

teams in the semifinals last night point to a pitched battle. U.S.C., famous for husky football teams, has a rugged squad of basketeers here and the Trojans are tough under the basket. They wore out a Colorado team that found itself weary and unable to keep pace in the second half.

The Buffs, who have been on the road for two weeks, lost, 38 to 32, after battling to a 20-20 tie at halftime. Coach Frosty Cox's boys came here from New York, where they won two games last week end in capturing the invitational tournament there, and they appeared tired in the final 10 minutes of the last half.

Kansas twice pulled away to a comfortable lead, but Rice closed the gap each time to make the Jayhawks hustle for their 50-44 triumph in the opening game. Rice and Colorado meet tonight at 8 p.m. for third-place honors.

Engleman High Scorer

It was southpaw Engleman, a lanky blond from Arkansas City, Kas., who carried the load for Kansas. He scored 10 field goals and a free throw for the night's scoring honors. Although Don Thurman gave Vaughn, the Trojan's left-handed artist, a good covering, the coast All-American managed to snag five field goals,