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RECORD CROWD SEES OREGON DEFEAT KANSAS

(AP)— Luke Ridnour had 25 points, nine assists and seven rebounds Saturday as No. 7 Oregon avenged last season's NCAA tournament loss with a 84-78 victory Saturday over No. 14 Kansas.

Fellow guard Luke Jackson had 26 points and nine rebounds for the Ducks, who fought off a second-half Kansas rally to make their record a perfect 5-0 this season.

The two teams played before 20,762 fans at Portland's Rose Garden Arena, a record for a college game in the state.

Last season, the teams met in the Midwest Regional final in Madison, Wis., and Kansas emerged with a 104-86 victory and their first trip to the Final Four since 1993.

The victory snapped Oregon's three-game losing streak against Kansas. The Ducks had not defeated the Jayhawks since beating them twice in the 1947-48 season.

The Ducks, who led by just four at the half, stretched their lead to as many as 11 points when Andre Joseph's free throws made it 72-61 with 8:40 left.

But the Jayhawks came back to tie it at 74-all.

Speedy Oregon inched away, going on a 10-2 run that was punctuated by Ridnour's 3-pointer and a foul shot that made it 84-76 with 49.6 seconds left.

It was the 99th career win for Ducks coach Ernie Kent.



Oregon frustrates Kansas point guard and former Jefferson High School All-American Aaron Miles into a 1-for-11 shooting night. (AP photo)

Hall of Fame Tribute



Portland boxing great Ray Lampkin stops by the Portland Observer offices on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard with his congratulatory presidential plaque from President George W. Bush in honor of his recent selection to the Oregon Sports Hall of Fame.

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Portland Pilots Celebrate First National Title



University of Portland forward Christine Sinclair connects with the ball during the NCAA Women's College Cup final in Austin, Texas. (AP photo)

(AP)—What a win for Christine Sinclair and her Portland Pilot teammates.

The soccer team is celebrating a 2-1 victory over Santa Clara in the second overtime period of the NCAA Women's College Cup game final Sunday in Austin, Texas.

The win marks the first national sports title for the University of Portland.

Sinclair scored her second goal in sudden-death overtime. Sinclair, a Canadian na-

tional team player, had already tied the game at one-all with a goal in the 61st minute.

Her game-winning score came when she put back a rebound of her own shot.

Sinclair set an NCAA tournament record with 21 points on ten goals and one assist. North Carolina's Mia Hamm set the previous mark of 16 in 1993.

Devvyn Hawkins scored for Santa Clara, which won the 2001 national title.

Ducks, Beavers Headed to Bowl Games

(AP)— Oregon State heads to sunny Phoenix for their postseason, while Oregon will make the short jaunt to Seattle.

Oregon on Sunday accepted an invitation to play Wake Forest in the Seattle Bowl on Dec. 30 while Oregon State will play Pittsburgh in the Insight Bowl in Phoenix on Dec. 26.

Oregon State (8-4, 4-4) will be going to a bowl for the third time in four years. The Beavers tied for fourth place this season in the Pac-10 with UCLA, California and Washington, and had lobbied to go to the Holiday Bowl - which went to

Arizona State. "I think it would have been tough for the Holiday Bowl to invite us since we finished behind Arizona State and they defeated us - I didn't expect to play in that bowl," Oregon State coach Dennis Erickson said. "The Insight Bowl was the next best thing as far as we were concerned."

It will be Oregon's sixth-straight postseason appearance and its 11th bowl invitation in the last 14 years. The Ducks also faced Wake Forest in the 1992 Independence Bowl in Shreveport, La., which the Demon Deacons won 39-35.

Local Boys Headed to Nationals

The Portland Elite United Salad eighth grade boys basketball team won the AAU Super-Regional Tournament last week in Riverside, Calif. The 63-31 victory over the Riverside Tarhills will send the team to the national tournament in Orlando, Fla. in August.

Racks 85-18, the Laguna Hills MVPs 71-39, and the Rancho Cucamonga Bulls 80-55 to get to the championship game.

All of these teams will play again in Portland during the Presidents Day All-American Weekend tournament at Jefferson High School on Feb. 15, 16 and 17.

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