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## **Detroit Pistons Leave Bucks Behind**

*Last year`s runner-ups are now in the eastern semis*

Detroit managed to keep their dreams of NBA crown alive on Wednesday night, beating the Milwaukee Bucks 122-93 and booking a place into the conference semis. The fans at the Palace of the Auburn Hills had everything to cheer for, since victory was the only thing Flip Saunders team was thinking about. They ended the series in style, leaving no chance whatsoever for a Bucks recovery. Richard Hamilton scored his best performance in the playoffs, making it 40 for the home team, while Game 4 hero, Chauncey Billups, only managed 17. Rasheed Wallace poured in another 22, to give Milwaukee a booking for the next fly home. Being the best team in the league this year, the Pistons are now favorites for the NBA title, even if there are a lot of matches left to play. Since last year's champions, the San Antonio Spurs are struggling against Sacramento in a 3-2 lead series, Pistons have more time to rest and prepare the semi against either New Jersey or Indiana. In another tensed match yesterday night, LeBron led Cleveland Cavaliers to a 3rd one-point winning match, edging the Washington Wizards in the overtime 121-120. The Cavaliers now lead the series 3-2.