

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.

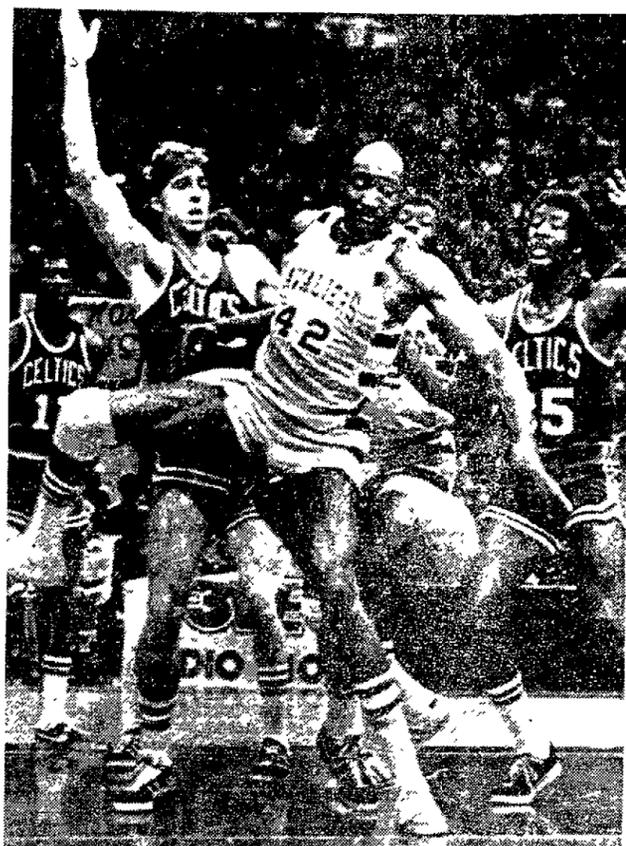
In the other locker room, Boston Coach Tom Heinsohn was disgusted. "We played defense all right. They only scored 83 points. It was our offense that stunk. We never made them play defense. We would come down and throw up one shot and that was it."

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.

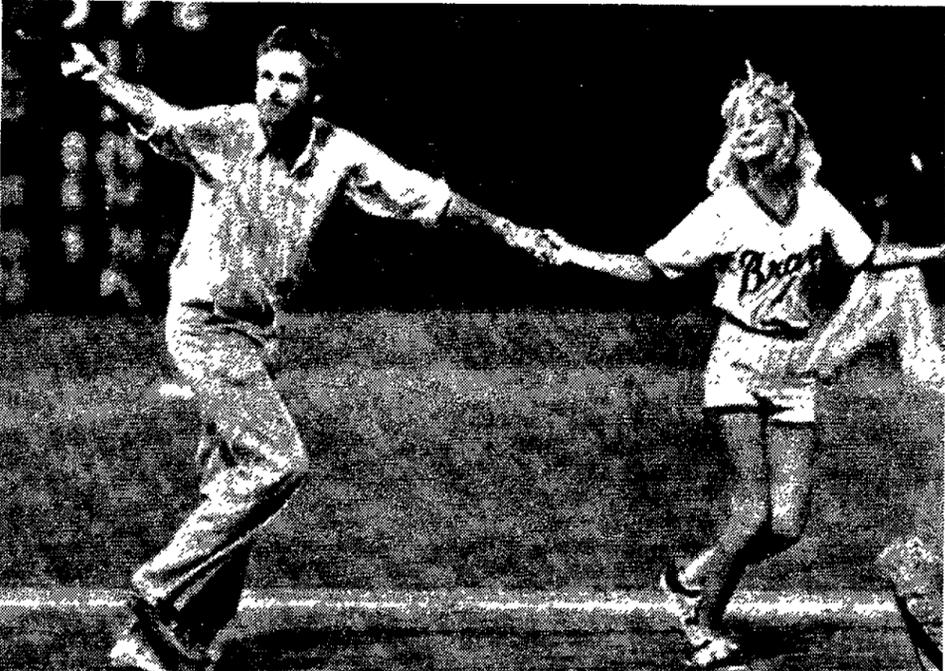
The entire game was played in streaks. It opened with the Cavaliers cranking out a 12-2 lead, only to see Boston come back to tie the contest, 12-12. In the second quarter Cleveland spurred out to a 39-30 lead, which was cut to 43-38 at halftime.

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. Photo: AP



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)

Baseball

United Press International NATIONAL LEAGUE EAST DIVISION

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Philadelphia	16	7	.696	—
New York	11	12	.479	5 1/2
Pittsburgh	15	10	.600	2
St. Louis	12	16	.429	6 1/2
Chicago	12	16	.429	6 1/2
Montreal	9	16	.360	8

WEST DIVISION

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cincinnati	16	10	.615	—
Los Angeles	17	11	.607	—
Houston	15	14	.517	2 1/2
San Diego	13	14	.481	3 1/2
San Francisco	9	18	.333	7 1/2
Atlanta	9	18	.333	7 1/2

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

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

Thursday Games
San Francisco at Chicago (Only Game Scheduled)

AMERICAN LEAGUE EAST DIVISION

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	16	7	.696	—
Milwaukee	11	9	.550	3
Detroit	11	9	.550	3
Cleveland	11	12	.478	4 1/2
Baltimore	8	12	.400	5 1/2
Boston	6	15	.286	8 1/2

WEST DIVISION

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	16	7	.696	—
Kansas City	12	9	.571	4
Oakland	14	13	.519	4
Minnesota	11	11	.500	4 1/2
Chicago	8	12	.400	5 1/2
California	10	18	.357	8 1/2

Tuesday Results
Cleveland 4, Boston 3
Detroit 4, New York 3
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 Tiant 3-2) at Cleveland (Brown 2-1), 7:30 pm
Detroit (Bare 2-1) at New York (May 2-0), 8 pm
Minnesota (Decker 2-2) at Kansas City (Busby 1-1), 8:30 pm
Baltimore (Holtzman 2-2) at Milwaukee (Slaton 4-1), 8:30 pm
Chicago (Singer 2-0) at California (Kirkwood 0-2), 10:30 pm (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)

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 Carty that it 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 Carty'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."

to cut Boston's lead in the best-of-seven Eastern Conference play-offs to 2-1. Behind Thurmond is Cleveland's Jim Brewer. Coming up for the Celtics are Charlie Scott (11) and Paul Silas (35) (AP Photo)

The Red Sox, meanwhile, have not won since April 23, and their 10-game losing streak is the club's longest since 1960. The defending American League champs are now nine games below .500, the lowest since 1972 when they lost the pennant to Detroit by one-half game.

Tribe Manager Frank Robinson called Dobson's eight-inning performance "outstanding. He should have been out of the first inning if second baseman Duane Kuiper's not cheating for a double play."

After Denny Doyle was safe when Kuiper booted his easy grounder Fred Lynn ran his hitting streak to 16 games with a single to right, with Kuiper shading toward second base looking for a double play.

Fisk then lined his homer into the left field seats, giving Boston a quick 3-0 lead.

"I never got real loose the whole game," declared Dobson. "It was so cold and with the wind blowing, I didn't have one spot of sweat on my shirt. It affects everything. I even tried working faster to get warm."

Carty barely beat left fielder Jim Rice's throw to second, but said afterward, "When I hit the ball, I made up my mind to go for two. We needed some runs."

"I hurt my back on the first double when I hit a soft spot rounding first base. Then after the second hit, I should have gone to third when Lowenstein hit a ground ball to first base, but my back was hurting, so I held up. It turned out okay, though."

That's because George Hendrick reached first when Burleson went deep into the hole for his grounder and could only make a play at second, hoping to trap Carty. Ashby then followed with his homer into the right field seats.

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.

Nolan Baffles Pittsburgh

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

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.

"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 victims were Dave Parker and Richie Hebner, who each struck out twice to account for four of Nolan's five strikeouts. The veteran righthander didn't walk a batter while extending his string of scoreless innings to 18 and notching his third victory in four decisions.

Cincinnati First Baseman Tony Perez gave Nolan all the hitting support he needed by driving home four runs with a bases-loaded single in the first inning and a homer in the seventh.

"Tony didn't surprise me," said Anderson. "I don't think I've ever seen a guy hit a ball any better than he did in batting practice. Just about every ball that went off his bat landed in the green seats."

The two hits gave Perez nine, three of them homers, in his last 17 at-bats. And over the span he has driven home 10 runs.

"Perez' bat warms up with the weather," said Anderson. "I think you'll find it's that way with most Latin ballplayers. When they live practically all their life in hot weather, you can't expect 'em to perform at their best when it's cold."

Malabar Falls To Wooster

WOOSTER — Mansfield Malabar fell two games behind Cardinal Conference-leading Ashland and into fourth place yesterday, losing to Wooster, 7-5, here yesterday in high school baseball.

The Falcons (5-5 and 14-11) fell behind, 6-1, after four innings and failed to gain on the Generals.

Making a last-ditch effort in the seventh inning with a pair of runs, the Falcons scored on a single by Dave Wareham, an error, a sacrifice fly by Bruce Scodova and a single by Bill Bloor.

Wareham, after eight straight victories, was tagged with his second loss. Only three of Wooster's seven runs were earned as Malabar committed four errors.

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL
At Wooster

Team	ab	r	h	bi	ab	r	h	bi	
Duke ss	3	0	1	0	Lienovch 2b	2	1	0	0
McGinty rf	3	0	0	1	Davenport ss	4	2	3	1
Scodova lb	2	1	1	0	Wende cf	4	0	0	1
Bloor lf	3	0	0	0	Wentz cf	4	2	1	1
Wareham cf	3	1	1	0	Libby lb	3	0	0	0
Jasenak c	4	1	1	0	Davis 3b	3	1	0	0
Wells lf	3	0	0	0	Wires lf	3	0	0	0
Mackey 2b	2	0	2	1	Sanderson p	3	0	1	0
Wareham 3b	3	1	1	0	Cicconetti rf	3	0	1	0
Hollingsworth 3b	3	1	0	0					
Totals	29	5	8	5	Totals	29	7	7	3
Malabar	00	00	11	2	5	8	4		
Wooster	112	20	1	7	3				

—Hollingsworth, Davenport, HR—Jones, pitching
Wareham (L, 8-2) 10 7 7 3 2 0
Sanderson (W) 7 8 5 3 1 11

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE
United Press International
Tuesday Results

Mexico 12, Tidewater	10	7	3	2
Richmond 9, Charleston 5	10	7	3	2
Syracuse 10-2, Toledo 8-1	10	7	3	2
Rhode Island at Rochester, 2, rain				

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 Senior 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

bobble, Shay scoring and Denbow moving to third. Phillip was picked off first and Denbow scored during the rundown.

A walk and five singles produced the four Ashland runs in the fifth. Three singles, an error and Imhoff's two-run homer completed the Ashland scoring in the sixth.

The Arrows, now 23-10, on the year, will be playing in the district tourney beginning next week at Wynford

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL
CLASS AAA SECTIONAL
At Gallon

Team	ab	r	h	bi	ab	r	h	bi	
Harpster 2b	2	0	0	0	Johnson cf	3	1	1	0
Heath 2b	1	0	0	0	Woogerd p-rf	3	0	2	0
Rickel lb	4	1	1	1	Brumm lf	4	0	0	1
Imhoff p	3	3	3	2	Gassaway c	3	0	0	1
Shay cf	3	2	0	0	Gibson 3b-p	2	0	0	0
Brownfield lf	3	0	0	0	Sivens lb	3	0	0	0
Denbow dh	2	1	1	1	Henz 2b	2	0	0	0
M Phillip ss	1	0	0	1	Baldridge rf	1	0	0	0
Wess ss	1	0	0	0	Lookenott ss	1	0	0	0
O Phillip c	4	0	2	0	Fry ss	2	0	0	0
Walker rf	2	0	0	0	Armstrong 3b	1	0	0	0
Rellen rf	2	0	0	0					
Bowie 3b	3	2	0	0	Totals	25	1	4	1
Totals	29	10	7	7	Ashland	300	10	10	3
Mansfield	010	010	00	1	36				

SB — Shay 2, Denbow, D. Phillip
Pitching
Woogerd (L, 4-4) 6 10 10 5 5 4
Imhoff (W) 7 8 5 3 1 11
HBP — Woogerd (Shay).

Pro Hockey

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE
The Associated Press
Best-of-Seven Semifinals
Tuesday Result

Montreal 2, Philadelphia 1, Montreal leads series 2-0

Thursday Game
Montreal at Philadelphia

WORLD HOCKEY ASSN.
The Associated Press
Best-of-Seven Semifinals
Tuesday Result

Houston 4, New England 3, series tied 2-2

Thursday Game
New England at Houston



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 Appleseed 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)