

Strat-O-Matic spotlight

ERVING PUMPS IN 64!

Kurt Smeby is a gamer for all seasons as evidenced by the frequent playing tips, replays, league offerings, etc., he submits to the Review. He plays all the sports and has experienced many memorable moments in each.

But it's unlikely he's going to experience anything to top a 64-point scoring burst by Julius (Dr. J) Erving in a 142-126 Philadelphia 76er romp past Atlanta.

Dr. J had an unbelievable 30 points after one quarter - 30 of the 76ers' total of 44 - and 46 by halftime. Erving was rested for nine minutes in the second half, but still finished with 20 more for the 64.

How did it break down? Well, the good doctor launched 43 shots, netted 26 and was 12 of 15 from the free throw line. He also grabbed 16 rebounds and converted four into offensive baskets. He was also the recipient of four Maurice Cheek's assists and another two from Andrew Toney.

Erving wasn't the whole show - though he certainly was most of it - as three other players scored in double figures, led by Moses Malone's 30 points and 19 rebounds.

All told, Philly connected on 55 of 110 shots from the field for 50 percent, plus was 32 of 43 from the free throw line. Eddie Johnson, who had 36 points, paced Atlanta, connecting on 17 of 27 field goal tries as the Hawks were 52 of 104 for a matching 50 percent. Atlanta was 22 of 28 from the line.