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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 ~~mmmm~~ chords right down to the final gun.

that, in one sense, is the story of kansas university's electrifying 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 ~~mm~~ letter and told 'em when they'd start that press," boomed ~~phogman~~ the beaming phog after the game. "we knew it was coming, and we ~~mmmm~~ were glad it was. I thought we could do ~~mmmm~~ 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 ~~kannanmtatam~~ the aggies came back and tied us up."