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Philadelphia's Darryl Dawkins (53) blocking shot by Nets' Bob Elliot in the second quarter at Philadelphia last night.

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PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 8 — The New Jersey Nets, without Coach Kevin Loughery, Bernard King and Bob Elliot, lost through ejection and injury along the way, took the Philadelphia 76ers into double overtime tonight in the Spectrum only to lose, 137-133. It was a wild cliff-hanging game that saw 11 technical fouls called in regulation time — all but two against the Nets.

New Jersey was in control in the first quarter, opening a 17-point lead at one stage and had momentum in the third quarter when personal and technical foul troubles began with 5:50 remaining. Five consecutive technicals were called against the Nets; Philadelphia scored 4 points from the free-throw line and opened a 10-point lead. Still the Nets recovered.

A slowdown at the end of the fourth quarter with the Nets in possession had enabled Eric Money to take a shot after recovering from a deflection by Doug Collins. That tied the score at 119, forcing the first overtime. Jan van Breda Kolff was the Nets' hero in the extra five minutes, controlling Julius Erving while Money and John Williamson did the scoring. Wilson Washington pushed away Henry Bibby's jumper with two seconds to go in that extra period, and the score was frozen at 127. Finally the 76ers pried out a precarious lead and held it.

### What Might Have Been

"It could have been the greatest win in our three years in the N.B.A.," said van Breda Kolff, "and instead it turned around to be so disheartening. We'd lost Bernard King, one of our best players, our coach; most teams would just go ahead and fold. We actually got the lead at one point and had a good chance to win it. It was just a shame we lost it. What a comeback!"

Williamson had a high of 42 points in the loss. Money had 37.

A rejuvenated Philadelphia had caught up with the Nets late in the third quarter, and the lead was flipping back and forth when the trouble began. King, the Nets' scoring leader, had been bandied about by Steve Mix with both men drawing fouls. Then on the next play King knocked into Mix while shooting and was assessed an offensive foul by Referee Roger McCann.

Screaming at the official, King was further charged with a technical, his

second of the night, and it meant automatic ejection. When Loughery bounded onto the court to object, the coach also got a technical, and as he continued to protest he got his second.

The hysteria escalated, and when King left the court in a rage he kicked a chair. Referee Rich Powers then gave King another technical. Loughery had a fit, was in turn hit with a third technical and was sent out of the game.

Charlie Theokas, the Nets' general manager, came storming down out of the stands but did not get a technical. For Loughery, who led the league last year in technicals with 42, it was his first ejection this season.

"It started a pretty good rhubarb, didn't it," chuckled Mix after the furor had settled.

### Elliot Injured

Elliot was also out of the game, having been injured in a pileup with a teammate, Eddie Jordan, and sustaining a strained ligament in his right leg.

Doug Collins, who led the 76ers' late charge, was the high scorer for Philadelphia with 27 points followed by Erving with 24.

King had nothing to say after the game, but Loughery felt that his player had been wronged and blamed the trouble on the three-official concept.

Bibby, like many observers, pinpointed the spate of technicals as the turning point of the game.

"I've never seen so many technicals in my life," Bibby said. "We were saw-sawing back and forth. That was a big plus for us. They had the momentum. They were 1 point down, and then all of a sudden they were 7, 8 points down. They're in the position where they have to fight instead of us. But the Nets have shown a 200 percent improvement over last year. They're a hard team to beat."

Philadelphia's victory was another in a series of narrow successes. The team has an 8-1 won-lost record now, including seven victories in a row, but its largest margin of victory was tonight's 4 points.

"It's almost like we've left the wake-up call for the fourth quarter," said Billy Cunningham, the Philadelphia coach. "Our attention level is like night and day. Fortunately we've been able to get away with it."