



Western Conference Finals

57-31 West Division Contender Kingsport Street Dogs

vs

64-23 West Division 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 Kingsport Street Dogs relied on the league's 2nd best defense (98.3), becoming only the second team to not allow 100 points per game. (El Paso has done it in all 3 VBA seasons). They managed only a 3rd place finish in the VBA's tough West Division. Larry Legend topped Kingsport with 19.3 ppg and Mike Mitchell was right behind at an 18.4 clip. Bird also led the team with 10.1 rebounds and 5.4 assists. Bobby Jones was good for 14.4 points and a team-high 1.4 blocks per game.



Playoffs: 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. Kingsport pulled off the upset in defeating the defending champion Sun Valley Bobcats in 6 games. Mike Mitchell led the team in scoring with 16.8 per game. Bobby Jones had a 14.8 point series. Bird scored 14.0 pts per game and again led the team with 8.0 boards and 6.3 assists. The high-scoring Bobcats (2nd in the VBA at 124.0/game) were held to 106.7 by the tough Street Dog "D".

Head-to-head: Minnesota won 7 of 10 meetups during the regular season. Vandeweghe (17.4) and Paxson (17.3) were a tough duo against the 'Dogs head-to-head. Bird (19.8) and Mitchell (19.7) countered with 38.5 themselves.