

# Last-Second Shot Misses...

Mike Custer of Lyndhurst, NJ, has embarked on the same type of team replay that Don Boes accomplished. Custer is replaying the Buffalo Braves, however, and is close to the half-way mark.

His most memorable game occurred when the Braves ran into the Detroit Pistons in the 29th contest of the replay. It was one of those "I'll-take-it, no-you-take-it" games where the lead was constantly changing hands. Buffalo had a slim 26-24 lead after one quarter, expanded it to 58-51 by halftime, but then trailed 79-76 after three quarters.

The last 48 seconds made the game so memorable for Mike as the two teams entered the last crucial seconds deadlocked at 104-all. Each change of possession meant a change in the lead as Fred Foster dropped in a free throw for the Pistons, Bill Hewitt goaled for the Braves and, with 24 seconds left, Foster slipped through Buffalo's defense for a basket and a 107-106 Piston lead.

Buffalo's last stand was made when Dick Garrett took the final shot and rolled a missed shot. Every roll of the dice was a dramatic experience, relates Custer, and it seemed the two red die took forever to roll to a stop when Garrett launched the game's last shot.

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