

Boston Wins NBA Championship



Boston Celtics forward Jayson Tatum hold, center, up the Larry O'Brien Championship Trophy as he celebrates with the team after they won the NBA basketball championship with a Game 5 victory over the Dallas Mavericks, Monday, June 17, 2024, in Boston. (AP/Photo/Charles Krupa)

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since Bill Russell in 1969 to lead a team to a championship.

"You have very few chances in life to be great," Mazzulla said.

Luka Doncic finished with 28 points and 12 rebounds for Dallas, which failed to extend the series after avoiding a sweep with a 38-point win in Game 4. The Mavericks had been 3-0 in Game 5s this postseason, with Doncic scoring at least 31 points in each of them. He said the chest, right knee and left ankle injuries he played through during the finals weren't an excuse for Dallas struggling throughout the series.

"It doesn't matter if I was hurt, how much was I hurt. I was out there," he said. "I tried to play, but I didn't do enough."

Kyrie Irving finished with just 15 points on 5-of-16 shooting and has lost 13 of the last 14 meetings against the Celtics team he left in the summer of 2019 to join the Brooklyn Nets.

Irving thinks better things are ahead for the Mavs.

"I see an opportunity for us to really build our future in a positive manner, where this is almost like a regular thing for us and we're competing for championships," he said.

NBA teams are now 0-157 in postseason series after falling into a 3-0 deficit.

Mavs coach Jason Kidd believes Doncic and his team will grow from this NBA Finals experience.

"I think the first step is just to be in it. I think that's a big thing," he said. "Yes, we lost 4-1, but I thought the group fought against the Celtics and just, unfortunately, we just couldn't make shots when we had to, or we turned the ball over and they took full advantage of that."

Boston never trailed and led by as many as 26, feeding off the energy of the Garden crowd.

Dallas was within 16-15 early before the Celtics closed the first quarter on a 12-3 run that included eight combined points by Tatum and Brown.

The Celtics did it again in the second quarter when the Mavericks trimmed what had been a 15-point deficit to nine. Boston ended the period with a 19-7 spurt that was capped by a half-court buzzer beater by Payton Pritchard – his second such shot of the series – to give Boston a 67-46 half-time lead.

Over the last two minutes of the first and second quarters, the Celtics outscored the Mavericks 22-4.

The Celtics never looked back. Russell's widow, Jeannine Russell, and his daughter Karen Russell were in TD Garden to salute the newest generation of Celtics champions.

They watched current Celtics stars Tatum and Brown earn their first rings. It was the trade that sent 2008 champions Kevin Garnett and Paul Pierce to Brooklyn in 2013 that netted Boston the draft picks it eventually used to select Brown and Tatum third overall in back-to-back drafts in 2016 and 2017.

The All-Stars came into their own this season, leading a Celtics team that was built around taking and making a high number of 3-pointers, and a defense that rated as the league's best during the regular season.

The duo made it to at least the Eastern Conference finals as teammates four previous times.

They finally reached the finish line in their fifth deep play-off run together.

After both struggling at times offensively in the series, Tatum and Brown hit a groove in Game 5, combining for 31 points and 11 assists in the first half.

It helped bring out all the attributes that made Boston the NBA's most formidable team this postseason – spreading teams out, sharing the ball, and causing havoc on defense. And even chipping a tooth, like Derrick White did after he was landed on by Dereck Lively II.

"I'll lose all my teeth for a championship," White said.

And it put a championship bow on a dizzying stretch for the Celtics, that saw them lose in the finals to the Golden State Warriors in 2022 and then fail to return last season after a Game 7 home loss to the Miami Heat in the conference finals.

Tatum vowed that night to erase the sting of those disappointments. Standing in a sea of confetti Monday night he was reminded by his 6-year-old son, Deuce, of what he'd accomplished.

"He told me that I was the best in the world," Tatum said. "I said, 'You're damn right I am.'"

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PORTLAND CITY COUNCIL, DIST. 2

Tiffani Penson to Kick Off Her Campaign for Portland City Council, District 2

Host Committee Includes Former State Senators Margaret Carter and Avel Gordly



Portland, OR – Tiffani Penson will kick off her campaign for Portland City Council District 2 (North/Northeast Portland) next Wednesday, June 26. Event details are:

What: Tiffani Penson Campaign Kickoff

When: Wednesday, June 26, 5:30 – 7:00 PM

Where: Mildred Hall, 5138 NE 23rd Ave.

Who: Tiffani Penson, co-hosts and supporters

Host Committee: Earline Penson Bagley, Senator Margaret Carter, Senator Avel Gordly, PCC Board Director Dan Saltzman, PCC Board Director Kien Truong, Faye Burch, Kira Cador, Kellie Courtney, Kelly Cress, Antoinette Edwards, Keith Edwards, Marcus Mundy, Serena Stoudamire Wesley

Tiffani is focused on forging stronger, more inclusive communities, which she does as an elected Portland Community College Board Director and in her role as the City's People + Culture Manager. Her track record of implementing meaningful change across Portland's complex, city-wide bureau system is unmatched. Tiffani champions Portland's Core Values of transparency, fiscal responsibility, and access to opportunity, steering pivotal programs that open doors for all. From her ground-breaking efforts supporting minority, women, veteran, and emerging small businesses to leading youth employment engagement initiatives, the impacts resonate city-wide across all bureaus and communities.

Tiffani has plans to make Portland safe and livable, to house our neighbors, to strengthen our economy and ensure a skilled workforce, and to craft a City budget that is accessible and accountable.

Community members planning to attend the campaign kickoff should email info@TiffaniforPDX.com to confirm attendance. Visit www.TiffaniforPDX.com to learn more about Tiffani.

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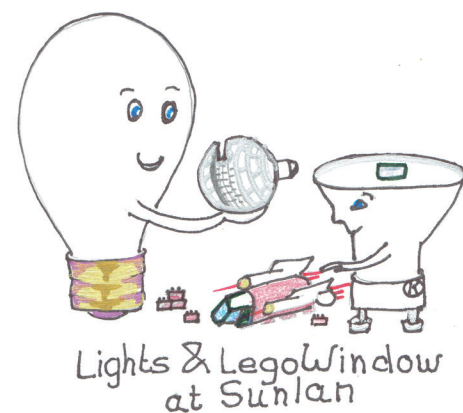
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