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Tigard Beats Jesuit For Championship Benson places fifth with 67-52 victory over Jefferson

(AP) — A tournament already filled with upsets concluded with another Saturday.

Eric Doak hit a game-tying 3-pointer with five seconds left in regulation, then made eight free throws in the final minute of overtime to hand No. 6 Tigard the Class 4A state championship Saturday with a 69-59 victory over No. 4 Jesuit.

"All I was thinking was 'I've got to knock this down,'" Doak

said of his tying 3. "This whole team has shown unbelievable heart after a lot of people questioned us coming into this tournament."

Ryan Gabel led Tigard (24-2), which won its second state title, with 21 points and seven rebounds before fouling out late in overtime. Scott Dougherty, had 31 points, including four 3s, to lead Jesuit (22-6).

Neither team enjoyed more than

a four-point advantage in the second half, which featured four lead changes. The last came when Jesuit reeled off six unanswered points to take a 50-46 lead with 2:09 left in regulation.

Jesuit, which hit 63 percent of its shots in the first half but only 47 percent in the second half, had trouble connecting from the field in OT and was forced to foul in order to keep the game close.

Doak responded by scoring his

team's last eight points from the free throw line, finishing with 14 points. The Tigers also got 15 points from center Tommy Magnuson on 6-of-9 shooting.

In other tournament results, Beaverton claimed Third Place with a 59-39 win over Westview, Grants Pass earned Fourth Place with a 63-55 victory over Churchill and Benson upset Jefferson, 67-52, giving the Techmen a Fifth Place finish.

Blazers Make Drive Toward Playoffs



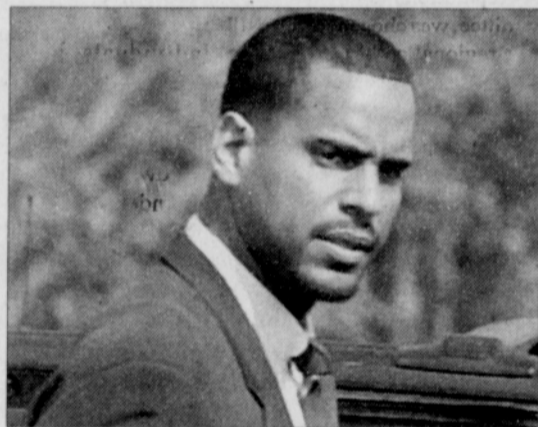
Portland's own "Mighty Mouse" Damon Stoudamire takes care of the offense in route to a Blazer victory against New Jersey Friday at the Rose Garden. Stoudamire's performance is a big factor in the Portland Trail Blazers' late season resurgence as an NBA contender. The Blazers have won 12 of the last 13 games, counting Saturday's 82-73 road loss to Denver.

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New Charges Against Jayson Williams

(AP) — Prosecutors filed more charges against ex-NBA star Jayson Williams on Monday, saying he tampered with evidence and conspired to obstruct justice in the shooting of a limousine driver at his home.

Williams, already accused of manslaughter, was charged Monday with hindering apprehension, conspiracy to obstruct the administration of law, witness tampering and two counts of tampering with evidence, Hunterdon County authorities said.



Jayson Williams

Prosecutors have said Williams, 34, was handling a gun recklessly when 55-year-old Costas Christofi was shot in Williams' bedroom on Feb. 14.

A witness told Sports Illustrated magazine that Williams tried to put the victim's palm and fingerprints on the shotgun, then disposed of his own bloody clothes before police arrived. The magazine did not identify the witness.

Williams' brother reported the shooting to authorities as a suicide.

Oregon Seeded No. 2 in Midwest

Team opens NCAA tourney Thursday in Sacramento

(AP) — Two years ago, the Oregon Ducks sat stone-faced as the NCAA tournament selection show handed them a piece of coal as their March Madness gift: a No. 7 seed and a trip to Buffalo, N.Y.

On Sunday, the Ducks' fortunes were vastly different. The selection committee rewarded Oregon for winning their first Pac-10 regular-season title by making the Ducks a No. 2 seed.

The committee also did the Ducks (23-8) a favor by keeping

them close to home for the first two rounds. Oregon will open play in the Midwest Region in Sacramento, Calif., against 15th-seeded Montana on Thursday.

"They recognized this is one of the toughest conferences in the country and the fact we controlled our destiny down the stretch," Oregon coach Ernie Kent said. "The biggest thing, this is a chance to get off to a great start and deal with a very manageable travel situation because we are staying in the same

time zone."

Oregon went 14-4 in the Pac-10, claiming its first outright league title since the 1938-39, when the "Tall Firs" went on to win the inaugural NCAA tournament.

The Ducks had hoped to earn one of the four top seeds in this year's NCAA by winning the Pac-10 tournament, which returned after a 12-year absence. But Oregon is lucky to still be a No. 2 after losing to Southern California in the semifinals on Friday.

Former Blazer Coach Hired at NBC

Former NBA Blazers' head coach Mike Dunleavy joined NBC as the color analyst on its No. 3 basketball team Thursday.

Dunleavy replaces Tom Tolbert as the partner for play-by-play announcer Mike Breen. Tolbert shifted last weekend to the network's NBA studio show, taking the spot of Jayson Williams, who was taken off the program after being charged with manslaughter in a shooting death at his mansion.

Dunleavy's debut will come March 31, in the middle game of a tripleheader. That game currently



Mike Dunleavy

is Dallas at Washington, although NBC already has taken two of the Wizards' games off its schedule while Michael Jordan is out with a knee injury.

Dunleavy will call three regu-

lar-season games and then will have a full slate of play-off duty.

He was fired by the Portland Trail Blazers after last season. He was 190-106 in four seasons with the Blazers, but only 18-18 in the playoffs, with trips to the conference finals in 1999 and 2000.

Dunleavy, the NBA Coach of the Year in 1999, also coached the Los Angeles Lakers and Milwaukee Bucks.

He played nine seasons in the NBA with four teams, leading the league in 3-point shooting percentage in 1983.

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