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PHILADELPHIA, March 23 — Jack McMahon, the 76ers' assistant coach, pointed at the tired group of Philadelphia players, some resting on the floor, in the dressing room tonight, and said:

"There they are, all 11 of them, the only team in National Basketball Association history to win two games in one night."

The 76ers were finally able to put a game they had won 135 days ago in the victory column when they beat the New Jersey Nets, 123-117; the last 17 minutes of the game were a replay of a protested game.

Then, after a wait of half an hour and a poorly played first half, the 76ers treated the 11,771 fans to a fourth-quarter show in the regularly scheduled game, finishing off with a blistering 16-for-19 shooting performance and battering the Nets, 119-98.

The two victories brought the 76ers' winning streak to five in a row and gave them a shot at attaining the third-best record in the Eastern Conference, which would result in the homecourt advantage in the playoffs.

Meanwhile the Nets, who have been struggling, lost their seventh game in the last eight and dropped five games under the .500 mark (34-39).

Before the latest surge, the 76ers had been able to win only three of 16 games. But things changed with the return of the high-scoring Doug Collins, the guard who underwent surgery for the removal of a bone spur on his left foot.

Collins played six minutes of the protested game, but suffered a strain — unrelated to the original injury — that kept him out of the second game. Eric Money, the 76er guard who had missed the last six games with sore ankles, returned to play in both games.

The star of Philadelphia's fourth-

quarter show was the 6-foot-11-inch, 258-pound Darryl Dawkins. With the Nets ahead, 79-73, at the start of the fourth period, Dawkins put on a 2½-minute performance that left the Nets helpless.

He began with a layup over Harvey Catchings, then scored on a fast-break stuff shot after a pass from Julius Erving and hit an 8-foot jumper over Catchings.

"We decided to go low to Darryl," said Billy Cunningham, the Philadelphia coach, "and everything opened up for us."

The 76ers committed 19 turnovers in the first half — 12 in the first quarter — and trailed by as many as 14 points in the second period. In the second half, they began to control the boards, played better defense and put their running game together — and it led to the Nets' demise.

"One thing for sure," said Kevin Loughery, the Nets coach, "when the defense gets tough and you don't have the offensive players, you've got a problem. There must have been 15 straight shots we missed. There's not much you can do with that situation."

137-133 Original Result

The 76ers originally won the protested game, 137-133, in double overtime on Nov. 8. A total of nine technical fouls were called in that game, including three each on Bernard King, the Nets' top scorer, and Loughery.

The technical fouls against King and Loughery were the basis for the protest. According to N.B.A. rules, a referee may call only two technical fouls on a player or a coach for misbehavior; the second technical results in ejection from the game.

In upholding the protest, Larry O'Brien, the National Basketball Association commissioner, also suspended Richie Powers, the league's senior official, for five games without pay "for failure to comply with league procedure." At the time of the commissioner's ruling, Norm Drucker, the supervi-

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sor of officials, said the fine would cost Powers approximately \$2,500.

The last protest an N.B.A. commissioner had upheld involved a game on Dec. 3, 1971, between the Cleveland Cavaliers and the Buffalo Braves. The final four seconds were replayed after the commissioner ruled that the officials had given the ball to Cleveland out of bounds at the wrong place following a time out. The replay did not alter the outcome of the game.

The controversial sequence for the Net-76er protest was set off when Roger McCann, a rookie official, called King for a foul and his second technical. Powers then assessed King for a third technical when he kicked a chair on his way to the locker room. When Loughery went to King's defense, he was called for his second and third technicals by Powers.

The game was resumed tonight with 5 minutes 50 seconds remaining in the third period and the 76ers ahead, 84-81. King was not eligible to play, but Loughery continued to coach because the second of his three technical fouls was called after King's third technical, the point of protest.

To further complicate the replay, the Nets and the 76ers were involved in a four-player trade on Feb. 7. The Nets sent Money and Al Skinner to Philadelphia for Catchings and Ralph Simpson.

As a result, three of the four players

involved in the swap appeared on both sides of the box score. Money, who had scored 23 of his 37 points for the Nets before the game was suspended, had 4 more as a 76er tonight.

Erving and Bobby Jones played the key roles as they shared 23 points after the game was resumed. Erving scored 12 to bring his total to 32 points. He also had four assists tonight.

Nets Box Scores

| FIRST GAME | | | | | | | | | | SECOND GAME | | | | | | | | | |
|------------|-----|-----|-------|-----|-----|----|----|-----|----|-------------|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|----|----|----|----|
| NETS (117) | | | | | | | | | | NETS (98) | | | | | | | | | |
| Player | min | pts | fg | ft | trb | a | of | st | pf | Player | min | pts | fg | ft | trb | a | of | st | pf |
| King | 36 | 3 | 1/11 | 2/2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 6 | Drueckoff | 25 | 4 | 1/2 | 5/6 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 13 |
| Washington | 23 | 5 | 7/7 | 2/2 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 12 | 1 | King | 36 | 7 | 1/6 | 5/11 | 19 | 8 | 5 | 10 | |
| Johnson | 30 | 3 | 4/7 | 2/2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 1 | Johnson | 23 | 5 | 9/0 | 0/9 | 8 | 4 | 10 | 1 | |
| Money | 37 | 11 | 12/17 | 2/2 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 23 | 2 | Jordan | 29 | 6 | 1/5 | 1/3 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 13 | |
| Willington | 43 | 14 | 21/21 | 6/6 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 34 | 0 | Willington | 44 | 11 | 2/3 | 5/6 | 7 | 2 | 27 | 1 | |
| Ellis | 4 | 8 | 5/0 | 0/0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | Bassoff | 14 | 2 | 3/2 | 4/7 | 0 | 1 | 8 | 1 | |
| Bowen | 5 | 1 | 3/0 | 0/0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | Catchings | 15 | 1 | 4/2 | 2/3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 4 | |
| Braedrick | 20 | 5 | 8/2 | 4/8 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 12 | 0 | Simpson | 13 | 3 | 7/2 | 1/2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 4 | |
| Jordan | 19 | 1 | 4/4 | 6/7 | 6 | 6 | 1 | 6 | 0 | Jackson | 11 | 0 | 1/0 | 0/0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | |
| Bassoff | 4 | 0 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | Total | 248 | 58 | 90 | 22 | 22 | 27 | 17 | 23 | 14 |
| Catchings | 14 | 2 | 4/4 | 4/4 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 9 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Simpson | 2 | 0 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jackson | 14 | 2 | 7/0 | 2/2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total | 240 | 47 | 86 | 22 | 28 | 44 | 35 | 117 | 11 | | | | | | | | | | |

| PHILADELPHIA (123) | | | | | | | | | | PHILADELPHIA (110) | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------|-----|-----|-------|-----|-----|----|----|----|----|--------------------|-----|-----|------|------|-----|----|----|----|-----|
| Player | min | pts | fg | ft | trb | a | of | st | pf | Player | min | pts | fg | ft | trb | a | of | st | pf |
| Erving | 29 | 11 | 5/13 | 1/2 | 7 | 8 | 2 | 22 | 0 | Erving | 40 | 10 | 6/9 | 6/9 | 9 | 5 | 1 | 24 | |
| Jones | 29 | 8 | 11/21 | 3/4 | 8 | 3 | 4 | 15 | 0 | Jones | 21 | 7 | 11/4 | 4/4 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 18 | |
| C. Jones | 24 | 4 | 7/11 | 1/2 | 7 | 0 | 1 | 9 | 0 | C. Jones | 26 | 2 | 6/2 | 4/10 | 2 | 2 | 17 | | |
| Collins | 23 | 1 | 6/8 | 0/4 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 0 | Clark | 35 | 7 | 0/0 | 0/5 | 8 | 3 | 8 | | |
| Bobby | 23 | 10 | 4/4 | 4/6 | 5 | 3 | 10 | 0 | 0 | N. Erv | 15 | 3 | 1/0 | 0/2 | 3 | 1 | 6 | | |
| Bobby | 20 | 2 | 6/5 | 0/8 | 5 | 8 | 2 | 11 | 0 | Mir | 26 | 8 | 1/0 | 2/1 | 3 | 3 | 19 | | |
| Dawkins | 20 | 6 | 9/11 | 2/5 | 0 | 1 | 13 | 0 | 0 | Larkins | 20 | 6 | 2/2 | 3/0 | 1 | 4 | 14 | | |
| Mir | 16 | 3 | 9/2 | 4/5 | 2 | 2 | 9 | 0 | 0 | Money | 22 | 4 | 3/1 | 4/4 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 15 | |
| Simpson | 12 | 4 | 6/8 | 0/1 | 2 | 1 | 9 | 0 | 0 | Travett | 12 | 8 | 0/0 | 0/2 | 3 | 3 | 0 | | |
| Street | 12 | 3 | 7/8 | 0/0 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 0 | Total | 240 | 45 | 81 | 20 | 28 | 34 | 33 | 24 | 110 |
| Catchings | 2 | 0 | 1/0 | 0/0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Money | 8 | 2 | 4/5 | 0/1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total | 240 | 48 | 101 | 27 | 34 | 45 | 21 | 24 | 15 | | | | | | | | | | |

| Nets | | Philadelphia | |
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| Points | 117 | 123 | 110 |
| Rebounds | 44 | 35 | 41 |
| Assists | 11 | 17 | 12 |

Officials—Richie Powers, Ed Middleton, Roger McCann, Earl Strom, Bill Star, Jack Malison
Attendance—15,368

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