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OREGON STATE MEN'S BASKETBALL

## Kent State rallies past Beavers, 66-63

By Kyle Odegard  
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CORVALLIS — Jaylin Walker came off the bench in his first game for Kent State this season, and both he and the team played well. So coach Rob Senderoff decided to stick with that rotation.

It worked well again Friday afternoon when Walker scored 26 points with four 3-pointers and grabbed seven rebounds as Kent State held on to beat Oregon State 66-63.

"He plays all the minutes. He just doesn't start the game. If we start out well, that's great, because then he's coming in. If we don't start off well, we have somebody who's a great offensive player coming in to give us a spark," Senderoff said.

Jalen Avery added 16 points with four 3-pointers for the Golden Flashes (9-2).

"To win these types of games, you have to make shots. And I thought we made a bunch of them," Senderoff said. "Jalen Walker — as the game wore on, especially as it got tight — made some huge 3s for us."

Tres Tinkle had 20 points and seven rebounds and Kylor Kelley added 16 points, nine rebounds and five blocks for the Beavers (7-4), who have lost three of their last four.

"I thought we had a real size advantage inside and we weren't able to take advantage of that," Oregon State

coach Wayne Tinkle said.

Kent State outrebounded the Beavers 35-22, and Senderoff said the 12-10 margin on offensive rebounds was the difference in the game.

While Walker showed he could score from long range, driving to the hoop and at the line, his biggest play might have been an offensive board.

Avery missed a floater with 14 seconds left but Walker grabbed the rebound and was fouled. He made both free throws. A Stephen Thompson Jr. 3-pointer just before the buzzer was off for Oregon State.

Kent State shot 40 percent, including 10 for 21 on 3-pointers, while Oregon State shot 44 percent, but only 3 for 17 from long range.

Oregon State led 21-7 early after an Ethan Thompson reverse layup at the 12:51 mark capped a 12-2 run.

Kent State responded with its own 10-0 surge. Moments later, Walker, who comes off the bench, scored 13 points in just more than four minutes.

"Once I make my first one, I'm pretty much going," Walker said.

The senior guard didn't attempt a shot until the 6:19 mark, when he made a layup. He followed that up with a 3-pointer and the Flashes took a 27-26 lead with 5:30 left in the first half.

Kent State closed the half on an 8-0 run and led 42-33 at the break.

## Army routs Houston in Armed Forces Bowl

By Stephen Hawkins  
AP Sports Writer

FORT WORTH, Texas — Army quarterback Kelvin Hopkins Jr. initially ran right before cutting back the other way and eluding a tackler. He sent two other defenders sliding to the ground when he switched directions again and took off toward the end zone.

That nifty 77-yard run was one of his Armed Forces Bowl-record five rushing touchdowns as the No. 22 Black Knights overwhelmed Houston 70-14 on Saturday to reach 11 wins for the first time in program history.

"Just trying to get back to the line of scrimmage," Hopkins said. "There was this huge convoy of guys right there when I was running in. ... I just

felt like people were on me. I thought it was Houston, and I realized it was gray jerseys. It was a really good team win."

The Black Knights (11-2) won their ninth consecutive game since an overtime loss at playoff team Oklahoma exactly three months earlier.

"Great, great finish to a terrific season," coach Jeff Monken said.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

## Sun Devils upset unbeaten No. 1 Kansas

By John Marshall  
AP Basketball Writer

TEMPE, Ariz. — Zylan Cheatham bounded down the hallway inside Wells Fargo Arena, half skipping, half jumping as he high-fived family, friends, anyone he could reach.

"Let's go! Let's go! Let's

gooooo!" the Arizona State forward shouted.

Let it be heard: the Sun Devils have arrived.

Poised down the stretch after trailing most of the night, No. 18 Arizona State pulled off one of the biggest victories in school history by knocking off No. 1 Kansas

80-76 on Saturday.

"This was a huge moment for our basketball program," Arizona State coach Bobby Hurley said.

Arizona State (9-2) had a hard time stopping Kansas preseason All-American Dedric Lawson inside, blew numerous shots at the rim

and had a rough night at the free throw line.

Trailing by up to nine points, the Sun Devils rallied by double-teaming Lawson, digging in on defense and making the biggest plays down the stretch to beat a No. 1 team for the second time as a program.

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## Ducks can't overcome slow start in loss at Baylor

WACO, Texas (AP) — Baylor beat its second Pac-12 opponent in a week, helping erase the disappointment that came between those quality wins.

Makai Mason had 14 points with some key second-half baskets as the Bears beat Oregon 57-47 after holding off a big comeback by the Ducks on Friday — six nights after Baylor's impressive win at Arizona and three nights after losing at home on Stephen F. Austin's game-ending layup.

"Much different feeling after today's game than the last game," coach Scott Drew said. "Basketball and the parity nowadays, and just the different emotions you feel within a week with two great wins, a tough loss."

Oregon (8-4) trailed by as many as 16 points after halftime, but cut its deficit to 47-45 on Payton Pritchard's 3-pointer with 3:32 left. Mason, the first graduate transfer ever to play for Baylor, then hit a jumper and later added a layup and two free throws.

"He did some nice things," Ducks coach Dana Altman said of Mason. "He hit a couple of big 3s that they needed in a timely manner and then got to the rim and shot a layup."

Pritchard finished with 14 points for the Ducks, whose season-best four-game winning streak ended. Will Richardson had 10 points.

Tristan Clark had 13 points and eight rebounds for Baylor (7-4). Mark Vital had 11 points and eight re-

bounds before leaving the game with 6 1/2 minutes left after he fell hard and was helped as he walked gingerly to the locker room.

A jumper by Vital put the Bears up 37-21 with 15 minutes left. Oregon responded with a 13-2 run when Pritchard had two 3s and assisted on two other baskets.

Pritchard hit another 3 in a 7-0 spurt for the Ducks to get within 45-42 before the teams traded turnovers three times in a row.

Baylor jumped out to a 15-3 lead while Oregon missed 14 of its first 15 shots. The Ducks went more than 11 minutes between Pritchard's jumper in the first minute of the game to Kenny Wooten's putback dunk.



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