

# NBA Finals: Celtics vs. Mavericks

Thursday, June 6, 2024

**Dallas Mavericks**

**Daniel Gafford**

Game 1: Postgame



Boston Celtics 107, Dallas Mavericks 89

Q: Did you feel any jitters coming into the game? Did anyone have to shake off some cobwebs from the number of days off?

DANIEL GAFFORD: I'm pretty sure. Everybody was ready to go. It's been a long stretch before we had this first game. We finally got that out of our system, so now we should be able to play for the next one.

**Q. You guys have bounced back from Game 1 losses in the playoffs. Can you rely on that? You've been able to lose Game 1s and still win series.**

DANIEL GAFFORD: Of course. This is something that we can learn from and it can help us in the next game.

**Q. Would you just say with the switching it was poor execution or were they hitting difficult shots?**

DANIEL GAFFORD: Not necessarily difficult shots. We just have to communicate a lot better and just be better in our principles defensively. That's what's going to help us withstand the stretch of the runs they made.

Q: What can you say about Kristaps' performance tonight?

DANIEL GAFFORD: I mean, he looked pretty healthy to me. We have to find a way to match his energy and physicality.