

NBA playoffs

The Philadelphia 76'ers swept two straight games from the New Jersey Nets winning 122-114 and 111-101 to win the three game mini-series and advance to play the San Antonio Spurs in an Eastern Division semi-final series. The Spurs, playing at home, won the first game of that series behind George Gerwin's 31 points 119-106. The Spurs lead the best of seven game series 1-0.

The Atlanta Hawks advanced to the other Eastern Semi-finals by eliminating the Houston Roc-

kets in two games. The Hawks won by scores of 109-106 and 100-91. The Hawks then traveled to Washington to get stung by the defending champion Bullets 103-89. Elvin Hays led the Bullets with 31 points.

The Phoenix Suns rallied in the second half to defeat the Portland Trail Blazers 101-91 behind Paul Westphal's 26-point effort. The Suns won their mini series two games to one and advanced to play the Kansas City Kings in a Western Division semi

final match up. The Suns and Trail Blazers split the previous two games with the Suns winning the opener 107-103 and Portland taking the second game 96-92.

The LA Lakers edged the Denver Nuggets at home 112-111 to win their mini series two games to one. Denver won the opener 110-105 while LA whipped the Nuggets on Friday 121-109. The Lakers will now advance to a seven game set against the Seattle Supersonics.