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The Benson High School girls basketball team and Coach Eric Knox celebrate the program's first state championship after dethroning two-time defending champion Southridge, 66-42, Saturday at the state 6A tournament at the University of Portland Chiles Center.

Crowned Champions

Benson girls first in state!

The Benson High School girls basketball team are state champions, a first for the school's female team after they defeated two-time defending champion Southridge, 66-42, on Saturday at the 6A tournament at the University of Portland.

The Techsters dominated Southridge throughout the contest, showing perfect team execution under coach Eric Knox. It marked a reversal from last year, when the Beaverton school defeated Benson, 46-27, in Benson's first trip to the finals in school history.

The tables seemed to turn Saturday, when Benson secured an early lead and kept it the whole game. Senior Ciera

Ellington, the Portland Interscholastic League Player of the Year, led Benson, with 20 points, eight assists, six rebounds, three steals and a blocked shot.

"This means a lot not just to Benson, not just to the PIL, but for young girls that look like us, black and brown girls in Portland, this is for them," Ellington said.

Senior Lyday added 15 points and

eight rebounds for the Techsters, and junior Aujae Yoakum had 13 points and eight rebounds. Benson finished the season with a 26-4 record, with its only in-state loss to Southridge in December.

Also at the UP Chiles Center, the Jefferson boys basketball team reached the 6A final for the second year in a row, but lost to Jesuit 71-66 to finish runner-up.