PHILADELPHIA 76ERS VS. THE BOSTON CELTICS:
THE RIVALRY IS RENEWED
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The rivalry between the Boston Celtics and the Philadelphia 76ers has been renewed during the current 2018 NBA playoffs. So far, the Celtics are ahead, 3-0. No one, though, expects either team to make the NBA finals, especially the Celtics, which have been plagued with injuries of Kyrie Irving and Gordon Hayward.

Since both teams are in the same division during the regular season, they are natural rivals. The 76ers and Celtics have the most playoff meetings against each other at a total of 20 times, 12 of which have been won by the Celtics.

For instance, in the second game of this playoff series, the 76ers were led by center Joel Embid who tallied 31 points, while the Celtics were led by point-guard Terry Rozier who recorded 29 points.

For the Celtics, long gone are the days of Paul Pierce, Ray Allen and Kevin Garnett who led them to the 2008 NBA finals championship. The Celtics are seeking their 18th NBA title with a new group of players such as Terry Rozier, Jaylen Brown, Al Horford and Jayson Tatum.

For the 76ers, long gone is Allen Iverson, who led the team to multiple playoff runs in the early 2000s. The current Sixers are leaning on an inexperienced group of players they call The Process. The Sixers have three NBA titles as a team.

Meanwhile the Celtics have the most NBA championships with 17, most recently back in 2008. The Celtics are the number two seed in the NBA's Eastern Conference, while the Sixers are the number three seed.

The Sixers led 31 - 22 in the first quarter of game two because of the slow start by the Celtics. At halftime Sixers increased their lead to 56-51, but that lead began to narrow thanks to the Celtics comeback.

Ultimately, Jayson Tatum of the Celtics was too much for the Sixers in the last quarter. He dominated when he had the ball. The final score of game two was Celtics 108-Sixers 103.

GO Celtics!!!