

2010 Finals, Game 7
L.A. Lakers 83, Boston Celtics 79
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Ray Allen, Boston Celtics

Q: Thought on this game, the type of game that you really couldn't pull away in.

Allen: It's disappointing. This is probably one of the hardest feelings (*sic*) I've felt in my lifetime. We're scratching and clawing, trying to do everything we could to pull this out. That's what probably hurt the most – just having the opportunity to win down the stretch [it] didn't go our way.

Q: What was the mood in the locker room?

Allen: Tears; a lot of tears.

Q: Would you like to see this group back together [next season]?

Allen: It's hard to think about playing ... you've got guys that are veteran players that come in and do their job every night. You know, we're here for a reason; it's tough to see it end this way.

Q: Do you think it was just a matter of you guys running out of steam in the fourth quarter?

Allen: I don't think we ran out of steam, I just think that ... lady luck didn't bounce in our corner.

Q: Talk about the flow of the game and why it was so disjointed early.

Allen: It's the last game. You win or lose ... that's the ultimate objective when you look at the stat sheet. You don't look at anything else but that.

Q: What were you thinking heading into the fourth quarter?

Allen: I just wanted to try to get some defensive momentum and ... continue to be aggressive on both ends.

Q: How proud are you of this group and how you battled all year long?

Allen: I'm extremely proud. We're a group of guys that stay within ourselves and do what we're capable of. We fought the good fight all the time. When people didn't believe in us, we stayed [true] to ourselves and made sure we came in and did our jobs every day. We don't win this final game, but we still have a lot to hold our heads high for.

Q: How bad do you want to be back [with the Celtics]?

Allen: I'll deal with that when the time comes, but it's obvious that I don't want to be anywhere else.