

FAST BREAK

'Cats break through

**D**aniel Dion scored 20 points, on 8-of-11 shooting, and had seven assists as the University of New Hampshire men's basketball team dominated UMass-Lowell, 61-32, yesterday.

Dion was 4-of-6 from 3-point range for UNH (5-15, 3-4 America East) and **Chris Pelcher** added 13 points and 14 rebounds.

**Antonio Bivins** came off the bench and scored 12 points for UMass-Lowell (5-14, 4-4). Bivins made just two of his eight shots, but was 8-of-9 from the free throw line. **Akeem Williams** entered the game averaging 16 points per game in conference play, but was just 1-of-11 from the field and finished with four points.

The Wildcats held UMass-Lowell to 15 second-half points – on just three field goals – after leading 25-17 at halftime. The River Hawks made just six of 49 shots (12.2 percent) for the game, but missed only five of their 25 free throws.



Shot down

**Y**anni Gourde and **Dan DaSilva** scored in a shootout and Worcester goalie **Harri Sateri** stopped all but Manchester's **Zach O'Brien** as the Sharks beat the Monarchs, 4-3, yesterday.

The loss denied Monarchs goalie **Mathias Niederberger** a win in his AHL debut. Niederberger stopped 28 shots, though, and Manchester rallied from a 3-0 deficit to earn a point and improve to 28-12-2-5 atop the Atlantic Division. Worcester dropped to 20-17-3-1 and is ranked fourth.

The Sharks scored three straight goals in a span of seven minutes in the second period, but **Jordan Weal's** power-play goal got Manchester back into it and **Colin Miller** made it a one-goal game entering the final frame.

**A.J. Gale's** goal at 8:54 of the third period forced overtime, where Worcester outshot the Monarchs, 4-0, but neither team scored.



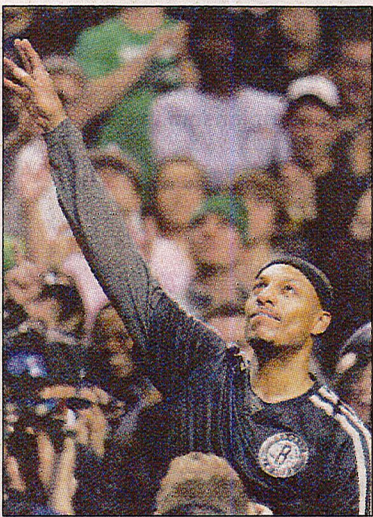
THEY SAID IT

*"We'll bleed green when we're six feet under."*

Kevin Garnett, in his return to Boston

BROOKLYN 85, BOSTON 79

Welcomed back



AP

Paul Pierce waves to the crowd while watching a tribute to him.

Nets' Pierce, KG still fan favorites in Boston

By JIMMY GOLEN  
Associated Press

**BOSTON** – After the highlights were shown on the scoreboard and the two former Celtics acknowledged the latest in a series of standing ovations, the cameras panned up to the rafters, where the franchise has hung more banners than any other NBA team.

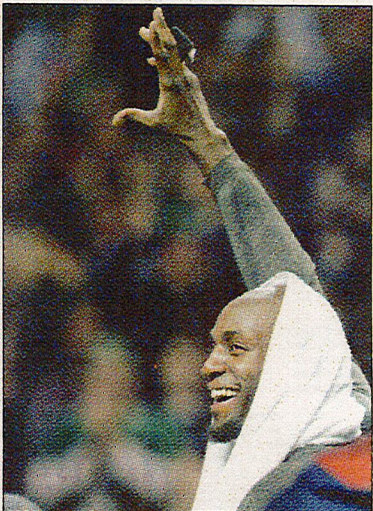
First shown was the list of retired numbers, where two blank spots should eventually be filled: with Paul Pierce's No. 34 for certain and probably also the No. 5 that Kevin Garnett

wore for his six years in Boston. Then the scoreboard showed the 2008 NBA title banner the two won in their first year together with the Celtics.

"That was our era. No one can ever take that away from us," Garnett said after the Nets beat the Celtics, 85-79, last night. "I think we will always bleed green as long as we play basketball. We'll bleed green when we're six feet under."

Fans erupted in applause for the two former champions, who were traded to the Brooklyn Nets last summer when the Celtics decided it was better to rebuild without them than try for one last run with their aging All-

See **CELTICS – B3**



AP

Kevin Garnett acknowledges the crowd in his return to Boston.



NEXT GAME

Tomorrow: Boston Celtics at New York Knicks  
On TV: CSNNE, 7:30 p.m.

ONE LAST SHOT



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The Ice Tartans (red) take on Dietter's Disciples in the 18+ Rec division semifinals during the Black Ice Pond Hockey tournament at White Park yesterday. Dietter's Disciples won in overtime and went on to win the final against the Kearsarge Krew.