



Celtics bow to Mavs for first time, 116-115

Associated Press
 DALLAS — The Dallas Mavericks finally shed their Boston Celtic jinx on a night Larry Bird scored 50 points.
 "We survived one of Bird's clinics, you have to feel fortunate," said Dallas Coach Dick Motta after the Mavericks came from 13 points down with less than five minutes left to defeat the Celtics 116-115 Monday night.
 It was Dallas' first NBA victory over the Celtics in 12 tries since the Mavericks joined the league in 1980. Bird scored 50 points, but it wasn't enough.
 "No big deal," said Bird. "I should have had 54. If you play a team enough, losing is finally going to

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happen. The shots were there for me and I just took them."
 Bird added, "We gave them too many free throws and easy baskets down the stretch."
 Motta said, "There was every indi-

cation this was going to be a bad night. But we showed some professional pride out there."
 He added, "I knew we would beat them sooner or later whether it was me here or Rip Van Winkle."
 Rolando Blackman's two free throws with eight seconds left iced the game for Dallas.
 Blackman, who had 32 points for the Mavs, was fouled and made two free throws. After a timeout, Bird hit a layup with four seconds left, but Dallas avoided a foul and the clock ran out on the Celtics.
 Dallas played the game without high-scoring Mark Aguirre, but Davis scored 18 points and Sam Perkins added 24 to pick up the scoring slack.

Walling, Astros trip Tigers 6-2

Associated Press
 LAKELAND, Fla. — Denny Walling had a double and a single, driving in three runs Monday, as the Houston Astros beat the Detroit Tigers 6-2 in a Grapefruit League exhibition game.
 The Astros scored five of their runs off Detroit starter Jack Morris (1-1), who was 16-11 for the Tigers last year. Left-handed rookie Jim DeShaies (1-0) allowed just one hit over the first three innings for Houston, striking out four.

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 In the Astros second, Mark Bailey walked, Tony Walker singled and both rode home on a double to the right field corner by Walling. A two-out single by Bert Pena scored Walling.

Bill Doran singled in the Houston third, went to second on Terry Puhl's bunt single and scored on a single by Bailey.

Puhl scored on a grounder by Walker and the Astros led 5-0.

John Mizerock doubled in the eighth and scored on Walling's single for the final Houston run.

Detroit scored both its runs in the fifth off rookie Rob Mallicoat. Scott Earl started the inning with a leadoff homer.

Doug Flynn doubled, Nelson Simmons walked and Lance Parrish hit a two-out single to score Flynn.

Former Tiger reliever Aurelio Lopez, who worked the seventh and eighth innings against Detroit, got a rousing ovation from the partisan crowd of 4,580 in Marchant Stadium.

Lopez allowed one single and struck out one.

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