and oleg suzdaleff got this back with two free throws in the next half minute then the letter forced john rogers into a high pass from the backcourt and stanford nursed the ball with just 1:38 left.

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however, the pacificans got too eager with 30 seconds left and walsh fired one-handed from 22 feet. waller, who along with norton, played a superlative rebund game, cleared the rim and the oklahomans swept down for the clincher.

rogersxpeggedxfromx23xfeetx rogers pegged from 23 feet after three passes

rogers' peg from 23 feet ~~withxatxrifle~~ hit the front of the rim but norton wrestled the carom away from two opponents and rose to plant home his final points with just 26 seconds remaining.

waller and bill cummins got ~~setxupsx~~ quick set-ups to pad the spread, the former taking another grossman bullet after the midget guard stole astanford pass.

behind 18-19 at the first quarter, ou soed into a 35-24 lead during the second period with norton rolling home four buckets. he gathered five more points before halftime to erect ou's 16-digit cushion at intermission.

~~stanfordx~~ wheeling eternally on the break, stanford ~~roaredx~~ roared ~~outxofxthexdressingxroomxwithx~~ through the third quarter for 24 points while ou was getting but seven. oklahoma braced in the final two minutes of the period to lead, 58-56, but ~~manx~~ were ~~hurled~~ shoved behind on ramstead's tip-in four minutes after the final stanza opened.

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bob kenney,burr-headed forward from winfield, sparked ku's terrific last ditch rally as the kansas reaped their eighth straight triumph x to remain undefeated for the season

made colorado their eighth straight victim against no defeats.

the veteran 185-ppunder banged in six of his 21 points in this closing ~~xxxx~~ rush after the herd had pulled to with eight points at 48-56 with only 4:32 remaining.

had it not been for this and ~~xxix~~ cu sinking spells

pick up third graph first night lead

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kill first two graphs and final graph first night lead.

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kansas city,kxxxx mo.,dec. 26.... bxbx playing his best game in a three-year career,bob kenney,burr-headed forwaard from winfield,drove for three late baskets to pull kansas away from colorado,76-56,in the opening game of the sixth annual big seven tournament here in municipal auditorium.

eighty-five kxbdfvx hundred fans watched the quick, agresssive buffaloes,unscrap kansas on backboard anf floor most of the way, before kenney's late flurry sparked the jayhawkers out of danger.

had it not been for this,and colorado sinking spells at the outset of each quarter,bebe lee's rocky mountaineers might have made it much closer. the herd fell behind , 0-9 ,xxx in the first 4:10 of play, stumbled wihtout a point through the first 5 minutes of the second quarter ,and played 5:54 in the third quarxxxx chapter before netting a field goal.

these lapses let the kansans escape from short leads of 20-13, at the end of the first quarter, and 35-27,at halftime. xxxxx xxxxxxxxxvx kenney pulled the mt. oredans out of danger when xxx cu crept close for the third time at 50-5xx48x 56-48 with only 4:32 remaining.

alternating three centers and doubling in from the weak side,the buffaloes managed to limit clyde lovellette,the nation's leading scorer, to 23 points. the huge kansas center was xxxxxxxx restricted to seven in the first half,his low since oklahoma handcuffed him with four in the opening stanza at norman two years ago.

it was lovellette's low of the year, but marked his seventh consecutive conf

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seventh consecutive tournament game of 20 ~~nex~~ or more points.

kerney ~~xinustx~~ stole the night's laurels with 21 tallies. bruce conway was high for the ~~hunx~~ wild-shooting herd with 10 points.

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kansas city,mo.,dec. 29...staford's guest team beat down a late rally by colorado to cop fifth place in the sixth annual big seven basketball tournament here friday,hanging up a75-69 victory in the closing half of an afternoon doubleheader in muncipal auditorium.

the win handed the fast-breaking indians a2-1 meet mark, which matches that of the second place finisher, however, the west coasters are ranked down the line since they won both their games in losers' bracket play after bowing before , 71-77,to oklahoma in wednesday's opening round.

iowa state shoved nebraska into the cellar with a 76-55 win in the day's first game. this gave the cyclones sixth place at 1-2. the cornhuskers absorbed three straight drubbings.

center jim ramstead led stanford's reckless attack with 19 points to run his tournament total to 68.

trailing by 22 points late in the third quarter, colorado fought uphill to cut the margin to 63-69 with 3:30 remaining, but could do no better than trade points with the indians from there in.

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guard jim buchana gave another brilliant dribble and ~~xhek~~ shot exhibition of 22 points for the cornhuskers but he couldn't match a combined output from state's two giants, jim stange, and del dierks, who collected 32 between them. the victors' also got a 20-point blast from ~~gxuxgavx~~ forward george hess, who doubles as adefensive halfback.

the iowans lost an early lead when they ran into a 3½ minute blank in the second quarter while nebraska was ~~i~~ dropping home 16 points to forge a ~~32ex~~ 30-24 edge.

however, goals by stanger dierks and hess in the final minute and a half of the second quarter, ~~drex~~ hoisted the cyclones on top 38-35 at halftime, and they never again were headed.

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Oklahoma	G	FT	F	MFT	Missouri	G	FT	F	MFT
Jones	1	6	4	1	Dippold	0	1	2	0
McEACHERN	1	0	0	0	PARK	0	0	1	0
HART	0	0	0	0	BELL	0	0	1	0
Norton	3	7	1	0	Landolt	4	1	4	0
BLUE	0	0	1	0	HELMS	6	0	3	2
ROGERS	1	0	0	0					
Waller	5	0	2	2	Stauffer	8	19	3	2
CHURCHILL	0	1	2	0	REITER	0	0	0	0
Grossman	1	2	4	0	Adams	0	0	3	1
LANE	2	0	5	2	MURREY	0	0	2	0
KNOX	0	0	2	2	HUGHES	0	0	1	0
Cummins	2	1	4	1	Casteel	0	0	1	0
FLESHMAN	0	0	0	0	WILFONG	4	5	3	1

Half Score— 16-17-25-8. 22-19-24-6

~~Free Throws Missed~~—

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Oklahoma —	14 -	15 -	9 -	13
Missouri —	11 -	16 -	19 -	15

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kansas city,mo.,dec. 28... stanford and iowa state unravelled the wildest battle in ~~kigvsex~~ the six year history of the big seven basketball tournament here friday, the indians pevailing,103-102 in ~~overtimex twovaeevmx~~ alosers' bracket overtime affair.

this 45-minute landlside toppled records on every side as the two clubs ripped out of their starting blocks from the opening tip-off to put up 203 shots from the field and notch 76 goals.

~~bethvpvintsxtotalsvmip~~ the contest was

both teams eclipsed kansas state's one-day old single-game point mark of ~~89,vavsexx~~ 87, erected ~~lustxmx~~ thursday night against nebraska. the combined total of 205 bettered by 51 points the k-state-nebraska 154-point ~~markx~~ two-team single game mark.

these figures were etched under the auspicious of rule experimentation with the free throw, which gave the ball to the offnnded team out of bounds after successful charities. but the two raceshorse quintets didn't need much help. stanford hit 38 percent of its 109 tries; state 40 xx percent of its 94.

~~kwavx~~ both clubs notched several important 3-point bunuses off this scheme, but stanford actually won by taking advatange of the rule in another manner. with ~~gratiusflvx~~ all gratis flips mandatory under the ~~sp~~ experiment, dave epperson,6-6 substitute cardinal center, broke an iowa state stall in the last 17 seconds of ~~in~~ the regulation time by the simple method ~~ad~~ of bear-hugging iowa state's jerry davis and the ball.

~~xvxvxvxx~~ with the eight players scored in double figures with the cyclones' george hess and jim stange showing the way at 27.

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with state leading,97-95, davis was forced to shott his free one. he missed , epperson recovered and fired far down court to temmate ron tomsic. the big forward planted a leaping right hander just before the final buzzer to send the game into extra innings.

stanford clinched it here with four free thr

oddly, stanford won it in the extend ed session even though they ~~did~~ ~~lost~~ ~~thuxbatkvaftervtivrunvefxfeurvsucussxv~~ fumbled away their bohus advantage ~~enx~~ on three of four sucessful free throws , ~~and~~ center jim ramstead tipped home epperson's cuffed charity with one minute remaining for the clincher.

iowa state had a chance to win after stange tied it 100-100 with two free throws but lost the pass-in to sebron tucker. hee got stanford's his final goal with 18 seconds left following ramstead's ~~tipvinx~~ winner but two cyclone fouls in the remaining time closed down their hopes.

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afternoon lead

kansas city,mo., dec. 28... colorado applied the big seventh tournament is seeing's experimental free throw rule to the hilt here friday to overcome nebraska,67-63, in the first losers' bracket battle of the meet.

trailing almost from thestart, the buffaloes decisively converted no less than eight foul shots into bonus baskets in the final half by taking the ball out of bounds in the final half as the clinical scheme demands. they used a ninth possession, following a successful charity to stall for 1:07 to choke off nebraska's last hopes in the closing two minutes. they missed only one of 10 opportunities during this skein. the scarlet's two fastertiyying good guards, joe buchanan and jim buchanan paced scores in the swift, ragged tussle with 22 points each, but art bunte, blubbery herd substitue center sparked cu's uphill second -half comeback with 14 of his 21 points.

trailing early in the second half, 36-35,colorado opened its string of bonus tallies when whitey gompert was fouled by nebraska's willard fagler. gompert converted and immediately after took a pass-in for a goal.

fouled followed by bill johnson,bunte dunked his free throw then hit bruce conway with a scoring pass after the pass-in. stewart and bunte teammed on the next " three-pointer"as the buffs pulled up to 45-52 with a minute left in the third quarter.

it was stewart and amaya on the next husker infraction as cu made it five charity payoffs in a row. the latter hit a crip a moment later to raise the count to 50-52 squeeze the count to 50-52 before cu worked the bonus for its final lead.

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it also was gibson who pressed the game into overtime, his high tip-in from five feet out on the end line knotting the count, 80-80, with just 9 seconds left.

~~kunwayx~~ x bob kenney , who enjoyed his second 21-point tourney splurge, and lovellette, got kansas off ,84-80, at the outset of the bargain session, but ~~bnbxrnusvyvandvknxdivkvknostmanxpivkvdvupv~~ state held grimly , 85-88 with 2:58 remaining.

the aggiss hauled abreast for the last time at 88-88 when jesse prisock sunk ~~thuxfivxtxvfvtwnvfrnvxthrivs~~ a free throw and dick knsotman hooked over lovellette ~~ivpvadxinvtnavsvcond.~~ kansas had reached that total on free tgrows by lovellette and ~~earx~~ kenney, the latter converting off jack carby's tenchinal when he fouled out of action.

lovellette's ~~rigvthandervxfavx~~ clinching righthander followed knostman's ~~pugx~~ bank but nobody would have been surprised if either team had reached 100 in the little remaining time.

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Kansas State	G	FT	F	MFT	Kansas U.	G	FT	F	MFT
Gibson (12)	5	2	4	0	Kenney (22)	8	6	4	1
PECK	0	3	1	0	ALBERTS	0	0	2	0
SMITH	1	1	0	2					
Knostman (11)	5	1	3	2	Lienhard	5	0	5	0
					HEITHOLT	0	3	1	2
Carby (17)	6	3	5	1	Lovellette (27)	12	3	5	1
PRISOCK (15)	6	3	2	0	BORN	1	0	2	0
					KELLER	0	0	0	0
Iverson	4	2	4	0	Houghland	4	2	2	0
WILSON	2	0	1	2					
Rousey (15)	4	7	1	3	Kelley-D	6	2	4	1
UPSON	0	0	2	0	SQUIRES	1	0	1	0
					KELLY-A	0	0	2	1
	33-22-23-10					37-16-28-6			

Half Score– 49-35 K.U.

~~Free Throws Missed~~–

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Over Time
Kansas St.	19	16	20	25	8
Kansas U.	28	21	15	16	10

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m kansas city -- neither team surprised the other, but they both surprised themselves and both jolted a packed house of nearly 10,000 that strained its collective vocal chords right down to the final gun.

that, in one sense, is the story of kansas university's e ectrifying 90-88 victory over kansas state friday night in the semifinals of the big seven tournament.

did the full-court pressing defense employed by k-state surprise or bother kansas? no, said phog allen, veteran jayhawker coach.

"we could have written 'em a letter and told 'em when they'd start that press," boomed the beaming phog after the game. "we knew it was coming, and we were glad it was. I thought we could do the best against them if they used the press."

and did the fast break and overall speed of kansas surprise kansas state? no, said a gloomy but not bitter coach jack gardner when the milling was over.

"no, we knew that if we pressed they'd break against us, and we had them figured on speed just about right."

still, each team surprised itself and its coach just a little. and the most surprised, perhaps, was kansas and allen.

"I wasn't nervous about the game," said phog, "but I did figure we were going to throw it away. we've been throwing away so many opportunities, and we kept kicking over the apple cart every time we got ahead in this game, I thought we'd give it away. but we didn't, and I was very proud of the way we kept fighting after the aggies came back and tied us up."

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gardner, taking the defeat in stride, said he was "really proud of the way the boys fought back after being behind most of the way. when a team hits more than 50 percent of its shots in the first half and has a 14-point lead, there's not much you can do but try to fight back. we did that, and almost made it."

there were plenty of tears in the k-state dressing room, but gardner had this message for all his charges:

"remember, we get two more cracks at 'em this season. and we'll get 'em."

jack carby, on whom the costly technical foul was called in the overtime period, said he didn't swear at the referee. "I was just cussing myself for committing the foul," he said.

but mostly the wildcats were a solemn, bitterly-disappointed bunch, and had little or nothing to say.

naturally, it was a different story in the jayhawker dressing room. it was a laughing, shouting, happy bunch that quickly donned street shoes and headed to a downtown hotel to dress.

big clyde lovellette, the goat turned hero in the game, said "it was a great game. they've got a real fine ball club. that (jess) prisock is one of the best. in another year, nobody'll stop him. and they're all a great bunch of guys. I enjoyed playing them."

bob kenney, who turned in another brilliant chore, talked fast as he tore tape off his injured hand. "we should have beaten 'em a lot worse. we gave 'em too much. but they're easily the best ball club we've seen all year. they've got a fine bunch of boys."

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the happy allen agreed the victory was "one of the greatest" of his career that spans some 40 years in the game. he also agreed that his squad was nothing short of terrific.

"that dean kelley played the greatest game of his career," said phog. "he su plied the spark that I thought would be missing because we had to play without charlie hoag, our great natural leader. but kelley gave us the spark, and we just kept fighting."

gardner likewise had nothing but praise for his squad. "I thought they played very well, considering that they were giving away so much height and experience. and they way they fought back after being so far behind would make any coach proud."

immediately after the game, gardner strode across the short space of floor separating the two benches and shook hands with allen. then he went immediately to the wildcat dressing room, while phog stayed on the floor to greet a horde of reporters and well-wishers. twenty minutes later, allen was still trying to get past reporters and radio announcers to his dressing room.

then the happy phog had one last word for his audience: "just say we're just like casey -- only we came back and really hit a homer."

and don't blame phog for being happy. after all, it was his his 691st victory since he started coaching back in 1908. and, by his own admission, it was one of the greatest...

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