New York Knicks’ Julian Brunson (11) shoots over Philadelphia 76ers’ Tobias Harris (12) during the second half of Game 5 in an NBA basketball first-round playoff series, Tuesday, April 30, 2024, in New York.

Sixers Stun Knicks to Keep Play-Off Hopes Alive

NEW YORK (Reuters) - Tyrese Maxey saved Philadelphia from elimination with seven points in the final 2:15 seconds of regulation to send the 76ers to a 112-106 overtime victory over the New York Knicks on Tuesday night in Game 5 of their first-round series. The 76ers trailed by six points in the second half before Maxey pulled out a game-winning reverse that evoked memories of Reggie Miller’s eight points in nine seconds for Indiana at Madison Square Garden in 1995.

The All-Star guard converted a four-point play with 25 seconds remaining to cut it to two, and after Josh Hart’s free throw, pulled up from 35 feet to tie at 97 with 8.1 seconds left in front of a stunned crowd that was set to celebrate the Knicks’ second straight trip to the Eastern Conference semifinals. Joel Embiid finished with 39 points, 16 rebounds and 10 assists for the 76ers, who will host Game 6 on Thursday night.

In the Eastern Conference game, Donovan Mitchell sank 28 points, including 14 in the fourth quarter, as the Cleveland Cavaliers edged Orlando Magic 104-103 to take a 3-2 lead. The Magic had fought back from 2-0 down to level the series after recording emphatic wins in games three and four in Florida, but the Cavaliers’ win ensures they will have home court advantage in the series in Orlando in game six on Friday.

Bayley’s Kim Min-jae (left) challenges for the ball with Real Madrid’s Sergio Ramos during the Champions League semifinal first leg soccer match between Bayern Munich and Real Madrid at the Allianz Arena in Munich, Germany, April 30, 2024.

Nadal Bids Farewell to Madrid After Defeat by Lehecka

MADRID (Reuters) - Twenty-two time Grand Slam champion Rafa Nadal fell 7-5, 6-4 to Czech Jiri Leheka in the fourth round of the Madrid Open on Tuesday, marking his final appearance at a tournament he has won five times.

In just over two hours, a feisty Lehecka thwarted Nadal’s hopes of reaching his 100th Masters 1000 quarter-final after a fairytale run in last year’s second tournament since January as the Spaniard struggled with injury.

Nadal has said he expects to retire after the 2024 season. With the score level at 5-5 in the first set, 30th seed Lehecka broke serve and then held his own to take the lead.

Breaking again in the first game of the second set, the 22-year-old secured the win to reach the quarter-finals, where he will face Russian third seed Daniil Medvedev on Thursday.