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

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

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

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

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

phog allen's 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 ~~x~~ of their excellent play against ou, the bengals ~~should be~~ ~~xxxxxx~~ must be conceded a 40-60 chance.

sparky stalcup ~~introduced~~ introduced a new star against oklahoma in the 6-4 frame of ~~art~~ freshman art helms. ~~that~~ he pitched in 12 points and aided bill stauffer ~~with~~ on the boards ~~with~~ ~~13~~ by collecting 13