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Detroit motors by Celts using Tyler's assault

quarter Thursday night to lead the Detroit Pistons to a 125-117 victory over the Boston Celtics in a National Basketball Association semifinal

2-1 edge in the best-of-seven Eastern Division series. Game 4 is scheduled for 2 p.m. CST Sunday in Joe Louis

The Pistons led 98-96 as the fourth quarter opened and never relinquished the lead.

Detroit's Bill Laimbeer, who led the Pistons with 27 points, canned an 18-foot jumper and Vinnie Johnson followed with an alley oop pass from Isiah Thomas to give the Pistons a six point margin six-point margin.

The Celtics narrowed the Detroit lead to three points on two occa-sions, but each time Tyler led an-

Associated Press DETROIT — Terry Tyler scored 16 of his 18 points in the fourth Hit the Pistons' final eight field goals, accounting for all Detroit's points except two Laimbeer free throws.

Laimbeer and Boston's Robert Parish got into a shoving match with 7:32 remaining in the third quarter, but nothing came of it and the rest The victory left the Celtics with a l edge in the best-of-seven Eastern of the game, while rough, was Boston led by as many as seven

points in the first quarter, but the Pistons rallied behind Laimbeer, who had 12 in the opening period, to lead 38-34 at the end of the qurter.

With Larry Bird hitting six of his 25 points, the Celtics rallied to tie the game 62-62 at the half.

Dennis Johnson was high for Bos-ton with 27 points but was guilty of six turnovers, some of which proved costly. Kevin McHale finished with 24 points and Danny Ainge, who had four personal fouls by halftime, finished with 15 for Boston. Parish finished with 13.

other surge. Indeed, the last eight minutes of the final period were all Tyler as he

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'Battle of Quebec' ends on one shot

Associated Press

MONTREAL — In the end, the "Battle of Quebec" came down to a lucky bounce and a single shot.

Peter Stastny poked in de-fenseman Pat Price's rebound at 2:22 of overtime to lift the Nordiques to a 3-2 victory over the Montreal Canadiens to win the best-ofseven Adams Division final 4-3.

The Nordiques advance to face Philadelphia in the National Hockey League Wales Conference final. Game 1 of that series is Sunday night in Quebec City.

'I won the faceoff and I just wanted to get in front of the net and screen (goaltender Steve) Penney,' said Stastny. "Suddenly the puck was in front of the net; I took a swing at it and missed.

"I was hoping Alain Cote would be able to push it in but the puck came back to me and I just put it in." Montreal Coach Jacques Lemaire

said that kind of bounce seemed to go Quebec's way in the series. "It was a reflection of our season,"

Lemaire said. "All the games were close, but during the season, the puck seemed to be rolling for us.

"In the series it was rolling for them - let's face it, they won three games in overtime."

The bitter, provincial rivals stuck mostly to hockey in the final game of what had been a chippy war of attri-tion in the previous six. The Nordiques built a 2-0 lead with an exercised for the second built of the second built and the second built at the second buil

with an early first-period goal by rookie defenseman Bruce Bell and one early in the second by Jean-Francois Sauve.

Bell beat Penney from long range at 3:27. Sauve's weak wrist shot from 45 feet skittered through Penney's legs.

⁶Montreal fought back to tie on second-period goals by Pierre Mon-dou and Mats Naslund. Both were set up by veteran defenseman Larry Robinson.

Mondou tipped in a Naslund shot, then Naslund poked in a rebound after Robinson's long wrist shot was blocked by Gosselin.

The Canadiens outplayed Quebec for most of the third period, al-though neither team produced many great chances.

In the second minute, Montreal's Mark Hunter had Quebec net-minder Mario Gosselin beaten but rang a shot off the goalpost. Seconds later, Michel Goulet forced Penney to make a leg-pad save. Penney also had to be sharp to make a pad save on Brent Ashton late in the period.

It was Montreal's fifth loss in as many alltime playoff overtime games against Quebec.

When Stastny won the faceoff, he got the puck back to Price at the left point. Price's slapshot went off Penney's stick and the rebound shot was juggled by Penney. The puck fell to

"It's usually not a pretty goal that wins in overtime," said Price. "We just tried to push it at the net, kick it, anything. I just wanted to hit net because he'd been having trouble with rebounds.

Rick Green and Chris Chelios, both questionable starters for Montreal, played. Green, who suffered a bruised shoulder in Game 6, saw little action in the third period while Chelios, who missed the previous game with a knee sprain, took a regular turn.

Dale Hunter, Quebec's feisty center, returned after missing Game 6 with an infected right hand. He played one or two shifts in the first period but sat on the bench the rest of the way.

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