# Boston Celtics triumph in overtime against Indiana Pacers in Game 1 of NBA Eastern Conference Finals



The Boston Celtics secured a 133-128 overtime victory over the Indiana Pacers in Game 1 of the NBA Eastern Conference Finals at TD Garden on Tuesday night. The Celtics' win was powered by standout performances from Jrue Holiday, Jaylen Brown, and Jayson Tatum.

Jrue Holiday played a pivotal role, scoring 28 points, with 20 coming after halftime. He also contributed 8 assists, 7 rebounds, and 3 steals in a game that featured 10 lead changes and 11 ties. Brown hit a clutch three-pointer with 5.7 seconds left in regulation to tie the game at 117-117, ultimately forcing overtime. Tatum then took over in the extra period, scoring 10 of his 36 points to seal the win.

Indiana Pacers head coach Rick Carlisle expressed regret over not calling a timeout in the final seconds of regulation, admitting the mistake contributed to the loss. Andrew Nembhard’s turnover led to Brown’s game-tying shot, and the Pacers’ 22 turnovers yielded 32 points for Boston.

The Celtics will face the Pacers in Game 2 on Thursday night, looking to extend their series lead.