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beatdown noun

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Definition of *beatdown*

US, informal

1 : a violent physical beating

// ... said his own client was badly hurt in a *beatdown* by NYPD officers ...

— Shayna Jacobs

2 : an emphatic or overwhelming defeat

// ... he was sitting in his Eugene hotel room, ... while absorbing a *beatdown* in PlayStation 3 boxing from his 10-year-old brother Seth.

— Tim Layden

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// After Indiana handed the Cavs a thorough *beatdown*, should LeBron and Co. be worried?

— Ben Golliver, *SI.com*, "Pacers Snap LeBron's First-Round Winning Streak as Cavs Open With a Dud," 15 Apr. 2018

// The Brazilians, the ones haunted by Germany's ritualistic 7-1 *beatdown* of them in the 2014 semifinals on their home soil, contended a draw could be just fine even as the favorites.

— Andrew Beaton, *WSJ*, "Switzerland Holds Brazil to a 1-1 Draw," 17 June 2018

// USA TODAY Sports Oklahoma freshman Trae Young has been spectacular this season, but his form has dipped in recent games, including this week's 11-point, 23% shooting outing in a 30-point *beatdown* loss to Kansas.

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// First, Nebraska struck quickly on the coaching market, plucking Scott Frost from UCF about a week after a 42-point *beatdown* at the hands of Iowa ended both a dreadful 4–8 campaign and a floundering three-year tenure for Mike Riley.

— Chris Johnson, *SI.com*, "Hunter Johnson's Transfer to Northwestern Adds New Dimension to Future of Big Ten West," 12 June 2018

// The pair was whooping it up on the Celtics' bench during this *beatdown*.

— Joe Vardon, *cleveland.com*, "Marcus Morris, Celtics beat up on LeBron James and Cavs, 108-83 in Game 1," 13 May 2018

// Jones' 300 yards in Week 4 against Benwikere and Carolina is one of history's biggest receiver-on-corner *beatdowns* on record.

— Andy Benoit, *SI.com*, "True NFL Draft Grades: 2014 Draft, Four Years Later," 8 May 2018

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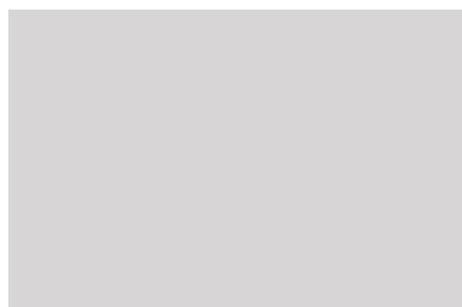
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