



63-31 Eastern Conference Champion Oklahoma Noodlers
vs
68-24 Western Conference Champion Minnesota Muskies

Regular Season: The Minnesota Muskies were the league's highest scoring team with a 124.8 average. They finished with a VBA best 60-22 record. The duo of Kiki Vandeweghe (23.0 ppg – 7th in the league) and Robert Parish (20.6) led the way. They also got huge contributions from Jim Paxson (16.8 ppg) and Ray Williams (15.8 ppg). The Chief was 4th in the VBA with 11.1 rebounds per game and 4th in blocked shots with a 2.8 average. The Oklahoma Noodlers finished as the Eastern Conference's best record, third in the league behind the Minnesota Muskies and Sun Valley Bobcats. John Drew led the offense with a 21.5 average. Artis Gilmore was close behind with 20.6 points and pulled down 10.0 rebounds per game (8th in the league) and led the VBA with 3.6 blocked shots. Sid Moncrief had a great all-around year for the Noodlers. He averaged 19.7 points(3rd), 6.2 rebounds(2nd), 4.5 assists(2nd) and 2.1 steals(2nd). The Noodlers scored 116.2 (5th) per contest and gave up only 108.3 (5th).



Playoffs Round 1: The highly favored Muskies defeated a scrappy Costa Mesa Condors team 4 games to 1. Rickey Green led the Muskies' attack with 21.8 ppg, doubling his regular season average. Robert Parish scored 19.6 per game and led the team with 13.2 boards and 4.6 blocks. Vandeweghe averaged 18.8. The Noodlers were led in scoring by Drew's 22.0 average. The A-Train contributed 20.2 points and 3.6 blocks per game as Oklahoma defeated Cape Cod in 5 games.

Conference Finals: In the **Eastern Finals**, Oklahoma found themselves on the brink of elimination. Down 3 games to 1 to Apopka, Drew and Gilmore dominated the final 3 games to advance to the VBA Finals. The A-Train was named series MVP with 22.1 points, 11.1 rebounds, 2.9 blocks and a .688 FG% . Vandeweghe was named MVP of the **Western Finals**. He led the Muskies past the Kingsport Street Dogs with 19.8 ppg, 7.4 rebounds per game and a .539 FG%. Minnesota advanced in five games.

Gilmore tops the finals participants with a 21.3 average in the playoffs. Johnny Moore carries a 9.0 assist average and the Chief is tops with 11.1 rebounds per contest.

Head-to-head: The teams split their two meetings during the regular season. Both teams won on the other's court with Minnesota winning by 3 in Oklahoma and the Noodlers with the blowout at MNM. Below are the boxscores...

