



## Turkish Airlines EuroLeague Playoffs - Game 2 MVP: Jordan Loyd, AS Monaco

Jordan Loyd played an integral role as AS Monaco defeated Maccabi Playtika Tel Aviv 86-74 in Game 2 of the 2023 Turkish Airlines EuroLeague Playoffs, finishing with a career-best 36 PIR and securing the MVP of the Round accolade. En route to his PIR of 36, Loyd scored a career-high 33 points after going 5-of-5 from two-point range, 5-of-9 on three-pointers and 8-for-9 on free throws. He also grabbed 2 rebounds, dished 2 assists, recorded 2 steals and had 0 turnovers in just under 27 minutes on the floor. Loyd, who has earned MVP of the Round honors for the second time in his career, shined bright as Monaco levelled the series at 1-1 ahead of Games 3 and 4 in Tel Aviv.

The second-highest PIR in Game 2 belongs to FC Barcelona center Jan Vesely, who had a PIR of 33. The 2019 EuroLeague MVP scored 26 points, shooting 10-of-13 on two-pointers and 6-for-6 on free throws, as Barca beat Zalgiris Kaunas 89-81 to improve to 2-0 in the series. Vesely had 6 rebounds, 2 assists and 1 block, too. Sasha Vezenkov of Olympiacos Piraeus recorded a 27 PIR, the third-best mark in Game 2, in his side's 78-82 defeat at home to Fenerbahce Beko Istanbul. The forward scored 18 points, making 2-of-3 two-pointers, 1-of-4 threes and all 11 of his free throws, while he also pulled down 7 rebounds, made 1 assist and had 2 steals. The player with the fourth-best PIR in Game 2 is Nikola Mirotic of Barca, as he amassed 22 points, 4 rebounds, 1 assist and 2 steals in his team's win over Zalgiris. Rounding out the list of top performers in Game 2 are two players who had a 21 PIR: Nigel Hayes-Davis of Fenerbahce and Moustapha Fall of Olympiacos. The former finished with 15 points, 6 rebounds, 5 assists, 1 steal and 0 turnovers as Fenerbahce beat Olympiacos to level the series at 1-1, while the latter recorded 7 points, 9 rebounds, 3 assists, 1 steal and 2 blocks.

**Individual highs: Nicolas Laprovittola, Barcelona, 11**

## assists

Jordan Loyd of Monaco scored the highest number of points in Game 2 with 33 points. Olympiacos star Sasha Vezenkov remains the season scoring leader with 17.7 points per game. Three players recorded 9 rebounds in their teams' second game of the playoffs: Moustapha Fall of Olympiacos, Mathias Lessort of Partizan Mozzart Bet Belgrade and Donta Hall of Monaco. Lessort also tops the charts for rebounds this season, bringing in 7.2 per contest. Nicolas Laprovittola set a new FC Barcelona playoff record with 11 assists in his side's second game of the series. Cazoo Baskonia Vitoria-Gasteiz playmaker Darius Thompson leads the league with 6.7 dimes per night. There were three players – Roman Sorkin of Maccabi, Fall and Hall – who blocked 2 shots in Game 2. Real Madrid man mountain Walter Tavares averages a league-best 2.2 blocks per contest. In Game 2, eight players had 2 steals each: Loyd, Vezenkov, Nikola Mirotic of Barca, Donatas Motiejunas of Monaco, Lukas Lekavicius of Zalgiris, John DiBartolomeo of Maccabi and Partizan duo Aleksa Abramovic and James Nunnally. Olympiacos guard Thomas Walkup averages 1.9 steals per night. No players recorded a double-double in Game 2.

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