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32 turnovers in the game.

And a lot of spectacular dunks. Jones was the perpetrator of many of those dunks, his most spectacular and important dunk coming with three minutes elapsed in the second half. The play unfolded on a fast break, when point guard Luke Ridnour pass, and Jones threw it down with two furious hands to make the score 56-52 Kansas.

Four points was as close as Oregon would get to Kansas for the rest of the contest. The Jayhawks ballooned the lead to 14 points with 9:49 left, but the Ducks came back behind three Lever three-pointers to make the score 77-72 with 8:06

remaining. That's when Oregon went frosty. The Ducks went the next 3:56 without a point, while the Jayhawks scored 12.

"We didn't shoot as well as we have been and we're capable of," Ridnour said.

Jones led the Ducks with 32 points, one short of his career high, and was named to the All-Midwest Regional Team. Ridnour was also named to the team, along with Gooden, the region's Most Outstanding Player, Collison, Keith Langford from Kansas and James Thomas from Texas.

Thomas was named to the team in part because of his 15-point, 11-rebound performance against Oregon in the Sweet 16. Two days before the Ducks clashed with the Jayhawks, they squeaked by the Longhorns on a last-second shot by

Jones, who ended as the hero despite scoring only four points.

But his last two were the most important. With less than 20 seconds left in the contest and the score tied, Jones held the ball at the half-court line, then drove on Texas guard Freddie Williams. With 2.8 seconds left he elevated and finger-rolled the ball into the hoop to give the Ducks the 72-70 victory.

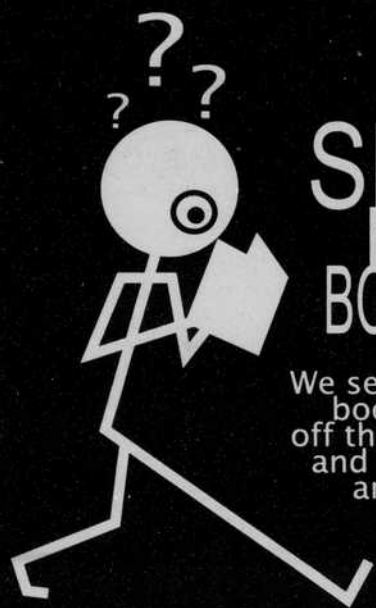
"Freddie hit a huge, huge basket at the end of the game," Kent said.

That win was Oregon's third in this year's postseason, which is three more postseason wins than the Ducks had in 42 previous seasons.

At least Oregon can hold onto that as the Ducks form their prayers for next season.

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"I was glad to step up and shoot big shots," Craighead said after the closely contested game. "I had a

rough start, but knowing that I am a senior, and that this could be my last game at any time, I was not going to stop shooting the ball."

The traditional rivalry lived up to expectations, providing the same

intensity that was seen at the Pac-10 Tournament. Every rebound was a fight and every shot was contested.

"I know our team gets pumped up to play them, and I'm pretty sure they get just as excited to play us," Washington guard Giuliana Mendiola said. "We knew coming in it would be a battle, and it was again tonight."

Their win over the hated Huskies earned Oregon a trip to the WNIT Final Four. The Ducks were to take on Michigan State, a school they had never played before.

After one game, the Ducks lead the all-time series. Their 65-54 win over the Spartans on March 23 vaulted Oregon into the WNIT Championship.

Michigan State failed to post more than 30 points in either half, and with the Ducks netting 40 in the game's final stanza, the Spartans proved to be no match for Oregon's resurgent offense.

Despite failing to earn an NCAA Tournament bid for the first time in nine seasons, Oregon was more than happy to be in the lesser-known tournament's final game.

"It may not be the NCAA, but it's the NIT and 32 teams entered this tournament," junior Shaquala Williams said. "And to say that you're the best means something."

The Ducks are now able to share a distinction that only two-of-96 postseason-bound teams can now claim. Along with NCAA Champion Connecticut, Oregon finished its postseason with a win.

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