

# Cavaliers Topple Celtics

By Mike Etzkin

**RICHFIELD** — All you grave diggers step aside.

The Cleveland Cavaliers did not roll over and play dead Tuesday night.

Losing their leading scorer for the play-offs, dropping the first two games of the best-of-seven National Basketball Assn. Eastern Conference title series and trying to fight off the effects of a front office feud, the Cavaliers were left for dead. Instead, Cleveland rose and beat Boston's buzzards, 83-78, before the urging of 21,564 roaring fans.

The fourth game in the series will be here at 9 p.m. Friday. The game will be televised to the eastern United States.

The Cavaliers, who were singing the fourth quarter blues the first two games were swinging to a different tune Tuesday.

In the first game, Boston outscored Cleveland 34-22 in the final frame and won, 111-99. In the second game, the Celtics outscored Cleveland in the last 12 minutes, 26-18, and won, 94-88.

This time Cleveland outscored the Cel-

tics, 25-24, but more importantly the Cavs displayed poise and patience.

Entering the fourth quarter, Cleveland led, 58-54, but two free throws by Paul Silas with 9:56 left in the game tied the contest at 62.

Behind six points by Austin Carr, the Cavs rallied to outscore Boston, 14-4, in the next four minutes. Campy Russell came in for Cleveland to give 34-year-old Nate Thurmond a rest and the Celtics started to surge back, cutting Cleveland's lead to four, 76-72, before Thurmond came back in the relieve Bingo Smith with 3:48 left.

With Thurmond diving for loose balls, intercepting passes, blocking shots and holding Dave Cowens scoreless the rest of the way, the Cavaliers held on to win.

Carr explained the importance of the game. "We had to be ready, we had to win. We know what it means to go to Boston with the series tied. It would take the home court advantage away from Boston."

The team's leading scorer, Jim

Chones, clad in a sporty tan suit accented with a white cast halfway up his right foot, said the difference in this game from the first two was that it takes Cleveland awhile to get adjusted. "Even after two losses, we know we can beat these guys four times."

Cleveland Coach Bill Fitch thought this was the best defensive game of the play-offs for the Cavs, but said fans shouldn't overlook the contribution the offense made, despite scoring only 83 points.

"Our offense helped our defense. We didn't turn the ball over in screwy situations," he added.

Cleveland only turned the ball over seven times Tuesday and Boston managed only four points off Cleveland turnovers. In the previous two games, Cleveland turned the ball over 41 times and the Celts converted those into 34 points.

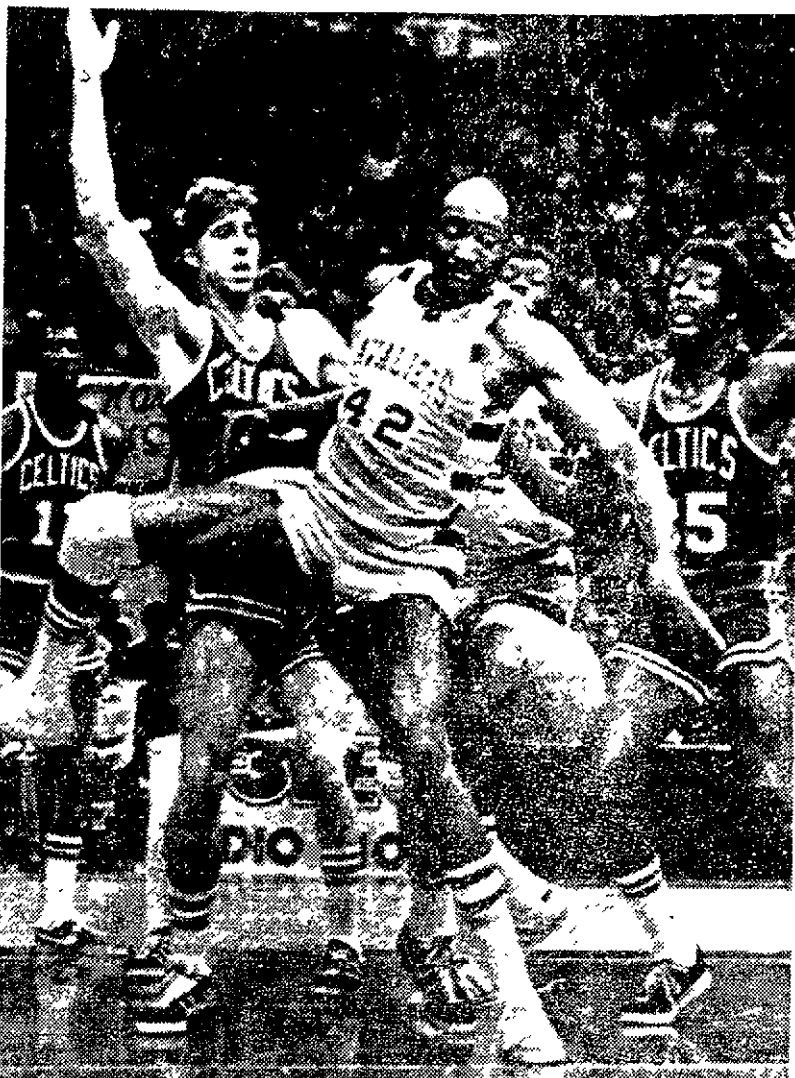
In the other locker room, Boston Coach Tom Heinsohn was disgusted. "We played defense all right. They only scored 83 points. It was our offense that stunk. We never made them play defense. We would come down and throw up one shot and that was it."

That wasn't quite it, as the Celtics dominated their offensive boards, clearing 23 offensive rebounds. Boston got quite a few second shots, but the Celtics weren't hitting, finishing with a 34 per cent shooting night from the floor. Cleveland wasn't much better, ending the evening with 38 per cent.

The entire game was played in streaks. It opened with the Cavaliers cranking out a 12-2 lead, only to see Boston come back to tie the contest, 12-12. In the second quarter Cleveland spurred out to a 39-30 lead, which was cut to 43-38 at halftime.

Then, in the third quarter, Cleveland built its lead to 47-38, only to have the Celtics cut it back to 51-50 with four minutes to go in the third stanza.

Jo Jo White of Boston led all scorers with 22 points and teammates Paul Silas and Cowens hauled down 21 and 20 rebounds, respectively. Jim Clemons led Cleveland with 18 points on an eight-of-14 performance from the floor and Jim Brewer brought down 15 rebounds.



**UNDER CONTROL** — Nate Thurmond (42) of the Cleveland Cavaliers has a problem controlling the ball and warding off Boston's Dave Cowens all at the same time Tuesday at the Richfield Coliseum. Cleveland beat the Celtics, 83-78.

## Bell Misses Stop Sign, Scores Decisive Run

By Hank Kozloski  
News Journal Staff Writer

**CLEVELAND** — You could call it the one time Buddy Bell got away with a violation of traffic signals that stopped the Cleveland Indians' losing streak at three games and extended the Boston Red Sox' to 10.

Bell went through third base coach Dave Garcia's "stop" sign and scored the key run that gave the Indians a 4-3 victory before 3,832 "non-basketball fans" at Lakefront Stadium last night.

It off-set a pair of three-run homers, the first by Boston's Carlton Fisk (No. 4) off Tribe starter and winner Pat Dobson (3-3) in the first inning, and the game-winner by Indians Catcher Alan Ashby (No. 2) off Sox starter and loser Ferguson Jenkins (1-5) in the seventh inning.

A mighty relief job in the ninth inning by Stan Thomas, after Dobson gave up his only walk to Fred Lynn leading off, ended the game in 1:59 hours, earning Thomas his first save with the Tribe and allowing his teammates to witness the Cavaliers' 83-78 win over the Celtics on the clubhouse TV.

Hardly anyone realized it at the time when Bell walked with two out in the Indians' half of the first inning and scored from first base on the first of two doubles by Rico Cartwright that would prove such a valuable rule infraction.

Bell wasn't even fined in the post-game (after victories only) Kangaroo Court.

"I tried to stop him," Garcia said, "because we were down by three runs. That would have given us runners on second and third with John Lowenstein coming to bat."

What helped was their shortstop, Rick Burleson, who was the relay man on Cartwright's double, must have a bad arm. At least before the game they didn't give us his name until just before the game started, so we figured he must be hurting. His throw was weak and off target. Normally, he throws very good."

Bell said he saw Garcia's arms up in a stop signal, but added "when I was halfway between second and third, I saw they hadn't gotten the ball yet, so I made up my mind right away I was going home."

Thomas was summoned from the bullpen with a one-ball count on Fisk who got a single, giving him two of Boston's five hits and putting runners on first and second with no one out.

He got Carl Yastrzemski on a fly ball, however, then struck out Jim Rice and Dwight Evans to make it a big night for the Indians as well as the Cavs.

## Baseball

United Press International  
NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Philadelphia	16	7	69%	—
New York	11	12	48%	5 1/2
Pittsburgh	15	10	60%	2
St. Louis	12	16	43%	6 1/2
Chicago	12	16	43%	6 1/2
Montreal	9	16	36%	8

WEST DIVISION				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Cincinnati	16	10	61%	—
Los Angeles	17	11	61%	—
Houston	15	14	52%	2 1/2
San Diego	13	14	48%	3 1/2
San Francisco	9	18	33%	7 1/2
Atlanta	9	18	33%	7 1/2

**Tuesday Results**

Chicago 4, San Francisco 0  
Atlanta 8, New York 7  
Philadelphia 5, San Diego 1  
Cincinnati 6, Pittsburgh 0  
Los Angeles 4, St. Louis 0  
Houston 5, Montreal 3

**Wednesday Games (All Times EDT)**

Los Angeles (Rhoden 2-0) at St. Louis (Forsch 0-1), 1:30 p.m.  
San Francisco (Barr 1-2) at Chicago (R. Reuschel 1-3), 2:30 p.m.  
San Diego (Jones 5-2) at Philadelphia (Kaet 2-1), 7:35 p.m.  
New York (Swan 2-1) or Koosman 3-1) at Atlanta (Messersmith 0-3), 7:35 p.m.  
Pittsburgh (Rooker 3-1) at Cincinnati (Gullett 2-1), 8:05 p.m.  
Montreal (Fryman 3-2) at Houston (Richard 5-1), 8:35 p.m.

**Thursday Games**

San Francisco at Chicago (Only Game Scheduled)

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
New York	16	7	69%	—
Milwaukee	11	9	55%	3
Detroit	11	9	55%	3
Cleveland	11	12	48%	4 1/2
Baltimore	8	12	40%	6 1/2
Chicago	6	15	29%	8 1/2

WEST DIVISION				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Texas	16	7	69%	—
Kansas City	12	9	57%	4
Oakland	14	13	52%	4
Minnesota	11	11	50%	4 1/2
Chicago 2	8	12	40%	6 1/2
California	10	18	35%	8 1/2

**Tuesday Results**

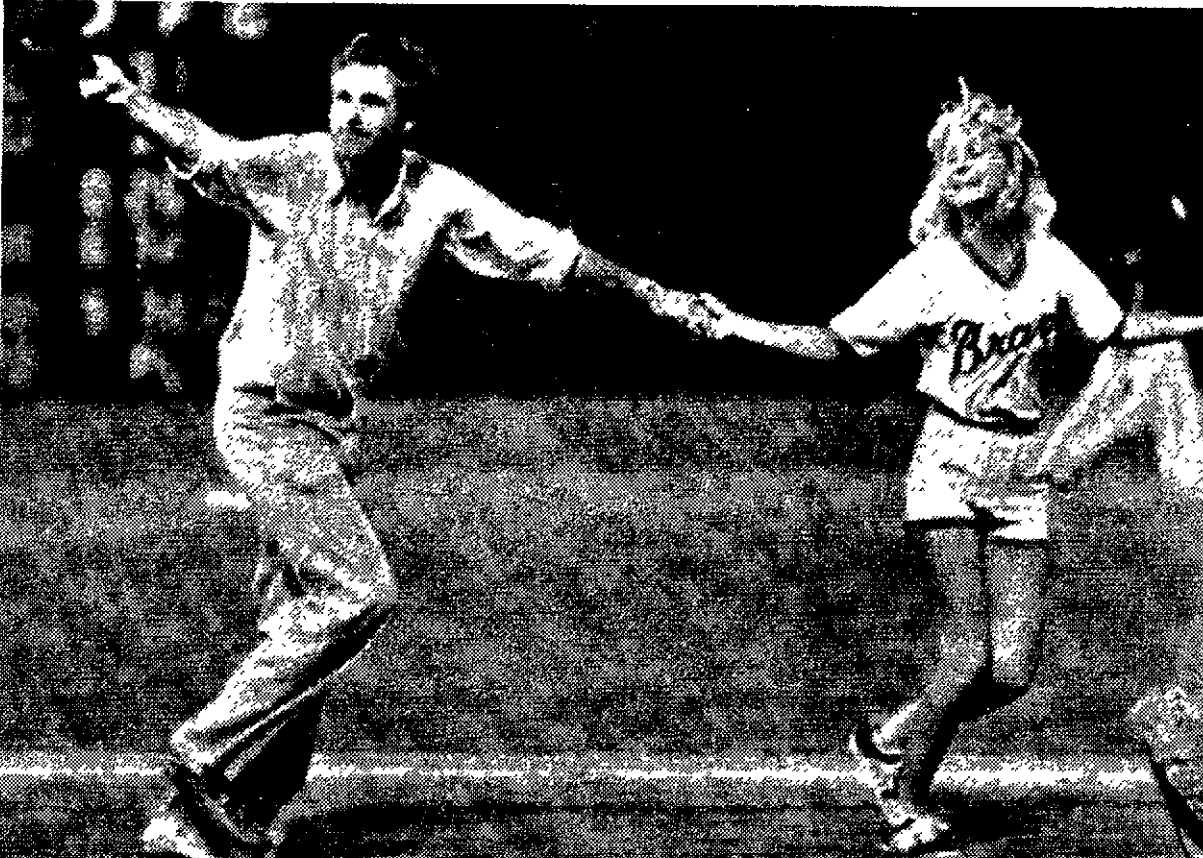
Cleveland 4, Boston 3  
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Baltimore 5, Milwaukee 2  
Kansas City 6, Minnesota 3  
Texas 6, Chicago 5  
Oakland 6, California 4

**Wednesday Games (All Times EDT)**

Boston (Wise 1-2) or Liant 3-2) at Cleveland (Brown 2-1), 7:30 p.m.  
Detroit (Bare 2-1) at New York (May 2-0), 8 p.m.  
Minnesota (Decker 2-2) at Kansas City (Busby 1-1), 8:30 p.m.  
Baltimore (Holtzman 2-2) at Milwaukee (Slaton 4-1), 8:30 p.m.  
Chicago (Singer 2-0) at California (Kirkwood 0-2), 10:30 p.m.  
(Only games scheduled)

**Thursday Games**

Baltimore at Milwaukee  
Boston at Cleveland, night  
Detroit at New York, night  
Chicago at Kansas City, night  
Texas at California, night  
(Only games scheduled)



**MERRY CELEBRATION** — Ted Turner, the new owner of the Atlanta Braves, dances with a team ball girl after the Braves broke a 13-game losing streak with an 8-7 triumph over the New York Mets Tuesday in Atlanta. (UPI Photo)

## Nolan Baffles Pittsburgh

**CINCINNATI (UPI)** — Cincinnati Reds Catcher Bill Plummer calls Pitcher Gary Nolan a magician.

"We could hear 'em cussin' from our dugout," said Reds manager Sparky Anderson. "Nolan DOES know how to pitch."

"They were all teed off and I can't blame 'em," said Plummer. "because Gary can embarrass a hitter the way he mixed up his pitches. He got a couple of his strikeouts on pitches I caught on one hop."

The names the Pittsburgh batters were calling Nolan while he was blanking the Pirates, 6-0, Tuesday night in the opener of a two-game series at Riverfront Stadium can't be printed in a family newspaper.

## Braves Break Streak

By Alex Sachare, AP Sports Writer

How long is a 13-game losing streak?

"About two heart attacks and several sleepless nights," says Dave Bristol, manager of the Atlanta Braves.

Bristol finally was able to get a good night's sleep Tuesday after his Braves posted an 8-7 decision over the New York Mets, ending the longest losing streak in major league baseball this season.

But it didn't come easy. The Braves blew a 7-5 lead in the late innings and had to come back to win on Rowland Office's RBI single with two out in the ninth.

"No human being knows the joy that goes on inside you after breaking a streak like that," Bristol said. "It's a big burden off 30 guys."

In other National League games, the Chicago Cubs beat the San Francisco Giants, 4-0; the Philadelphia Phillies whipped the San Diego Padres, 9-1; the Cincinnati Reds shut out the Pittsburgh Pirates, 6-0; the Los Angeles Dodgers blanked the St. Louis Cardinals, 4-0, and the Houston Astros beat the Montreal Expos, 5-3.

After Office drove home Marty Perez with his ninth-inning single, the Atlanta dugout emptied and the young outfielder was mobbed coming off first base.

"I looked up and thought we had won the World Series," he said.

## Ashland High Arrows Oust Tygers, 10 to 1

**GALION** — Keith Imhoff continued his fine pitching yesterday as he guided Ashland to a 10-1 victory over Mansfield yesterday in the Class AAA baseball sectional here.

Imhoff (7-2) worked the full seven innings for the Arrows, struck out 11 and allowed only four hits. He also was three-for-four at the plate with a home run and two runs batted in.

Ashland wasted no time in putting the Tygers (9-16-1) behind as the Arrow shot out to a 3-0 lead at the end of the first inning. They scored four more in the fifth and three in the sixth.

Mansfield's lone run came in the fifth on a sacrifice fly by Jeff Gassaway. Ray Johnson and Mike Woogerd each singled to open the inning. Mike Brumm forced Woogerd at second, Johnson moving to third. Gassaway's fly followed.

Ashland's first inning outburst was triggered by a single by Imhoff after two outs. He went to third on an outfield error and Rick Shay was hit by a pitched ball. Imhoff scored on a throwing error.

Shay stole third after a walk to Denbow. Mike Phillip reached on another

**HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL**  
At Wooster

Malabar	Wooster
Duke ss.....	Lienovch 2b.....
McGinty rf.....	Davenport ss.....
Bloor lf.....	Wende cf.....
Scodova lb.....	Libby lb.....
Wentz cf.....	Libby lb.....
Jasenak c.....	Davis 3b.....
Wells lf.....	Wires lf.....
Mackey 2b.....	Sanderson p.....
Wareham 3b.....	Cicconetti rf.....
Hollingsworth 3b.....	
Totals.....	Totals.....
Malabar.....	112
Wooster.....	201
—Hollingsworth, Davenport, HR—Jones, pitching	
Wareham (L, 8-2)	6
Sanderson (W)	7
	8
	5
	3
	1
	11

**INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE**  
United Press International

**Tuesday Results**

Mansfield 12, Tiedwater 10  
Richmond 9, Charleston 5  
Syracuse 10-2, Toledo 8-1  
Rhode Island at Rochester, 2, rain



**HURDLES WINNER** — Kelley Dent of Plymouth concentrates on the next hurdle on the way to winning the 80-yard low hurdles event Tuesday at Lexington. Dent also won the high jump at the Johnny Applesseed Conference track and field meet. The boys and girls combined to run both their league meets at the same time. It was the first year for the girls. The story and another picture is on page 24 (Photo by Jeff Sprang)