THE BOSTON CELTICS 1957 POSTSEASON TOUR

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1956-57 WORLD CHAMPION BOSTON CELTICS

Standing, left to right: Walter A. Brown, Pres., Dick Hemric, Jack Nichols, Bill Russell, Arnie Risen, Tom Heinsohn, Harvey Cohn, Trainer, Lou Pieri, V. Pres. Sitting, left to right: Lou Tsioropoulos, Andy Phillip, Frank Ramsey, "Red" Auerbach, Coach, Bob Cousy, Bill Sharman, Jim Loscutoff.

On Saturday afternoon, April 13, 1957, the Boston Celtics captured their first NBA Championship by defeating the St. Louis Hawks 125-123 in double overtime. The next day, most of the Celtics flew to Des Moines, Iowa, to begin a 21-game tour through the western United States, Hawaii, and British Columbia, bringing their sport to cities and towns that did not have a pro basketball franchise of their own.[1] One member of the Celtics

chose not to fly: Bill Russell had just bought a new Chrysler Imperial and insisted on driving it back home to San Francisco as the tour made its way west. He reportedly covered the 1324 miles from Boston to Des Moines in a crisp 23 hours.[2]

Plans for the tour had emerged back in January, and guard Bill Sharman was an early proponent of the concept. Sharman, a graduate of the University of Southern California, saw an opportunity for the players to benefit financially from the presence of several fellow West Coast alums on the Celtics, most notably Russell, who had led the University of San Francisco to back-to-back NCAA titles in 1955 and 1956. Sharman also thought the tour would be good for the league, saying that "I think we could help the game greatly on the Coast and other places out west where they might have pro franchises someday."[3] Celtics owner Walter Brown was more cautious, bristling at the thought of an outside promoter (Charles Caruso[4]) profiting from the recent success of his team, and worrying about injuries to his players. However, postseason tours by professional basketball players were not unheard of; following the 1956 season the Syracuse Nationals were asked by the U.S. State Department to go on the road for five weeks throughout Europe and the Middle East.[5]

By early February, prospective dates and locations for the games were appearing in local newspapers,[6] and on February 26 the NBA Board of Governors, along with Brown and Commissioner Maurice Podoloff, gave their blessing for the tour.[7] The Celtics would play against a team of NBA All-Stars who would travel along for the duration.

While the entire Celtics team that had played in the NBA playoffs made the trip, Lou Tsioropoulos, who had been placed on Boston's "farm out" list in February to make room for Arnie Risen on the team's (10-man) roster, would mostly play for the All-Stars to even out the two squads.[8] Bob Cousy and Bill Sharman served as player-coaches for the Celtics in place of Red Auerbach, who was unable to make the trip due to a "previous commitment."[9] The All-Star team featured the following players:

Player	**1956-57 Team**
Carl Braun	New York Knicks
Bob Houbregs	Fort Wayne Pistons
Mel Hutchins	Fort Wayne Pistons
Neil Johnston	Philadelphia Warriors
Dick McGuire	New York Knicks
Willie Naulls (one game)	New York Knicks
Togo Palazzi	Syracuse Nationals
Dolph Schayes	Syracuse Nationals
George Yardley	Fort Wayne Pistons

The team did not include any members of the Hawks, but the roster was fairly strong. Schayes and Yardley had been starters at the league's All-Star Game that season, while Braun, Hutchins, and Johnston had been reserves. McGuire's string of five straight All-Star appearances had been snapped in 1957, but he would be selected for the next two All-Star games. Others were selected for different reasons: Houbregs and Naulls had

both played their college ball on the West Coast, while Palazzi was a former Celtic, having been dropped from their roster back in December when Bill Russell joined the team after playing in the Melbourne Olympics.

Games were held in a variety of sites, from high school gyms to college arenas. A game at the Cow Palace, where Bill Russell played several games during his college career at USF, drew over 10,000 fans. The most unusual venue was the Santa Ana Municipal Stadium. A floor borrowed from the Del Mar Fairgrounds was assembled in the middle of the outdoor stadium; the floor was 10 feet longer than the standard length, and the baskets were a foot shorter than the usual 10 feet. Players and fans alike endured temperatures in the 80s during the game that began at 3:30 p.m. local time.[10] At least it was played for a good cause – a part of the proceeds were to benefit the Temple Beth Sholom building fund.[11]

Following the conclusion of 17 games on the mainland United States and Canada, the majority of both teams, and their wives, traveled to Hawaii for four games presented by local promoter Ralph Yempuku.[12] (Five years earlier, the Minneapolis Lakers had made a similar trip.) Bob Cousy, Jack Nichols, Neil Johnston, Dick McGuire, and Dolph Schayes declined to make this leg of the trip, along with Willie Naulls. Hawks coach Alex Hannum joined the All-Stars to balance the rosters.[13] (Ron Perry, a former Holy Cross teammate of Heinsohn and Palazzi, was stationed in Hawaii with the Marines at the time, and was reportedly set to join the Celtics for the four games, but was unable to obtain the necessary leave.[14]) Yempuku guaranteed all of the players' expenses, including their round trip flights from Los Angeles and hotel accommodations at the Hawaiian Village Hotel (reportedly for a total cost of $10,000), and promised the players 30 percent of the profits.[15] The Celtics swept the four games in Honolulu to end the tour with a record of 15-6.

List of Games

Note: Celtics score is listed first for all games.

Date	Location	Score	Notes
Mon 4/15	Des Moines, IA	103-102	Celtics rallied from 12 point deficit in second half. Heinsohn 27, including 10 in the final 14 minutes; Braun 20. Heinsohn, Braun, Schayes, and Loscutoff fought late in the game. Attendance 5000.[16]
Tue 4/16	Denver Coliseum, Denver, CO	78-83	Sharman 24; Schayes 23, Johnston 22. Attendance 4500.
Wed 4/17	BYU Fieldhouse, Provo, UT	111-113	Hutchins layup at the buzzer to win game (former BYU star). Cousy 29; Braun 26. Attendance 5066.[17] 8 p.m. start. First pro basketball game ever held in Provo. $50 bonus to each member of winning team.[18]

Thu 4/18	Fairgrounds Coliseum, Salt Lake City, UT	124-110	Heinsohn 23, Sharman 21; Johnston 21.[19] Cousy and Schayes missed game.[20] Attendance cited as 3000 by AP, only 950 by UP.[21]
Fri 4/19	Spokane Coliseum, Spokane, WA	113-111 (2OT)	Heinsohn, Cousy 19; Braun 18. Attendance 5000. Celtics trailed 67-53 early in third quarter; game tied 105-105 at end of regulation, 107-107 at end of first overtime.[22]
Sat 4/20	Gill Coliseum, Corvallis, OR	118-108	Heinsohn 32, Russell 20 points and 26 rebounds; Braun 19. 8 p.m. start. Tickets $2.50 (reserved seats) and $1.50 (general admission). Attendance 5756.[23]
Sun 4/21	Civic Auditorium, Seattle, WA	122-123	Sharman 18; Schayes 21[24]
Mon 4/22	Hudson Bay High School, Vancouver, WA	129-136	Heinsohn 29; Johnston 23. Attendance 4000.[25]
Tue 4/23	Civic Auditorium, San Jose, CA	121-110	Heinsohn 29, Sharman 23, Russell 15 rebounds; Braun 20. Palazzi 14, McGuire 14. Attendance 3200.[26]
Wed 4/24	Memorial Auditorium, Sacramento, CA	115-108	Sharman, Heinsohn 20; Braun 22. Attendance 2858.[27]
Thu 4/25	Cow Palace, Daly City, CA	119-113	Sharman 24; Schayes 21. Attendance 10394.[28] Broadcast on KCBS radio (Don Klein).
Fri 4/26	Memorial Auditorium, Richmond, CA	140-137	Heinsohn, Loscutoff, Sharman 22, Russell 21; Johnston 26[29]
Sat 4/27	Stockton, CA	116-125	Heinsohn 23; Braun 21[30]
Sun 4/28	Santa Ana Municipal Stadium, Santa Ana, CA	108-103	Sharman 28; Yardley 28. Attendance 4000.[31]
Mon 4/29	San Diego Arena, San Diego, CA	127-109	Sharman 21; McGuire 19[32]
Tue 4/30	Shrine Auditorium, Los Angeles, CA	101-109	Heinsohn 25; Johnston 17. 8:15 p.m. start. Attendance 6000. Willie Naulls, ex-UCLA star, played in his only game of the tour. George Yardley suffered an ankle injury early in the game.[33]
Wed 5/1	Rancho High School, Las Vegas, NV	138-135	Cousy, Sharman 34; Palazzi 35. Celtics trailed by as many as 20 points.[34] Attendance of less than 1500 in the 4000-seat gym.
Fri 5/3	Honolulu Civic Auditorium, Honolulu, HI	115-109	Loscutoff 20; Houbregs 24. Attendance 3000.[35]
Sat 5/4	Honolulu Civic Auditorium, Honolulu, HI	115-109	Heinsohn 28; Braun 32. Attendance 3000.[36]
Sun 5/5	Schofield (Barracks) Post Bowl, Honolulu, HI	154-116	Loscutoff 23; Palazzi 27. Attendance 1500.[37]
Mon 5/6	Honolulu Civic Auditorium, Honolulu, HI	115-105	Heinsohn 28; Braun, Palazzi 22. Attendance 2300.[38]

Partial Set of Box Scores[39]

April 15, 1957
Boston Celtics 103, NBA All-Stars 102
Des Moines, Iowa

CELTICS	FGM	FTM-A	PF	PTS		ALL-STARS	FGM	FTM-A	PF	PTS
Tom Heinsohn	11	5-6	5	27		Dolph Schayes	8	1-4	2	17
Jim Loscutoff	7	0-0	5	14		Mel Hutchins	5	0-0	0	10
Dick Hemric	2	2-2	0	6		George Yardley	6	4-6	1	16
Bill Russell	7	1-5	1	15		Bob Houbregs	2	0-0	2	4
Arnie Risen	2	1-2	1	5		Neil Johnston	5	1-2	4	11
Bob Cousy	7	2-2	2	16		Dick McGuire	6	0-1	1	12
Bill Sharman	3	0-0	0	6		Togo Palazzi	6	0-0	1	12
Lou Tsioropoulos	7	0-0	0	14		Carl Braun	8	4-5	2	20
TOTALS	46	11-17	14	103		TOTALS	46	10-18	13	102

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Boston Celtics	27	22	30	24	103
NBA All-Stars	29	30	21	22	102

April 16, 1957
NBA All-Stars 83, Boston Celtics 78
Denver Coliseum, Denver, Colorado

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April 17, 1957

NBA All-Stars 113, Boston Celtics 111

BYU Fieldhouse, Provo, Utah

CELTICS	FGM	FTM-A	PF	PTS		ALL-STARS	FGM	FTM-A	PF	PTS
Bob Cousy	14	1-2		29		Dolph Schayes	7	3-3		17
Bill Sharman	8	6-6		22		Bob Houbregs	3	0-0		6
Lou Tsioropoulos	3	0-1		6		Togo Palazzi	7	0-0		14
Bill Russell	7	3-5		17		Dick McGuire	5	1-2		11
Tom Heinsohn	9	2-2		20		Neil Johnston	3	2-2		8
Jim Loscutoff	7	0-1		14		George Yardley	4	1-1		9
Arnie Risen	1	1-2		3		Mel Hutchins	11	0-0		22
						Carl Braun	13	0-0		26
TOTALS	49	13-19		111		TOTALS	53	7-8		113

	1	2	3	4	F
Boston Celtics	24	29	28	30	111
NBA All-Stars	22	32	28	31	113

April 18, 1957

Boston Celtics 124, NBA All Stars 110

Fairgrounds Coliseum, Salt Lake City, Utah

CELTICS	FGM	FTM-A	PF	PTS		ALL-STARS	FGM	FTM-A	PF	PTS
Dick Hemric	5	1-2	0	11		George Yardley	9	0-0	1	18
Jim Loscutoff	7	0-0	0	14		Neil Johnston	10	1-1	2	21
Arnie Risen	7	2-2	1	16		Dick McGuire	5	0-0	2	10
Bill Sharman	10	1-1	1	21		Mel Hutchins	6	2-2	0	14
Andy Phillip	2	1-1	2	5		Carl Braun	8	3-4	1	19
Bill Russell	9	1-3	2	19		Bob Houbregs	1	0-0	1	2
Tom Heinsohn	11	1-2	2	23		Togo Palazzi	8	2-5	0	18
Frank Ramsey	6	3-3	4	15		Lou Tsioropoulos	3	2-2	4	8
TOTALS	57	10-14	12	124		TOTALS	50	10-14	11	110

	1	2	3	4	F
Boston Celtics	31	34	28	31	124
NBA All-Stars	25	29	24	32	110

April 19, 1957

Boston Celtics 113, NBA All-Stars 111

Spokane Coliseum, Spokane, Washington

CELTICS	FGM	FTM-A	PF	PTS		ALL-STARS	FGM	FTM-A	PF	PTS
Jim Loscutoff	6	0-0	0	12		Togo Palazzi	5	3-3	1	13
Dick Hemric	1	2-2	1	4		George Yardley	7	1-2	1	15
Tom Heinsohn	8	1-1	4	19		Neil Johnston	5	8-8	2	18
Bob Cousy	8	1-1	2	19		Bob Houbregs	3	1-3	2	7
Frank Ramsey	5	0-0	2	10		Mel Hutchins	5	0-0	0	10
Bill Russell	6	5-6	2	17		Dick McGuire	4	0-4	2	8
Arnie Risen	2	1-2	0	5		Carl Braun	8	2-4	0	18
Bill Sharman	8	1-1	0	17		Lou Tsioropoulos	5	2-2	1	12
Andy Phillip	2	0-0	4	4		Dolph Schayes	5	2-2	1	12
Jack Nichols	2	2-4	1	6						
TOTALS	50	13-17	16	113		TOTALS	47	17-28	10	111

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Boston Celtics	26	23	34	22	2	6	113
NBA All-Stars	25	32	28	20	2	4	111

April 20, 1957

Boston Celtics 118, NBA All-Stars 108

Gill Coliseum, Corvallis, Oregon

CELTICS	FGM	FTM-A	PF	PTS		ALL-STARS	FGM	FTM-A	PF	PTS
Tom Heinsohn	15	2-2	1	32		George Yardley	8	1-1	0	17
Jim Loscutoff	9	0-0	2	18		Mel Hutchins	3	1-2	0	7
Bill Russell	9	2-4	2	20		Neil Johnston	7	3-3	2	17
Bill Sharman	5	4-6	0	14		Carl Braun	8	3-4	3	19
Bob Cousy	6	0-0	1	12		Dick McGuire	4	0-0	1	8
Arnie Risen	2	1-3	1	5		Bob Houbregs	8	0-2	3	16
Frank Ramsey	2	0-0	3	4		Dolph Schayes	3	4-5	4	10
Jack Nichols	4	0-0	0	8		Togo Palazzi	4	0-0	3	8
Andy Phillip	2	1-2	1	5		Lou Tsioropoulos	2	2-2	1	6
TOTALS	54	10-17	11	118		TOTALS	47	14-19	13	108

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Boston Celtics	36	24	35	23	118
NBA All-Stars	22	25	30	31	108

April 21, 1957

NBA All-Stars 123, Boston Celtics 122

Civic Auditorium, Seattle, Washington

CELTICS	FGM	FTM	PF	PTS		ALL-STARS	FGM	FTM	PF	PTS
Jim Loscutoff	8	0	0	16		Mel Hutchins	5	0	0	10
Bill Russell	7	0	2	14		Bob Houbregs	6	4	1	16
Bill Sharman	9	0	0	18		Togo Palazzi	5	0	0	10
Jack Nichols	8	1	2	17		Dolph Schayes	10	1	0	21
Bob Cousy	8	0	0	16		George Yardley	9	0	0	18
Dick Hemric	7	0	0	14		Neil Johnston	4	2	1	10
Frank Ramsey	4	2	1	10		Dick McGuire	6	0	1	12
Arnie Risen	5	1	1	11		Lou Tsioropoulos	7	0	1	14
Andy Phillips	3	0	2	6		Carl Braun	6	0	0	12
TOTALS	59	4	8	122		TOTALS	58	7	4	123

	1	2	3	4	F
Boston Celtics	42	27	27	26	122
NBA All-Stars	31	30	34	28	123

April 22, 1957

NBA All-Stars 136, Boston Celtics 129

Hudson Bay High School, Vancouver, Washington

CELTICS	FGM	FTM-A	PF	PTS		ALL-STARS	FGM	FTM-A	PF	PTS
Frank Ramsey	4	1-1	4	9		Neil Johnston	7	7-10	4	21
Tom Heinsohn	13	3-4	2	29		Lou Tsioropoulos	6	3-3	3	15
Bill Russell	8	2-5	3	18		Dolph Schayes	7	3-4	3	17
Bill Sharman	8	1-1	1	17		Carl Braun	8	2-2	1	18
Andy Phillip	4	1-2	4	9		Dick McGuire	6	0-0	1	12
Dick Hemric	2	2-2	1	6		Togo Palazzi	7	6-10	3	20
Arnie Risen	3	1-2	4	7		George Yardley	10	2-2	0	20
Jack Nichols	1	0-1	0	2		Mel Hutchins	2	0-0	0	4
Bob Cousy	11	0-0	0	22		Bob Houbregs	3	1-1	1	7
Jim Loscutoff	5	0-1	0	10						
TOTALS	59	11-19	19	129		TOTALS	56	24-32	16	136

	1	2	3	4	F
Boston Celtics	36	30	26	37	129
NBA All-Stars	28	37	38	33	136

April 23, 1957
Boston Celtics 121, NBA All-Stars 110
Civic Auditorium, San Jose, California

Box score not found

April 24, 1957
Boston Celtics 115, NBA All-Stars 108
Memorial Auditorium, Sacramento, California

CELTICS	FGM	FTM-A	PF	PTS		ALL-STARS	FGM	FTM-A	PF	PTS
Bob Cousy	7	0-0	0	14		Dolph Schayes	6	4-5	3	16
Bill Sharman	10	0-0	2	20		Togo Palazzi	7	2-2	2	16
Frank Ramsey	4	6-6	1	14		Dick McGuire	4	0-1	0	8
Andy Phillip	6	0-0	1	12		Bob Houbregs	6	2-2	2	14
Bill Russell	7	3-4	3	17		Neil Johnston	5	2-4	3	12
Jack Nichols	0	0-0	0	0		George Yardley	2	0-0	0	4
Tom Heinsohn	7	6-6	4	20		Mel Hutchins	5	0-0	0	10
Dick Hemric	2	0-0	1	4		Lou Tsioropoulos	3	0-0	1	6
Jim Loscutoff	4	0-0	0	8		Carl Braun	10	2-2	1	22
Arnie Risen	3	0-0	1	6						
TOTALS	50	15-16	13	115		TOTALS	48	12-16	12	108

	1	2	3	4	F
Boston Celtics	23	22	33	37	115
NBA All-Stars	32	23	22	31	108

April 25, 1957

Boston Celtics 119, NBA All-Stars 113

Cow Palace, Daly City, California

CELTICS	FGM	FTM	PF	PTS		ALL-STARS	FGM	FTM	PF	PTS
Tom Heinsohn	10	0	0	20		Mel Hutchins	7	0	0	14
Jim Loscutoff	8	0	3	16		George Yardley	8	4	2	20
Dick Hemric	2	0	1	4		Dolph Schayes	7	7	4	21
Bill Russell	9	4	2	22		Togo Palazzi	3	0	0	6
Arnie Risen	2	4	4	8		Neil Johnston	2	3	3	7
Bob Cousy	5	0	1	10		Bob Houbregs	5	0	0	10
Andy Phillip	4	0	0	8		Carl Braun	8	0	1	16
Bill Sharman	11	2	0	24		Dick McGuire	7	4	2	18
Frank Ramsey	2	3	3	7		Lou Tsioropoulos	0	1	0	1
TOTALS	53	13	14	119		TOTALS	47	19	12	113

	1	2	3	4	F
Boston Celtics	?	59	?	?	119
NBA All-Stars	?	52	?	?	113

April 26, 1957

Boston Celtics 140, NBA All-Stars 137

Memorial Auditorium, Richmond, California

CELTICS	FGM	FTM	PF	PTS		ALL-STARS	FGM	FTM	PF	PTS
Tom Heinsohn	9	4	1	22		Dolph Schayes	6	8	2	20
Jim Loscutoff	10	2	1	22		Togo Palazzi	10	4	5	24
Dick Hemric	3	1	3	7		George Yardley	5	0	1	10
Bill Russell	10	1	4	21		Mel Hutchins	2	0	1	4
Arnie Risen	4	3	2	11		Neil Johnston	11	4	2	26
Bob Cousy	7	1	0	15		Bob Houbregs	6	2	1	14
Andy Phillip	2	3	1	7		Carl Braun	10	0	1	20
Bill Sharman	11	0	2	22		Dick McGuire	5	1	3	11
Frank Ramsey	4	5	2	13		Lou Tsioropoulos	4	0	1	8
TOTALS	60	20	16	140		TOTALS	59	19	17	137

	1	2	3	4	F
Boston Celtics	29	43	36	32	140
NBA All-Stars	32	26	47	32	137

April 27, 1957

NBA All-Stars 125, Boston Celtics 116

Stockton, California

CELTICS	FGM	FTM	PF	PTS		ALL-STARS	FGM	FTM	PF	PTS
Tom Heinsohn	10	3	2	23		Dolph Schayes	6	1	0	13
Frank Ramsey	7	2	2	16		George Yardley	7	2	1	16
Jim Loscutoff	7	0	5	14		Bob Houbregs	8	0	0	16
Arnie Risen	2	1	0	5		Mel Hutchins	3	0	0	6
Bill Russell	7	3	3	17		Neil Johnston	3	4	1	10
Bob Cousy	9	0	1	18		Togo Palazzi	6	4	2	16
Bill Sharman	5	3	0	13		Carl Braun	10	1	1	21
Dick Hemric	5	0	1	10		Dick McGuire	9	1	3	19
						Lou Tsioropoulos	4	0	2	8
TOTALS	52	12	14	116		TOTALS	56	13	10	125

	1	2	3	4	F
Boston Celtics	?	58	?	?	116
NBA All-Stars	?	62	?	?	125

April 28, 1957

Boston Celtics 108, NBA All-Stars 103

Santa Ana Municipal Stadium, Santa Ana, California

CELTICS	FGM	FTM-A	PF	PTS		ALL-STARS	FGM	FTM-A	PF	PTS
Tom Heinsohn	4	2-3	3	10		Dolph Schayes	2	2-3	0	6
Frank Ramsey	5	0-0	2	10		George Yardley	10	8-10	1	28
Jim Loscutoff	5	2-4	0	12		Bob Houbregs	3	2-2	0	8
Arnie Risen	6	3-8	3	15		Mel Hutchins	5	0-0	0	10
Bill Russell	6	0-0	1	12		Neil Johnston	2	3-3	1	7
Andy Phillip	1	1-4	1	3		Togo Palazzi	3	1-1	2	7
Bob Cousy	3	4-4	0	10		Carl Braun	9	1-1	1	19
Bill Sharman	14	0-0	3	28		Dick McGuire	5	1-1	3	11
Dick Hemric	4	0-0	0	8		Lou Tsioropoulos	3	1-2	2	7
TOTALS	48	12-23	13	108		TOTALS	42	19-23	10	103
Referees: Bob Fowler and Ken Fagans										

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Boston Celtics	29	27	27	25	108
NBA All-Stars	25	31	17	30	103

April 29, 1957

Boston Celtics 127, NBA All-Stars 109

San Diego Arena, San Diego, California

CELTICS	FGM	FTM-A	PF	PTS		ALL-STARS	FGM	FTM-A	PF	PTS
Tom Heinsohn	5	4-5	1	14		George Yardley	2	2-3	0	6
Jim Loscutoff	2	0-0	2	4		Togo Palazzi	6	0-1	3	12
Bill Russell	10	0-2	2	20		Neil Johnston	5	8-8	2	18
Bob Cousy	10	0-0	0	20		Carl Braun	7	0-0	4	14
Bill Sharman	7	7-7	0	21		Dick McGuire	9	1-2	0	19
Frank Ramsey	8	2-3	2	18		Bob Houbregs	7	0-0	1	14
Arnie Risen	4	0-0	1	8		Lou Tsioropoulos	6	0-0	3	12
Dick Hemric	5	0-2	0	10		Mel Hutchins	7	0-0	0	14
Andy Phillip	5	2-2	0	12						
TOTALS	56	15-21	8	127		TOTALS	49	11-14	13	109

	1	2	3	4	F
Boston Celtics	28	25	43	31	127
NBA All-Stars	29	26	29	25	109

April 30, 1957

NBA All-Stars 109, Boston Celtics 101

Shrine Auditorium, Los Angeles, California

CELTICS	FGM	FTM-A	PF	PTS		ALL-STARS	FGM	FTM-A	PF	PTS
Tom Heinsohn	11	3-3	2	25		George Yardley	0	0-0	0	0
Frank Ramsey	6	2-2	1	14		Willie Naulls	8	0-1	3	16
Jim Loscutoff	5	1-1	2	11		Bob Houbregs	4	0-0	1	8
Arnie Risen	1	0-0	0	2		Mel Hutchins	7	0-0	0	14
Bill Russell	3	1-2	2	7		Neil Johnston	5	7-8	2	17
Andy Phillip	2	2-2	2	6		Togo Palazzi	6	4-6	1	16
Bob Cousy	7	1-1	3	15		Carl Braun	7	2-2	1	16
Bill Sharman	8	1-2	0	17		Dick McGuire	6	4-4	2	16
Dick Hemric	0	4-4	1	4		Lou Tsioropoulos	3	0-0	1	6
TOTALS	43	15-17	13	101		TOTALS	46	17-21	11	109
Referees: Bob Fowler and Ken Fagans										

	1	2	3	4	F
Boston Celtics	22	24	28	27	101
NBA All-Stars	26	30	23	30	109

May 1, 1957

Boston Celtics 138, NBA All-Stars 135

Rancho High School, Las Vegas, Nevada

CELTICS	FGM	FTM-A	PF	PTS		ALL-STARS	FGM	FTM-A	PF	PTS
Tom Heinsohn	9	1-2	6	19		Togo Palazzi	17	1-1	1	35
Dick Hemric	3	0-0	1	6		Frank Ramsey?	13	6-8	0	32
Jim Loscutoff	4	0-0	1	8		Mel Hutchins	1	0-0	0	2
Bill Russell	6	2-3	0	14		Neil Johnston	12	7-8	3	31
Arnie Risen	9	0-0	1	18		Bob Houbregs	0	0-0	0	0
Bob Cousy	17	0-0	2	34		Dolph Schayes?	5	1-1	3	11
Bill Sharman	15	4-4	2	34		George Yardley	0	0-0	0	0
Andy Phillip	2	1-2	1	5		Carl Braun	11	2-2	1	24
TOTALS	65	8-11	14	138		TOTALS	59	17-20	8	135

	1	2	3	4	F
Boston Celtics	?	63	?	?	138
NBA All-Stars	?	66	?	?	135

May 3, 1957

Boston Celtics 115, NBA All-Stars 109

Honolulu Civic Auditorium, Honolulu, Hawaii

CELTICS	FGM	FTM-A	PF	PTS		ALL-STARS	FGM	FTM-A	PF	PTS
Tom Heinsohn	7	4-7	1	18		Carl Braun	9	1-2	2	19
Jim Loscutoff	9	2-2	0	20		Togo Palazzi	6	0-3	1	12
Bill Russell	8	1-1	1	17		Mel Hutchins	5	0-0	0	10
Bill Sharman	8	1-2	0	17		Bob Houbregs	12	0-0	3	24
Frank Ramsey	8	3-4	1	19		George Yardley	8	2-2	2	18
Dick Hemric	5	0-0	0	10		Alex Hannum	5	0-0	1	10
Andy Phillip	3	0-0	2	6		Lou Tsioropoulos	7	2-2	2	16
Arnie Risen	3	2-2	1	8						
TOTALS	51	13-18	6	115		TOTALS	52	5-9	11	109
Referees: James Aiona, Sonny Lee Scorer: Denny Sakauye, Timer: Ah Chew Goo										

	1	2	3	4	F
Boston Celtics	26	29	27	33	115
NBA All-Stars	30	25	22	32	109

May 4, 1957

Boston Celtics 115, NBA All-Stars 109

Honolulu Civic Auditorium, Honolulu, Hawaii

CELTICS	FGM	FTM	PF	PTS		ALL-STARS	FGM	FTM	PF	PTS
Tom Heinsohn	11	6	3	28		Carl Braun	15	2	2	32
Jim Loscutoff	6	0	0	12		Togo Palazzi	6	9	3	21
Bill Russell	3	0	2	6		Mel Hutchins	1	0	0	2
Bill Sharman	12	0	1	24		Bob Houbregs	5	0	2	10
Frank Ramsey	6	2	4	14		George Yardley	6	0	1	12
Andy Phillip	5	3	1	13		Alex Hannum	5	4	1	14
Arnie Risen	6	1	0	13		Lou Tsioropoulos	9	0	0	18
Dick Hemric	2	1	0	5						
TOTALS	51	13	11	115		TOTALS	47	15	9	109
Referees: James Aiona, Sonny Lee Scorer: Denny Sakauye, Timer: Ah Chew Goo										

	1	2	3	4	F
Boston Celtics	30	29	26	30	115
NBA All-Stars	25	31	30	23	109

May 5, 1957

Boston Celtics 154, NBA All-Stars 116

Schofield (Barracks) Post Bowl, Honolulu, Hawaii

CELTICS	FGM	FTM-A	PF	PTS		ALL-STARS	FGM	FTM-A	PF	PTS
Tom Heinsohn	9	4-4	1	22		Carl Braun	11	1-1	2	23
Jim Loscutoff	11	1-2	0	23		Togo Palazzi	12	3-3	1	27
Bill Russell	10	0-2	0	20		Mel Hutchins	6	0-0	2	12
Bill Sharman	11	0-0	0	22		Bob Houbregs	5	0-0	0	10
Frank Ramsey	10	0-1	1	20		George Yardley	11	1-1	1	23
Andy Phillip	8	3-3	2	19		Alex Hannum	5	0-0	1	10
Arnie Risen	8	0-1	0	16		Lou Tsioropoulos	5	1-2	0	11
Dick Hemric	6	0-0	2	12						
TOTALS	73	8-13	6	154		TOTALS	55	6-7	7	116

	1	2	3	4	F
Boston Celtics	41	38	44	31	154
NBA All-Stars	32	29	33	22	116

May 6, 1957

Boston Celtics 115, NBA All-Stars 105

Honolulu Civic Auditorium, Honolulu, Hawaii

CELTICS	FGM	FTM-A	PF	PTS		ALL-STARS	FGM	FTM-A	PF	PTS
Tom Heinsohn	13	2-4	1	28		Carl Braun	11	0-0	3	22
Jim Loscutoff	6	0-0	0	12		George Yardley	8	0-0	0	16
Bill Russell	5	0-1	0	10		Mel Hutchins	2	0-0	0	4
Bill Sharman	10	2-4	0	22		Alex Hannum	4	0-0	1	8
Frank Ramsey	8	1-2	1	17		Lou Tsioropoulos	6	1-3	0	13
Arnie Risen	3	0-0	0	6		Togo Palazzi	9	4-8	0	22
Andy Phillip	3	0-0	1	6		Bob Houbregs	10	0-0	0	20
Dick Hemric	7	0-0	0	14						
TOTALS	55	5-11	3	115		TOTALS	50	5-11	4	105
Referees: James Aiona, Sonny Lee Scorer: Denny Sakauye, Timer: Ah Chew Goo										

	1	2	3	4	F
Boston Celtics	22	28	33	32	115
NBA All-Stars	21	28	36	20	105

Notes

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[10] Jack Geyer, "Sharman Buckets 28 as Celtics Triumph," *Los Angeles Times*, April 29, 1957. Wire story, "Celtics Capture 108-103 Victory at Santa Ana," *The San Bernardino County Sun*, April 29, 1957. "Celtics Shade NBA All-Stars," *(Long Beach) Independent*, April 29, 1957. Claude Anderson, "Sports Slants," *The San Bernardino County Sun*, April 18, 1957.
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[12] "Isle Fans To See Pro Cage Rules In Operation," *Honolulu Advertiser*, May 1, 1957. Cisco, Dan. *Hawaii Sports: History, Facts, and Statistics*. Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press, 1999, p85.
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[17] Wire story, "Celtics Lose on Hutchins Two-Pointer," *The Ogden Standard-Examiner*, April 18, 1957. Wire story, "Celtics Edged By All-Stars," *The Eugene (Oregon) Guard*, April 18, 1957.
[18] "Celtics, NBA Stars Clash Here Tonight," *The (Provo) Daily Herald*, April 17, 1957.
[19] Wire story, "Celtic Five Tops All-Star Team," *Los Angeles Times*, April 19, 1957. Wire story, "Boston Celtics Trip All-Stars In 124-110 Tilt," *The (Provo, Utah) Daily Herald*, April 19, 1957.
[20] Cousy and Schayes "missed plane connections after attending a Midwest meeting of pro hoopsters." See wire story, "Celtics Again Down League All-Stars," *Newport (Rhode Island) Daily News*, April 19, 1957.
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[24] Wire story, "All-Stars Nip Celtics, 123-122," *The Bend (Oregon) Bulletin*, April 22, 1957.
[25] Wire story, "Celtics Play In San Jose," *The (San Mateo, California) Times*, April 23, 1957.
[26] Wire story, "Celtics Score Fifth Tour Win," *(Long Beach) Independent*, April 24, 1957. Wire story, "Celtics Outscore All-Stars 121-110," *Honolulu Star-Bulletin*, April 24, 1957.
[27] Wire story, "Celtics Play On Cow Palace Floor Tonight," *The (San Mateo, California) Times*, April 25, 1957.
[28] Wire story, "10,394 See Celtics Win," *Los Angeles Times*, April 26, 1957.
[29] Wire story, "Celtics Win Again In Richmond Tilt; Set Point Record," *(San Rafael, California) Daily Independent Journal*, April 27, 1957.
[30] Wire story, "All-Stars Outscore Celtics, 125-116," *Los Angeles Times*, April 28, 1957.
[31] Jack Geyer, "Sharman Buckets 28 as Celtics Triumph," *Los Angeles Times*, April 29, 1957. Wire story, "Celtics Capture 108-103 Victory at Santa Ana," *The San Bernardino County Sun*, April 29, 1957. "Celtics Shade NBA All-Stars," *(Long Beach) Independent*, April 29, 1957. Claude Anderson, "Sports Slants," *The San Bernardino County Sun*, April 18, 1957.
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