

Mazzulla Is Changing Jayson Tatum's Game

A large offensive role can look different when the ball moves sooner.

- Zach Magoon's post points to less time on the ball.
- The question is how that changes Boston's offense.



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The original post

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- Magoon's central point: the offensive burden is being distributed differently.
- His post describes high involvement with less prolonged creation.

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One of the more interesting developments in Boston's new-look offense has been Tatum functioning as a much lower-maintenance offensive hub without sacrificing his overall involvement.

His usage is still sitting at 32%, nearly identical to his 30.7% in 2025, yet his on-ball% has dropped from 28.7% across 2024-26 to just 12% thus far.

His time of possession has fallen from 8.4 to 5.5, avg seconds per touch from 6.76 to 4.04, and dribbles per touch from 2.51 to 2.23. He's maintaining an extremely high scoring responsibility while spending significantly less time controlling the ball.

The offensive burden hasn't necessarily disappeared, it's being distributed differently throughout possessions. Far less prolonged creation on the perimeter, with more opportunities to influence the offense through quicker decisions and connective play.

High usage with less time on the ball

Figures reported by Zach Magoon

USAGE

30.7% → 32%

2025 comparison → post’s newer figure

ON-BALL SHARE

28.7% → 12%

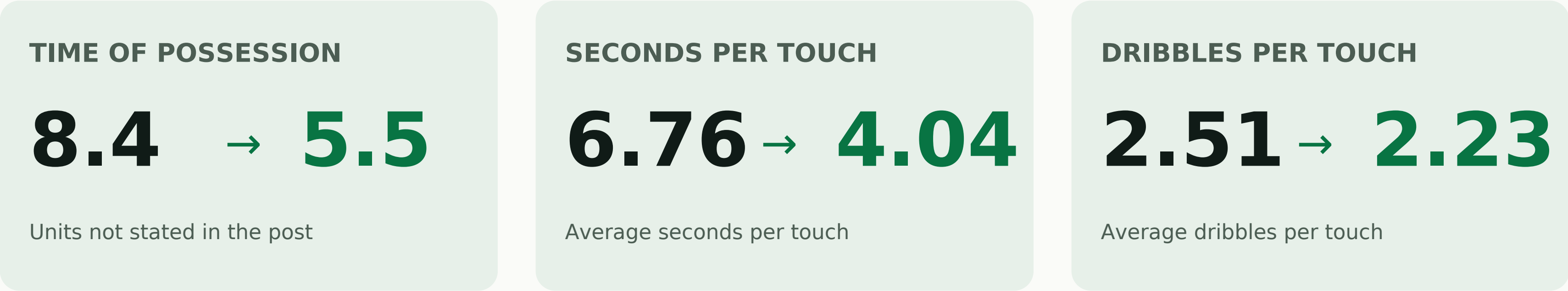
2024-26 comparison → “thus far”

- Usage tracks possession-ending involvement, not time holding the ball.
- Magoon’s comparison suggests a different way to carry a large role.

Definition reference: [NBA Stats glossary](#)

Shorter touches and less dribbling

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- The post describes less prolonged creation around the perimeter.
- The basketball idea: read the defense and move the possession along.
- These numbers alone do not identify which actions drove the change.

Quicker decisions are the idea

WHAT COULD CHANGE

- Earlier passes could keep the defense moving.
- Less setup dribbling could leave more time for the next action.
- Tatum could stay central without directing every step.

WHAT STILL NEEDS EVIDENCE

- Quicker actions do not guarantee better shots or results.
- The post does not establish that Mazzulla caused the change.
- Consistent samples and film are needed to test the idea.

The real test is whether faster decisions make Boston's possessions more effective.