



67-27 Eastern Conference Champion Andes Mountaineers
vs
73-21 Western Conference Champion El Paso Scorpions

Regular Season: The Andes Mountaineers finished as the Eastern Conference's best record, second only in the league to the El Paso Scorpions. Adrian Dantley was 3rd in the VBA with 25.0 avg. Larry Kenon pulled down 8.3 boards per game and Gus Williams dished out 5.2 assists while also scoring 21.9 (9th). The Mountaineers scored 116.2 (5th) per contest and gave up only 104.6 (2nd). The El Paso Scorpions relied on their league-leading defense, the only team to not allow 100 points per game at 94.9. They scored only 103.6 (14th), but that was good enough for a league best 65-17 record and they also had the most road wins with 33. Eddie Johnson led the Scorpions' scoring with 19.0 per game. Kermit Washington pulled down 9.5 rebounds and Mo Cheeks had 6.7 assists.



Playoffs Round 1: Gus Williams led the Mountaineers with 23.8 points and 4.2 assists in round one. Larry Kenon pulled down 7.8 boards per game against the Providence Steamrollers.... The highly favored Scorpions got a big scare in round one. Kareem Abdul-Jabbar's 23.4 pts and 11.7 reb forced a game 7 that El Paso won by only a bucket over the Pacific Coast Whalers. Greg Ballard was El Paso's leading scorer in the series with a 19.1 mark. Kermit hauled in 9.3 boards and Cheeks dished it off 5.7 times per game.

Conference Finals: In the **Eastern Finals**, Andes had three players over 20 ppg (Dantley 26.1, Gus 23.9 and Kenon 21.6). Gus led the team with 6.4 assists and Tree Rollins averaged 10.4 boards against the Callaway Kings. Adrian Dantley was named MVP. Eddie Johnson was named MVP of the **Western Finals** victory over the Mesa Gunslingers with a 28.2 scoring average and .565 FG%. Maurice Cheeks added 8.8 assists per game and Kermit Washington hauled in 10.2 boards.

Head-to-head: The El Paso Scorpions won both games against their Eastern Conference foes by a total of **THREE** points. They won 93-92 on their home court on February 22nd, holding on in the last seconds as Andes finished the game on a 16-2 run. In Andes on March 7th, Eddie Johnson drove to the hoop and scored a buzzer-beater for the 106-104 win. Below are the boxscores...

