

## WNBA Playoff Capsules

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SEATTLE (AP) — Sue Bird scored 22 points, including two 3-pointers in the second overtime, and the Seattle Storm beat the Minnesota Lynx 86-79 on Sunday night to force a deciding third game in the Western Conference semifinal series.

Tanisha Wright had 18 points for the Storm, including a tying 3 with 23.9 seconds left in the first overtime.

Rebekkah Brunson scored 22 points and Seimone Augustus had 20 for the defending champion Lynx.

Tina Thompson opened the second extra period with a 3 that put the Storm ahead for good, 78-75. After Lindsay Whalen had a jumper for the Lynx, Bird hit a 3 that stretched Seattle's lead to four points with 2:24 left, and she made another with 42 seconds remaining sealed the Storm's win.

Game 3 is Tuesday night in Minneapolis. The winner will face Los Angeles in the conference finals.

Lauren Jackson hit a 3 from the right side for Seattle that tied the score at 70-all with 1.1 seconds left in regulation.

FEVER 103, DREAM 88

ATLANTA — Tamika Catchings had 25 points and 13 rebounds, Briann January scored 24 points and Indiana forced a deciding Game 3 in the East semifinals series.

Erlana Larkins had 16 points, Shavonte Zellous added 15, Tammy Sutton-Brown 11 and Erin Phillips 10 for the Fever, who shot 53 percent from the field. January scored 11 points in the third quarter to help Indiana extend a two-point halftime lead and Catchings had 18 in the fourth — one short of the WNBA record for a quarter.

Angel McCoughtry scored 22 points to lead Atlanta. Lindsey Harding added 17 and Sancho Lyttle 15.

Game 3 will be Tuesday in Indianapolis, where the Dream eliminated the Fever in Game 3 of the East finals a year ago and won the opener of this series on Friday.

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