Knicks Pistons Recap Ionian article (Outside Iona)

The Highly anticipated 2026 All star weekend has come to a close and two of the NBA's top contenders in the East face each other for the third time this season. The Detroit Pistons are meeting The New York Knicks at homecourt in Madison Square Garden after Detroit boasts a 2-0 record on the season against them. A potential Playoff rematch unfolding right in front of fans eyes, as 2x all-star Cade Cunningham and a hungry Pistons core look for vengeance from last years 1st round of their Eastern conference series, where they fell to New York in 6 games. Detroit is missing first time all star center, Jalen Duren and backup big man, Isaiah Stewart, two key parts of an elite defensive identity they have built in the past year. The Knicks started the game with their biggest lead, at 9-2, just for the away team to go on a 21-8 run in the first quarter. Soon after in the second, Detroit takes their first double digit lead of the game, at 58-48 by halftime. By this point Cade Cunningham had been on fire, choosing his shots from any spot on the court and hitting with no remorse. The Knicks start off the 3rd quarter making a sizeable enough run to close in with Karl-Anthony Towns making an offensive effort after an underwhelming first half, getting to 62-60 Pistons lead. Detroit's Duncan Robinson comes out and hits back to back 3's and extends the lead back to 90-79 heading into the 4th. The Pistons went up by a game high 19 points at 104-85 after New York simply could not get stops. The Pistons take the game at 126-111 with both teams star guards giving it their all, yet New York couldn't handle the grit and hustle of Detroit's hungry group of hoopers.