



67-27 Western Conference Champion Minnesota Muskies Noodlers
vs
77-15 Eastern Conference Champion Rocky Mountain Oysters

Regular Season: The Rocky Mountain Oysters set a new VBA record for wins with a 69-13 regular season. They were led by Joe Barry Carroll's 27.9 ppg (3rd best in the VBA) with Alex English close behind at 24.2. Maurice Lucas topped the Oysters with 8.7 rebounds per game. Paul Westphal and Fat Lever combined for 10.8 assists per contest. The Runnin' Oysters, as an opposing coach called them, had the league's 5th best offense, scoring at a 124.8 clip. They had the best points differential of any VBA team at 12.1. Minnesota had the league's 3rd best record and led the VBA with 98.3 pts per 100 possessions. Only Oklahoma had fewer turnovers than MNM. Kiki Vandeweghe led the league in scoring with 29.5 points. He edged out Moses Malone with a good April. The Chief, Robert Parish averaged 20.3 per game and was 3rd in the league with a 10.9 rebound average. Rickey Green led the league in taking the ball away (2.9 steals) and passing it away (10.7 assists).



Playoffs Round 1: Alex English led the Oysters with a 19.5 scoring average. Joe Barry Carroll and Walter Davis scored 17.3 ppg as they swept Cape Cod in a low-scoring series. The Muskies defeated a scrappy Costa Mesa Condors team for the 2nd year in a row. Vandeweghe was unstoppable. He averaged 40.4 points per game. Parish averaged 21.6 points and 10.6 boards. Jim Paxson was good for 18.0 ppg.

Conference Finals: In the **Eastern Finals**, Rocky Mountain got past the Callaway Kings 4 games to 2. Joe Barry Carroll led the way with a 26.8 average. Alex English chipped in 21.2 points. Mo Lucas was RMO's top rebounder at a 10.0 clip. Veteran Paul Westphal and rookie Fat Lever combined for 11.5 assists. Carroll and English played defense too, swatting 3.7 and 2.7 shots respectively. Minnesota up-ended the division-winning Bobcats in 5 games. The Chief averaged 34.4 points, 12.4 boards and 3.0 blocks to earn Western Conference Finals MVP. Sun Valley focused on Kiki Vandeweghe and "held" him to a 28.6 average. Rickey Green dished out 11.2 assists. Bill Walton was a force in the 3 games he played, averaging 15.3 points, 9.0 rebounds, 3.3 blocks and 3.0 assists. Minnesota shot over 56% from the field in the **Western Finals**.

Head-to-head: Rocky Mountain won both meetings. Carroll got it done at home, overcoming 73 points by Vandeweghe and Parish. English and Lucas combined for 60 points for the 3-point road win in Minnesota. Below are the boxscores...

