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A disastrous second quarter from the Lakers led to a defeat at the hands of the Celtics on Thursday, 87-78. Leading 26-21 after the first quarter, the Lakers went the first seven minutes of the second frame without scoring and managed just nine points in the period. Bronny James ended with 18 points and five dimes. Christian Koloko had a productive game with 12 points, five rebounds and six blocks. Cole Swider scored 12 points and DJ Steward pitched in with 14 points and five assists. Dalton Knecht continued to disappoint, finishing with eight points on 3-12 shooting overall and 1-6 shooting from deep. Darius Bazley, unfortunately, left the game late in the second quarter with a knee injury that forced him to be taken off the court in a wheelchair. He ended with eight points, four rebounds and two blocks. It was the Koloko show early as he did a bit of everything, scoring four straight points and blocking a shot on the other end. Bronny dished two impressive dimes to Christian, both resulting in emphatic dunks. Cole began heating up and scored five points. Darius provided his usual great energy and spark off the bench with four points, three of which came on a three-point play. He was then fouled again, completing another three-point play. He was then fouled again, completing another three-point play. The Lakers had several great defensive stops to keep themselves ahead by a nice cushion. At the end of the first, LA was up by five. Christian Koloko is off to a great start. He has six points and is a perfect 3-3 from the field. Edwin Garcia (@ECreates88) July 18, 2025Both teams started the second quarter with missed shots until Bostons Kendall Brown drained a 3-pointer. A combination of turnovers and missed shots led to a slow start. A triple from Max Shulga put the Celics ahead. Nearing the midway point, the Lakers had yet to score a bucket. Boston went on a 16-0 scoring run, adding to their momentum. They had extended their lead to 11, but Los Angeles answered back with DJ scoring five straight to finally get them on the board. Cole joined in with a midrange jumper. DJ added two more points with a layup to help LA cut the deficit to five at halftime. The third quarter opened with Bronny connecting with Christian again for a dunk. Bronny then scored his first two points of the game. The Lakers had tied the game with a nice start to this quarter, but Boston responded to regain the lead. Kenneth Lofton Jr. exploded for seven points as the quarter began to wind down. He was helping the Celtics maintain a big lead. After a scoreless first half, Bronny scored 10 points, all in this quarter. He converted on two three-point plays as well. Boston was up by 10 at the end of the momentum in the final frame, but the Lakers were trying hard to pull off a comeback. Bronny got crafty with the ball for a layup. He also drained his first 3-pointer of the night. Christian swatted his fifth block of the night. Key Takeaways: Christians improvement in each game has been a welcome sign. Hes looking good defensively and scoring well. Confidence is high!Its very disappointing that Dalton hasnt had the kind of Summer League we all expected. Catch the final Summer League game on Friday against the Denver Nuggets at 7:00 PM PT.You can follow Karin on Twitter at @KarinAbcarians. Denver Nuggets vs. Los Angeles Lakers: Game Highlights Updated [hour]:[minute] [AMPM] [timezone], [monthFull] [day], [year] BOSTON (AP) Jayson Tatum had 40 points, 12 rebounds, and eight assists, and the Boston Celtics held off a late rally to beat the Los Angeles Lakers 111-101 on Saturday night. With LeBron James in the locker room with a strained groin, the Lakers cut a 20-point, fourth-quarter deficit to single digits. But Tatum and Jaylen Brown scored Bostons final 12 points to preserve the win. Brown added 31 points as the Celtics earned their fourth straight victory. James finished with 22 points, 14 rebounds and nine assists before exiting midway through the fourth quarter as the Lakers had their eight-game Los Angeles win streak. Luka Doncic had 34 points and eight rebounds in his first game in Boston since he and the Dallas Mavericks lost Game 5 of the NBA Finals as Boston clinched its 18th championship. Takeaways Lakers: Things fell apart in a third quarter in which they showed very little connectivity on offense. Its clearly something that still missing at times with the addition of Doncic. Celtics: Jrue Holiday return after missing four straight games with mallet finger in his right pinkie. But center Kristaps Porzingis sat for the fifth consecutive game with an illness. Key moment The TD Garden crowd was brought to its feet with 3:50 left in the first quarter when Brown stripped Doncic, led a fast break and found a streaking Al Horford for a two-handed slam. Horfords momentum caused him to swing forward, and he inadvertently kneed a trailing Doncic in the head as he swung back. No foul was called on the play, though Doncic was clearly irritated by the collision. Key stat The Celtics held the Lakers to 21% shooting from the field (5 of 23) in the third quarter, with Los Angeles also committing six turnovers. Up nextThe Lakers visit Brooklyn on Monday. The Celtics host the Jazz on Monday. The Celtics host the Jazz on Monday. AP NBA: The greatest rivalry in NBA history gets renewed on Saturday when the Los Angeles Lakers (40-21) visit the defending NBA champion Boston Celtics (45-18). The Lakers are on an eight-game winning streak and have registered wins in 20 of their last 24 games. They sit in second place in the Western Conference, and a growing number of people feel the team has some sort of shot at getting to the NBA Finals in a few months. Therefore, Saturday's game between these two teams could be a preview of this June's championship series. A full recap, including grades for each Lakers fell to the Celtics by a final score of 111-101, ending their eight-game winning streak. Doncic tried to bring them back with James unable to return to the game in the final minutes. Tatum killed L.A. with 40 points and Brown added 31 points. Big man Al Horford took advantage of multiple mismatches and scored 14 points to go along with nine rebounds. This game isn't over yet. The Lakers trail the Celtics 102-95 with 3:04 left in the fourth quarter, and Doncic has heated up. He now has 30 points and is 9-of-19 from the field, 5-of-10 from 3-point range and 7-of-8 from the free throw line. However, the Lakers will be without James for the game due to a groin strain. Just when it looked like this game was virtually over, the Lakers went on a 16-2 run and have come to within 94-85 with 6:44 to go in the fourth quarter. Doncic now leads them in scoring with 23 points, and their defense and rebounding have tightened up a bit. After shooting 5-of-23 in the third quarter, the Lakers find themselves trailing 87-67 heading into the fourth quarter. Doncic continues to struggle, as he's just 6-of-15 from the field and has committed five turnovers. James has 16 points, 13 rebounds and seven assists, but Tatum and Browns have exploded for 32 and 22 points, respectively. The Lakers have gone ice-cold from the field, and the Celtics have started the third quarter with a 10-2 run that has given them a 68-56 lead with 8:35 left in the period. The Lakers have missed all four of their shot attempts in the period so far, and their field-goal accuracy is down to 43.8% for the game. Boston, meanwhile, is at 50.9% from the field and 39.1% from 3-point range. The Celtics scored the last five points of the second quarter to take a 58-54 lead at halftime. James is pacing the Lakers with 14 points, eight rebounds and seven assists, while Tatum leads all scorers with 22 points and Brown has scored 16 points of his own. Los Angeles holds a 49-46 lead with 3:03 to go in the second quarter even though Doncic is struggling a bit. The Slovenian superstar has made three of his eight shot attempts and has committed three turnovers, but he is leading L.A. with 11 points. James, meanwhile, has 10 points, eight rebounds and seven assists, while Tatum has scored 17 points. So far, this game seems to be living up to the hype. Both teams are tied at 33 at the end of the first quarter, and both are shooting well. The Lakers have made 56.5% of their field-goal attempts, while the Celtics are at 54.2% Jayson Tatum leads everyone in scoring with 13 points on 5-of-8 shooting. For Los Angeles, LeBron James has five assists. An 11-3 run has allowed the Celtics to tie the game at 23-all with 3:50 to go in the first quarter. They have gotten hot offensively, and they're led right now in scoring by Jaylen Brown, who has eight points. Dorian Finney-Smith is the Lakers' current high scorer with eight points of his own. The Purple and Gold scored the first quarter. The Celtics have come out cold and have missed a couple of easy chippies, while L.A. is 6-of-10 from the field. For the Celtics, Kristaps Porziis won't play due to an illness. For L.A., Jaxson Hayes will sit out due to a knee contusion. As a result, Jarred Vanderbilt will be starting at the 5 spot. TV Channel: ABCStart time: 5:30 p.m. Pacific timeWatch Lakers vs Celtics live on Fubo (free trial)Lakers: Luka Doni (right knee contusion) and LeBron James (left foot injury management) are probable. Jaxson Hayes (right knee contusion) is questionable. Rui Hachimura (left patellar tendinopathy) and Maxi Kleber (right hand mallet finger) and Kristaps Porziis (non-COVID illness) are questionable. The Los Angeles Lakers decided to hunt mismatches just as much, if not more, than the Boston Celtics. Instead of letting the Celtics dictate the defensive matchups, the Lakers wanted to make a statement, showing they could attack whoever they wanted, even Derrick White. It was surprising to see White being targeted, but theres no shame in struggling against LeBron James. His post-up moves are nearly impossible to stop when youre limited by size. Later in the game, though, LeBron had far less success trying to attack Al Horford, the Old Reliable, as Jaylen Brown calls him. On the other side, the Celtics stuck to their usual approach: find the weak link and attack until it breaks. However, the Lakers did a great job of switching to keep Austin Reaves and Luka Doni away from the action whenever possible. Later in the game, though, the Celtics found ways to exploit Reaves and Doni by putting them in positions where they werent valuable, rather than just attacking them outright. But before diving into that, lets take a look at how Boston defended the Lakers offensive game plan.#2 - Leaving them open his pregame press conference, Joe Mazzulla told CelticsBlog he believed the Lakers were a better shooting team than last years Mavericks. Yet, he still decided to leave most of them open beyond the three-point line. Was it all a mind game? Before the game, Joe Mazzulla told us that he thinks the Lakers have better shooters than the Mavs last year... but ended up leaving most of the Lakers open beyond the line. The Lakers did actually took more threes than the Celtics. Mind game from Joe Mazzulla? (@celticsblog) azmatlanba (@azmatlanba) March 9, 2025 As mentioned in the tweet, the Lakers ended up attempting more threes than the Celticspretty off-brand. Boston put a big emphasis on protecting the paint, holding the Lakers to just 23% rim frequency, well below their 32% season average. To lock down the paint so effectively, the Celtics had to make aggressive choices, often leaving Lakers shooters openeven an above-average one like Dorian Finney-Smith. The fact that Boston was comfortable with these open looks makes me think Mazzullas pregame take wasnt entirely true or maybe he just thinks both teams are bad shooting teams, with the Lakers being slightly less bad?#3 - Strong side is where Luka isIn basketball, the strong side refers to the flank where the ball is. Theres ongoing debate in modern basketball about whether help defense should come from the strong side. The Celtics didnt leave the Lakers a choicethey forced the strong-side help to be Luka Doni. If the stron of forcing him to be on the ball. On back-to-back possessions, this led to two open corner threesone of the most efficient shots in modern basketball.#4 - Jayson Tatum and Luke KornetAt the end of the first quarter and into the second, the Celtics repeatedly ran a high pick-and-roll with Jayson Tatum and Luke Kornet. This has been one of their go-to actions when both are on the floor. Its interesting to see how the Lakers defended it compared to the Denver Nuggets, who were in town last weekend. The Lakers positioned their big just below the level of the screen, a soft-drop approach, while Tatums defender went over the top to take away the pull-up. What Tatum did exceptionally well was control the tempo. In the play below, he trapped Goodwin on his back, preventing him from reaching without fouling. This gave Kornet time to roll to the rim, leaving Jrue Holiday open for three. Tatums chemistry with bench players continues to be a huge asset for the Celtics. #5 - Empty-side actions for White and HorfordBack in to start the second half, the Celtics spammed one of their classic actions an empty-side pick-and-roll between Derrick White and Al Horford. The goal? Force a switch and create a post-up opportunity for Horford against Austin Reaves. Reaves fought hard to front Horford. and deny the entry pass, but the Celtics found ways around it. Even when they couldnt get the ball inside, the action still served its purposekeeping Reaves near the rim. With weaker rim protection, Celtics drives became much easier. Boston often manipulates matchups to keep opposing guards near the rim, effectively neutralizing rim protection. They did this in the Finals by putting Irue Holiday in the dunker spot, and they used the same tactic last night with White and Horford vs. LeBron James, duel of legends Horford vs. LeBron James have played through two decades of NBA basketball, yet they continue to perform at the highest level in 2025. Horford started in place of the injured Kristaps Porziis, and as the game went on, LeBron tried to exploit the matchup. But the Celtics veteran was more than up to the challenge. Horford also scored on LeBron, but his biggest impact was on defense. What LeBron hoped would be a mismatch turned into a tougher battle than expected. He had much more success attacking Sam Hauser, though even Hauser managed to hold his ground on some possessions. It was a rare opportunity to see two legends go head-to-head. Unfortunately, LeBron had to sit out the end of their careers.#7 - Celtics gave the Lakers a taste of their own medicineBack in January, the Lakers slowed down the Celtics offense with a bold but effective strategy. Instead of switching and sending help to the mismatch, they let the defender hold his ground, refusing to give up open shots by overhelping. Last night, the Celtics flipped the script. Whether it was LeBron attacking Hauser or Doni trying to get past Horford, Boston switched and held their positions as much as possible. They also did an excellent job of staying disciplined, limiting the Lakers free-throw attempts compared to their man while also crowding the paint. As mentioned earlier, the Lakers poor spacing made it difficult to punish this approach, allowing Derrick White to help at the rim when Horford contained LeBrons drives. Great defensive execution from Boston.#8 - Lakers run in the fourth Despite trailing by over 20 in the third, the Lakers made a push in the fourth and nearly completed the comeback. While the Celtics offense became stagnant, the Lakers increased their ball and player movement, throwing off Bostons defensive rhythm. A key factor was improved spacing. At one point, the Lakers had only shooters on the floor, stretching the Celtics defense in ways they hadnt all game. But this approach had a costdefense. LeBron isnt the rim protector he once was, and Dorian Finney-Smith make-or-miss game. Luckily, most of their contested jumpers either fell, led to free throws, or resulted in offensive rebounds. But the stagnation in clutch moments is something to keep an eye on. #10 - The TD Garden was ready to BEAT LA, and so were the CelticsI havent been to many games at TD Garden was ready to BEAT LA, and so were the CelticsI havent been to many games at TD Garden was ready to BEAT LA, and so were the CelticsI havent been to many games at TD Garden was ready to BEAT LA, and so were the CelticsI havent been to many games at TD Garden was ready to BEAT LA, and so were the CelticsI havent been to many games at TD Garden was ready to BEAT LA, and so were the CelticsI havent been to many games at TD Garden was ready to BEAT LA, and so were the CelticsI havent been to many games at TD Garden was ready to BEAT LA, and so were the CelticsI havent been to many games at TD Garden was ready to BEAT LA, and so were the CelticsI havent been to many games at TD Garden was ready to BEAT LA, and so were the CelticsI havent been to many games at TD Garden was ready to BEAT LA, and so were the CelticsI havent been to many games at TD Garden was ready to BEAT LA, and so were the CelticsI havent been to many games at TD Garden was ready to BEAT LA, and so were the CelticsI havent been to many games at the Cel crowd, the staff, the players, even the coaches, knew this was special. Joe Mazzulla might have downplayed it as just another game, but looking at Tatum and Browns minutes, its clear this one meant something. Was this his way of telling them it wasnt just a regular game? Maybe...@GwashburnGlobe asked Joe Mazzulla about Jayson Tatum & Jaylen Browns high minutes, and he mentioned the Celtics-Lakers rivalry. Theres moments that you give those guys chances to be a part of that. Its my way of saying you better win. I like watching them play. pic.twitter.com/rLmIF4duoC Noa Dalzell) March 9, 2025 The Boston Celtics snapped the Lakers eight game win streak and brought LA back down to Earth in Luka's return to Boston. 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They trail the first placed Thunder by 11 games, but are tied with the Nuggets in the standings. The Grizzlies and Rockets arent too far behind them, sitting two and three games behind the Lakers and Nuggets. The final stretch in the West is going to be loaded with drama, but tonight we focus on an interconfertnce matchup between two legendary franchises.as.comPosted at: 19:40 EST 08/03/2025 The Celtics are the most complete team in the league. They have showed that for the last couple of seasons not just the last year when they won the title. Last game they didnt have more of the players that make this team the most complete side in the NBA, so that left the brunt of the scoring burden on Jayson Tatum. Tatum had no problem stepping up to the plate and carrying the team to victory. He had 35 points on 23 field goals and is averaging 26.9 points, 8.8 rebounds an 5.8 assists. 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Gabe Vincent hit a couple of huge threes to help extend the game and once in OT it was Doncic putting the Lakers out in front with a couple of huge threes to help extend the game allowed the game allowed the final minutes. Lakers to take command and keep command. LeBron had 31, 12 and 8 assists while Luka put up 32, 7 and 12 assists in the win.as.comPosted at: 17:59 EST 08/03/2025 Hello everyone and welcome to the Garden where the Boston Celtics are back home for the fifth of a seven game home stand, and looking to stop the streaking Lakers who come into tonight on an eight game roll. These two teams are at the top of the standings in their respective conferences and this could potentially be a preview of a title series in a few months time. Before we worry about the playoffs, we have a month to go in the season and these two teams wont only be looking to stay at the top of the table, but also keep healthy as both teams gear up for a deep postseason run. That starts tonight in the Garden as two powerhouses and two of the most historic franchises in the NBA meet again, but this one has a different flavor about it. For the first time since the trade that rocked the NBA, Luka Doncic will be playing the Boston Celtics in a purple and gold Lakers yes. Celtics from TD Garden and AS English will be with you all night providing live coverage, stats, highlights and analysis of tonights spotlight game from Boston.as.comPosted at: 17:58 EST 08/03/2025 The Boston Celtics leaned on their defense and timely shooting to beat the LA Lakers 87-78 on Thursday. Boston trailed 26-20 after one quarter before outscoring LA 66-52 the rest of the way. Starters Jordan Walsh and Hugo Gonzalez combined for 30 points, 11 rebounds and three assists to carry the Celtics to their third win against one behind 3-for-12 shooting, including 1-for-6 from deep. Boston Celtics vs LA Lakers player stats and box scorePlayerPTSREBASTSTLBLKTOFG3-PT FGFT+/-Amari Williams8601013-100-12-2+6Jordan Walsh17612006-112-43-6+11Baylor Scheierman9561022-142-113-3+4Hugo Gonzalez13520124-112-43-6+11Baylor Scheierman9561022-142-113-3+4Hugo Gonzalez13520124-113-3+4Hugo Gon and box scorePlayerPTSREBASTSTLBLKTOFG3-PT FGFT+/-Christian Koloko12632626-80-10-0+1Cole Swider12421014-102-72-3-10Dalton Knecht8301123-121-61-2-3DJ Steward14251036-112-50-0+1Bronny James18351087-131-43-4-3Trey Jemison III0510210-20-00-2-10Ethan Taylor0103110-10-10-0-17Darius Bazley8400213-40-02-2+5RJ Thursday's NBA 2K26 Summer League game in Las Vegas. Boston looked to improve its record to 3-1 with a win and push LA further down the standings with a 1-3 mark. The Lakers' balanced attack, led by Cole Swider, gave them a 26-21 lead after one quarter. Christian Koloko's activity in the paint on both ends also caused the Celtics problems. Boston turned the tables on the Lakers in the second quarter to take a 40-35 lead at halftime. Jordan Walsh and Hugo Gonzalez dissected LA's defense wasn't as stifling in the third quarter, but it still limited LA to 20 points. The Celtics forced the Lakers to 0-of-5 shooting from deep, a key reason they extended their lead to 65-55 entering the fourth quarter. Bronny James, who went scoreless in the first half, came alive with 10 points, one assist and one steal in the third frame. The Celtics and the Lakers exchanged baskets for most of the fourth quarter, a back-and-forth that suited Boston just fine. LA won the period 23-22 but lost the game 87-78. About the author Quick LinksEdited by Michael MacaseroJul 10, 2025; Las Vegas, NV, USA; Los Angeles Lakers guard Bronny James (9) prepares for the start of the second quarter against the Dallas Mavericks at Thomas & Mack Center. Mandatory Credit: Candice Ward-Imagn Images / Candice Ward Imagn ImagesThe Summer League Celtics dispatched Bronny James and the Los Angeles Lakers on Thursday, winning 87-78 to improve to 3-1 in Las Vegas. Here are five takeaways from the victory:1. Jordan Walsh regains his composureWalsh was whistled for seven personal fouls in the Celtics second Summer League game, then was ejected from the third after picking up two technicals in a seven-second span. The third-year pro delivered a much more controlled performance in game No. 4, punctuated by a highlight-reel windmill dunk in transition that helped Boston put the Lakers away late. It was one of two fast-break slams for Walsh, who also went 2-for-4 from 3-point range to lead all Celtics with 17 points on 6-of-11 shooting. He added six rebounds (three offensive), one assist and two steals, finishing with two fouls and no turnovers. Walsh was the player of the game for Boston, and outside of his earlier fouling issues, hes been one of the Celtics top performers in Vegas. The 21-year-old is averaging 23.9 points per 36 minutes while shooting a promising 38.9% from three. Offensive improvement from Walsh would provide a real boost to Bostons bench, as he was a total nonfactor at that end of the floor in his first two NBA seasons (7.2 points per 36, 36.7% shooting, 26.6% on threes). 2. Hugo Gonzalez improves After enduring some harsh growing pains in Mondays loss to Miami (3-for-12, 1-for-7 from three, six turnovers, seven fouls), Gonzalez responded well in his third game in Celtics uniform. Bostons first-round draft pick made three of his first four shots Thursday night, including a pair of 3-pointers, to hit double figures before halftime. Gonzalez handled pressure better than he did against the Heat and was effective at attacking the basket without the ball, both as a cutter and as a rebounder (two offensive boards). Hustle plays like those are what the Celtics will expect from the 19-year-old in whatever NBA minutes he earns this season. And outside of the one rough outing, hes also displayed encouraging efficiency as an outside shooter, which was not his strong suit during his time with Real Madrid. Gonzalez, who made just 25.0% of his threes in his final Spanish league season, went 3-for-5 from deep in his Summer League debut and 2-for-4 against LA.Inside finishing was a different story Gonzalez missed four of his six shots inside the restricted area Thursday and he committed a few ill-advised turnovers, but overall, this was a promising bounce-back for Bostons youngest player. His final line: 13 points, five rebounds, two assists, one block, two turnovers, three fouls in 29 minutes. 3. More Baylor Scheierman shooting strugglesScheierman second NBA Summer League. But boy, has his shot been erratic. The 2024 first-rounder attempted 11 3-pointers in Thursdays win and made just two of them, continuing a trend thats persisted throughout his stay in Sin City. Scheierman is shooting an ugly 20.5% from beyond the arc, going 1-for-8, 1-for-7 and 4-for-13 in the three previous games. Scheierman, whos vying for a larger role after breaking out late in his rookie season, was similarly inaccurate in his first Summer League (29.4% from three). 4. No more Charles Bassey Bassey was arguably the best player on the floor in his first two games with the Summer Cs, but he didnt stick until the end of the tournament. The 24-year-old big man only signed to play in Bostons first three games due to other commitments, according to the team, so he left the squad ahead of Thursdays contest. Bassey opened Summer League by putting up 14 points, 11 rebounds and two blocks against New York. The Celtics outscored their opponents by 35 points with Bassey on the court over those two games. His final appearance was less impressive (10 points, nine rebounds, minus-15 in a loss to Miami), but Basseys play in Vegas put him on pundits radars as a potential asset for the Celtics depleted frontcourt. Boston lacks proven talent at the center position after losing Kristaps Porzingis, Luke Kornet and likely Al Horford, with Neemias Queta and Luka Garza currently topping the depth chart. Its unclear whether the Celtics have any plans to invite Bassey to training camp, where he could compete for a 15-man roster spot. The 6-foot-10 Western Kentucky product spent the last three seasons with San Antonio, appearing in 90 games with three starts.5. Kenneth Lofton Jr. stuffs the stat sheetWith Bassey gone, Lofton was the headline-grabbing big for Boston in this one. The MVP of the Chinese Basketball Association last season, Lofton was the headline-grabbing big for Boston in this one. The MVP of the Chinese Basketball Association last season, Lofton was the headline-grabbing big for Boston in this one. The MVP of the Chinese Basketball Association last season, Lofton was the headline-grabbing big for Boston in this one. The MVP of the Chinese Basketball Association last season, Lofton was the headline-grabbing big for Boston in this one. The MVP of the Chinese Basketball Association last season, Lofton was the headline-grabbing big for Boston in this one. The MVP of the Chinese Basketball Association last season, Lofton was the headline-grabbing big for Boston in this one. The MVP of the Chinese Basketball Association last season, Lofton was the headline-grabbing big for Boston in this one. The MVP of the Chinese Basketball Association last season, Lofton was the headline-grabbing big for Boston in this one. The MVP of the Chinese Basketball Association last season, Lofton was the headline-grabbing big for Boston in this one. The MVP of the Chinese Basketball Association last season was the headline-grabbing big for Boston in the headl passer against the Lakers, tallying 12 points on 5-of-8 shooting (2-of-4 from three) and five assists, including a heads-up inbounds pass that set up Walshs aforementioned windmill. The 6-foot-6, 275-pound Lofton (who is not related to the former baseball star) also came up with seven rebounds and three steals in his 20 minutes. He coupled those with five turnovers and eight fouls, however, resulting in an uneven but productive outing for the burly 22-year-old. Its hard to see a fit for him on the Celtics will close out their Summer League this Sunday against the Atlanta Hawks (6 p.m. ET, ESPNU). Originally Published: July 17, 2025 at 11:23 PM EDT

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