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June 2

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The death knell for the Pistons' 2006-07 season occurred with less than eight minutes to play when the always-temperamental Rasheed Wallace was nailed with a pair of technical fouls and automatic ejection for jawing with officials. Wallace continued his tirade as he stormed into the locker room tunnel, flinging off his headband in the process and allowing Cleveland fans a sense of payback for Wallace's previous crimes against the Cavs. It was Wallace who had opened up a huge gash in Zydrunas Ilgauskas' head during a regular-season game the year before, and had guaranteed a win against the Cavs in the second round of the 2006 playoffs.

Outside of The Q, a crowd of thousands, many of whom had finished watching an Indians game at Jacobs Field (against Detroit, ironically), had gathered to watch on large television screens as the Cavs made the game a matter of scoreboard mathematics: the Cavs' lead grew, the time on the clock shrank, and the crowd noise built to a crescendo.

When the final buzzer sounded, Cleveland had secured its first berth in a championship round since the 1997 Indians, and the scene outside The Q and Jacobs Field was New Year's Eve and Mardi Gras rolled into one.

During the Eastern Conference trophy presentation, coach Mike Brown coined a phrase which entered, however briefly, the Cleveland lexicon, and found its way onto a couple of thousand t-shirts:

"Shoot it, Boobie, shoot it!"

That night, as Cleveland celebrated, Boobie Gibson, a skinny rookie from Texas, joined LeBron as the toast of the town.