

NBA Playoffs

# Bucks overwhelm Celtics for 116-92 victory in Game 3

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MILWAUKEE — Length and athleticism make the Milwaukee Bucks a dangerous team with the ball.

When they defend the way they did on Friday night against the Boston Celtics, they're nearly unstoppable.

Khris Middleton scored 23 points, Giannis Antetokounmpo added 19 and the Bucks used a dominating first half to overwhelm the Celtics 116-92, narrowing their deficit in the first-round playoff series to 2-1.

Eric Bledsoe and Jabari Parker each added 17 for the energized Bucks, who held the Celtics without a field goal for nearly an 11-minute stretch of the first half.

Milwaukee found its defense after a disheartening 14-point loss in Game 2, getting contributions from up and down the roster.

"We realized how important this game was ... Everybody that played came in ready to go," Antetokounmpo said.

Backup center Thon Maker scored 14 points and had five of the Bucks' 12 blocks. Pesky guard Matthew Dellavedova, a veteran of a championship run with the Cleveland Cavaliers, helped hold young Celtics point guard Terry Rozier to nine points on 2-of-7 shooting.

The Bucks were the aggressors all night long.

"The activity, if you take the stat sheet out of it, the activity and the energy that we brought ... as you go through the game, that's what you need, is the energy first," coach Joe Prunty said.

Al Horford scored 16 for the Celtics, who fell behind by 23 at halftime and got no closer than 76-62 with 3:06 left in the third quarter on Jayson Tatum's 3-pointer.

The game was so well in hand that the Bucks closed out the victory with Antetokounmpo on the bench for much of the fourth quarter with five fouls. Middleton had eight points in the fourth.

Game 4 is Sunday in Milwaukee. The Celtics will need to get off to a much better start if they want to avoid going home with a 2-2 series tie.

"We got into a hole. This is new for our group," Horford said. "They had it going ... and we really didn't have an answer for them tonight."

Milwaukee hustled for loose balls and stayed active around the paint, using its



AP Photo/Morry Gash

Milwaukee Bucks' Giannis Antetokounmpo tries to drive past Boston Celtics' Al Horford during the first half of Game 3 of an NBA basketball first-round playoff series Friday in Milwaukee.



AP Photo/Darron Cummings

Indiana Pacers' Bojan Bogdanovic shoots over Cleveland Cavaliers' Kyle Korver during the first half of Game 3 of a first-round NBA basketball playoff series Friday in Indianapolis.

length to get deflections and disrupt Boston in the lane.

The 7-foot-1 Maker, in particular, provided a huge boost to help Milwaukee counter what had been a decisive edge off the bench for the Celtics. Maker got extended minutes only because starting center John Henson missed the game with a sore back.

Nearly everything else went Milwaukee's way, too.

Parker, who voiced displeasure this week after playing just 24 minutes over the first two games, was 7 of 12 from the field and

played 30 minutes. Bledsoe, outplayed by Rozier in the first two games, shot 8 of 13.

"Obviously, it was all in the first half," Celtics coach Brad Stevens said about his team's downfall. "They were in such a rhythm offensively."

UP NEXT

Game 4 is Sunday afternoon at the Bradley Center.

INDIANA 92, CLEVELAND 90

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Bojan Bogdanovic scored 30 points, leading the Indiana

Pacers back from a 17-point halftime deficit for a 92-90 victory over the Cleveland Cavaliers on Friday night for a 2-1 lead in their first-round series.

Cleveland was 39-0 during the regular season when leading after three quarters and kept that perfect mark intact with a Game 2 win.

The incredible second-half charge came exactly one year after Indiana blew a 26-point halftime lead in a historic playoff collapse against the Cavs.

This time, the Pacers delivered a devastating blow to the three-time defending Eastern Conference champs — on a night LeBron Jones joined Michael Jordan as the only players in playoff history to record 100 double-doubles. James finished with 28 points and 12 rebounds, but it wasn't enough to prevent Cleveland from losing its first game this season after leading following the third quarter.

UP NEXT

Game 4 is Sunday at Indianapolis.

WASHINGTON 122, TORONTO 103

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bradley Beal heeded his coach's plea to "do his job" by scoring 21 of his 28 points in the first half, his All-Star backcourt running mate John Wall delivered 28 points and 14 assists, and the Washington Wizards beat the Toronto Raptors 122-103 Friday night in an occasionally heated game to cut their Eastern Conference first-round playoff series deficit to 2-1.

After letting the Raptors grab the first 2-0 series lead in franchise history, the Wizards came home and checked off every box coach Scott Brooks presented. They got Beal more involved after he made only three shots in Game 2; they actually led after the first quarter, 30-29; they played with enough defensive focus to get produce 19 turnovers by Toronto, leading to 28 points for Washington.

Add it all up, and it was a rare recent victory for Washington, which had lost seven of eight games dating to the regular season.

DeMar DeRozan led Toronto with 23 points on 10-for-22 shooting one game after scoring 37, and Kyle Lowry had 19 points and eight assists.

NHL Playoffs

# Jets advance to second round with 5-0 win over Wild

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WINNIPEG, Manitoba — Minnesota Wild forward Eric Staal got right to the point.

"It couldn't have gone any worse at the start for us, and it couldn't have gone any better for them," Staal said. "They got the momentum and ran with it, especially early."

Jacob Trouba, Bryan Little, Brandon Tanev and Joel Armia scored in the first 11:59 to chase Minnesota goalie Devan Dubynk and the Winnipeg Jets beat the Wild 5-0 on Friday night to win a playoff series for the first time in franchise history.

Winnipeg will face the winner of the Nashville-Colorado series in the second round. Colorado beat Nashville 2-1 later Friday night to force Game 6.

Connor Hellebuyck made 30 saves for his second shutout of the series, and Mark Scheifele added a goal in the third to help the Jets finish off the Wild in five games.

"I guess I did my job, right?" Hellebuyck said with a chuckle. "I didn't let any in. ... I thought the team was great in front of me. The guys' details are fantastic. Any time you can get that many (goals) in the first period, that kind of sinks the other team, especially deep in a series like this. They definitely got this one early."

The 30-year-old Little joined the Jets franchise in 2007-08 when it was based in Atlanta.

"Playing in Atlanta, I wasn't sure I'd ever get to experience playing on a team like this and playing in a city like this, where hockey is loved this much," said Little, who tipped in a goal. "I just feel lucky to be a part of it."

The white-clad crowd of 15,321 at Bell MTS Place stood and began cheering and waving white towels with just over two minutes remaining. A similar-size crowd was outside watching on giant screens at a "whiteout" street party.

"It's a tough building. They're a dangerous team. They get a quick one, and the building gets into it," Dubynk said. "A couple deflections, and you can see that's how a game can kind of run away from you."

Winnipeg's previous post-season appearance was a sweep by Anaheim in 2015. The franchise moved from Atlanta in 2011. The Thrashers started in 1999-2000, with their only playoff series ending in four straight losses to the New York Rangers in 2007. The series came 31 years after the original Jets last won a series before the team moved to Arizona.

The Jets attacked the Wild quickly, scoring four goals on their first 10 shots.

Trouba scored 31 seconds in, and Little, Tanev and Armia followed quickly.

"Ultimately, the game was lost in the first period," Wild coach Bruce Boudreau said. "You have two periods of hockey left and stranger things have happened. For us it was more about trying to right the ship and get to our game. I think for stretches there we did a bit. We just couldn't get it one to go in to get things sparked."

Alex Stalock stopped 15 of the 16 shots in relief of Dubynk.

Scheifele scored his fourth goal of the series 32 seconds into the third

with a one-timer on the power play.

PHILADELPHIA 4, PITTSBURGH 2

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Sean Couturier's long shot from the point got past Matt Murray with 1:17 left and the Philadelphia Flyers beat the Pittsburgh Penguins 4-2 on Friday night to force sixth game in the first-round series.

The Flyers cut the Penguins' series lead to 3-2 going into Game 6 on Sunday in Philadelphia.

After missing Game 4 with a lower-body injury, Couturier extended his team's season at least two more days by picking up his second goal of the series. Claude Giroux, Valtteri Filppula and Matt Read also scored for the Flyers. Michal Neuvirth stopped 30 shots, including a diving stop on the doorstep to deny Penguins star Sidney Crosby shortly after Couturier's knuckler put Philadelphia in front.

Jake Guentzel and Bryan Rust scored for the Penguins. Matt Murray made 21 saves but had no chance on Couturier's winner as the puck found its way through a sea of players and into the net.

A series that figured to be taut instead started with four straight blowouts, most of them ending with the Flyers skating off the ice wondering what they needed to do to keep pace with cross-state rivals.

Philadelphia coach Dave Hakstol, perhaps fighting for his job, made his first significant change in an effort to keep his team's season alive, giving Neuvirth his first playoff start in nearly two years and his first start of any variety in more than two months after Brian Elliott couldn't shake out of a funk that saw him pulled in Game 1 and again in Game 4.

The Flyers also Couturier back to center the third line just three days removed from a scary practice collision with teammate Radko Judas that left Couturier with a lower-body injury that forced him to watch Pittsburgh's clinical 5-0 Game 4 romp from the press box.

COLORADO 2, NASHVILLE 1

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Sven Andrighetto scored with 1:28 left to give the Colorado Avalanche a 2-1 victory over Nashville Predators 2-1 on Friday night, sending the first-round series back to Denver for Game 6.

This is the third time the Avalanche had trailed 3-1 in a series since the franchise relocated to Colorado. They lost the first two, but will have a chance Sunday to push this series to a seventh game after rallying with two goals in the final 4:11.

Gabriel Landeskog started the rally with his goal into an empty net with Nashville goalie Pekka Rinne caught outside the crease with his own teammate Ryan Ellis in his lap. Then Andrighetto gave the Avs the lead off a rebound of a shot by J.T. Compher that stunned a sold-out Nashville crowd that had expected to celebrate advancing to the second round.

Andrew Hammond made a career-high 44 saves for his first post-season victory in his first playoff start since April 17, 2015, with Ottawa and just the third of his career.

SCOREBOARD

Local slate

**PREP BASEBALL**  
**Saturday**  
 Grant Union at Pilot Rock (DH), 11 a.m.  
 Weston-McEwen at Elgin (DH), 11 a.m.  
 Arlington at Heppner (DH), 11 a.m.  
 The Dalles at Hermiston (DH), 12 p.m.  
 Pendleton at Hood River Valley (DH), 12 p.m.  
 Mac-Hi at La Grande (DH), 12 p.m.

**PREP SOFTBALL**  
**Saturday**  
 The Dalles at Hermiston (DH), 12 p.m.  
 Pendleton at Hood River Valley (DH), 12 p.m.  
 Mac-Hi at La Grande (DH), 12 p.m.  
 Burns at Echo (DH), 1 p.m.  
 Pilot Rock at Union (DH), 11 a.m.

**PREP TRACK & FIELD**  
**Saturday**  
 Mac-Hi at Blue Devil Legends Invite (Walla Walla), 10 a.m.  
 Heppner at 54th Centennial Invitational (Centennial HS), 11 a.m.  
 Helix, Pilot Rock, Stanfield, Weston-McEwen at Pepsi Invitational (Union), 11 a.m.  
 Riverside at Portland Christian Invitational, 11 a.m.

**PREP GOLF**  
**Friday**  
 Heston (girls) at Wandemere Golf Course (WA), 9 a.m.  
 Heppner at Grant Union Invite (John Day Golf Club), 10 a.m.

**PREPTENNIS**  
**Saturday**  
 Helix, Umattila, Stanfield at Stanfield, 10 a.m.

**PREP LACROSSE**  
**Saturday**  
 West Valley at Hermiston, 2 p.m.

**COLLEGE BASEBALL**  
**Saturday**  
 Wenatchee Valley at BMCC (DH), 1 p.m.

**COLLEGE SOFTBALL**  
**Saturday**  
 EOU at Corban (DH), 11 a.m.

Basketball

**NBA PLAYOFFS**  
**FIRST ROUND**  
**(Best-of-7)**  
**EASTERN CONFERENCE**  
**Toronto 2, Washington 1**  
 Game 1: Toronto 114, Washington 106  
 Game 2: Toronto 130, Washington 119  
 Friday: Washington 122, Toronto 103  
 Sunday: Toronto at Washington, 5 p.m.  
**Boston 2, Milwaukee 1**  
 Game 1: Boston 113, Milwaukee 107, OT  
 Game 2: Boston 120, Milwaukee 106

Friday: Milwaukee 116, Boston 92  
 Sunday: Boston at Milwaukee, 10 a.m.  
**Philadelphia 2, Miami 1**  
 Game 1: Philadelphia 130, Miami 103  
 Game 2: Miami 113, Philadelphia 103  
 Thursday: Philadelphia 128, Miami 108  
 Saturday: Philadelphia at Miami, 11:30 a.m.

April 24: Miami at Philadelphia, TBA  
**Indiana 2, Cleveland 1**  
 Game 1: Indiana 98, Cleveland 80  
 Wednesday: Cleveland 100, Indiana 97  
 Friday: Indiana 92, Cleveland 90  
 Sunday: Cleveland at Indiana, 5:30 p.m.  
 April 25: Indiana at Cleveland, TBA  
**WESTERN CONFERENCE**  
**Houston 2, Minnesota 0**  
 Game 1: Houston 104, Minnesota 101  
 Wednesday: Houston 102, Minnesota 82  
 Saturday: Houston at Minnesota, 4:30 p.m.

April 23: Houston at Minnesota, 5 p.m.  
**Golden State 3, San Antonio 0**  
 Game 1: Golden State 113, San Antonio 92  
 Game 2: Golden State 116, San Antonio 101  
 Thursday: Golden State 110, San Antonio 97  
 Sunday: Golden State at San Antonio, 12:30 p.m.

**New Orleans 3, Portland 0**  
 Game 1: New Orleans 97, Portland 95  
 Game 2: New Orleans 111, Portland 102  
 Thursday: New Orleans 119, Portland 102  
 Saturday: Portland at New Orleans, 2 p.m.

**Oklahoma City 1, Utah 1**  
 Game 1: Oklahoma City 116, Utah 108  
 Wednesday: Utah 102, Oklahoma City 95  
 Saturday: Oklahoma City at Utah, 7 p.m.  
 April 23: Oklahoma City at Utah, 7:30 p.m.  
 April 25: Utah at Oklahoma City, TBA

**Hockey**  
**NHL PLAYOFF GLANCE**  
**FIRST ROUND**  
**(Best-of-7; x if necessary)**  
**EASTERN CONFERENCE**  
**Tampa Bay 3, New Jersey 1**  
 Game 1: Tampa Bay 5, New Jersey 2  
 Game 2: Tampa Bay 5, New Jersey 3  
 Game 3: New Jersey 5, Tampa Bay 2  
 Wednesday: Tampa Bay 3, New Jersey 1  
 Saturday: New Jersey at Tampa Bay, 12 p.m.

**Pittsburgh 3, Philadelphia 2**  
 Game 1: Pittsburgh 7, Philadelphia 0  
 Game 2: Philadelphia 5, Pittsburgh 1  
 Game 3: Pittsburgh 5, Philadelphia 1  
 Wednesday: Pittsburgh 5, Philadelphia 0  
 Friday: Philadelphia 4, Pittsburgh 2  
 Sunday: Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 12 p.m.

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**  
**Nashville 3, Colorado 2**  
 Game 1: Nashville 5, Colorado 2  
 Game 2: Nashville 5, Colorado 4  
 Game 3: Colorado 5, Nashville 3  
 Wednesday: Nashville 3, Colorado 2  
 Friday: Colorado 2 Nashville 1  
 Sunday: Nashville at Colorado, 4 p.m.

**Winnipeg 3, Minnesota 1**  
 Game 1: Winnipeg 3, Minnesota 2  
 Game 2: Winnipeg 4, Minnesota 1  
 Game 3: Minnesota 6, Winnipeg 2  
 Tuesday: Winnipeg 2, Minnesota 0  
 Friday: Minnesota at Winnipeg, 7:30 p.m.

**Vegas 4, Los Angeles 0**  
 Game 1: Vegas 1, Los Angeles 0  
 Game 2: Vegas 2, Los Angeles 1, 2OT  
 Game 3: Vegas 3, Los Angeles 2  
 Tuesday: Vegas 1, Los Angeles 0  
**San Jose 4, Anaheim 0**  
 Game 1: San Jose 3, Anaheim 0  
 Game 2: San Jose 3, Anaheim 2  
 Game 3: San Jose 8, Anaheim 1  
 Wednesday: San Jose 2, Anaheim 1

**Baseball**  
**MLB**  
**AMERICAN LEAGUE**  
**Friday's Games**  
 Detroit 3, Kansas City 2, 1st game, 10 innings  
 Baltimore 3, Cleveland 1  
 Toronto 8, N.Y. Yankees 5  
 Kansas City 3, Detroit 2, 2nd game  
 Tampa Bay 8, Minnesota 7, 10 innings  
 Seattle 6, Texas 2  
 Houston 10, Chicago White Sox 0  
 Boston 7, Oakland 3  
 San Francisco 8, L.A. Angels 1

**Saturday's Games**  
 Toronto (Stroman 0-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Montgomery 1-0), 10:05 a.m.  
 Kansas City (Duffy 0-2) at Detroit (Fiers 1-1), 10:10 a.m.  
 Cleveland (Clevinger 1-0) at Baltimore (Tillman 0-3), 1:05 p.m.  
 Minnesota (Gibson 1-0) at Tampa Bay (Snell 2-1), 3:10 p.m.  
 Houston (Keuchel 0-3) at Chicago White Sox (Giolito 0-2), 4:10 p.m.  
 Seattle (Paxton 1-1) at Texas (Colon 0-0), 5:05 p.m.  
 Boston (Sale 1-0) at Oakland (Manaea 2-2), 6:05 p.m.  
 San Francisco (Holland 0-2) at L.A. Angels (Richards 2-0), 6:07 p.m.

St. Louis 4, Cincinnati 2  
 Chicago Cubs 16, Colorado 5  
 San Diego 4, Arizona 1  
 San Francisco 8, L.A. Angels 1  
 Washington 5, L.A. Dodgers 2  
**Saturday's Games**  
 Cincinnati (Bailey 0-3) at St. Louis (Martinez 2-1), 11:15 a.m.  
 Pittsburgh (Brault 2-1) at Philadelphia (Nola 1-1), 1:05 p.m.  
 Miami (Urena 0-3) at Milwaukee (Suter 1-2), 4:10 p.m.

**Soccer**  
**MLS**  
**Friday**  
 Sporting K.C. 6, Vancouver 0  
**Saturday**  
 Los Angeles FC at Montreal, 10 a.m.  
 Toronto FC at Houston, 12 p.m.  
 Chicago at New York, 12:30 p.m.  
 New England at Columbus, 4:30 p.m.  
 San Jose at Orlando City, 4:30 p.m.  
 Philadelphia at FC Dallas, 5 p.m.  
 Colorado at Real Salt Lake, 6 p.m.  
 Atlanta United FC at LA Galaxy, 7:30 p.m.

**Golf**  
**PGA TOUR**  
**VALERO TEXAS OPEN**  
 Friday  
 At TPC San Antonio (Oaks Course)  
 San Antonio  
 Purse: \$6.2 million  
 Yardage: 7,435; Par 72  
**Second Round**  
 Zach Johnson 70-65—135 -9  
 Ryan Moore 68-67—135 -9  
 Andrew Landry 69-67—136 -8  
 Grayson Murray 67-69—136 -8  
 Ben Crane 72-66—138 -6  
 Martin Laird 73-65—138 -6  
 David Hearn 70-68—138 -6  
 Chris Kirk 73-66—139 -5  
 Billy Horschel 69-71—139 -5  
 Keegan Bradley 68-71—139 -5

**Auto Racing**  
**NASCAR Cup Series**  
**Upcoming Schedule**  
**Sunday — Toyota Owners 400 at Richmond Raceway, 3:30 p.m. (TV: FOX)**  
**April 29 — Geico 500 at Talladega Superspeedway, 11 a.m. (TV: FOX)**