



58-36 Western Conference Champion Bucks County Knights

vs

76-18 Eastern Conference Champion Rocky Mountain Oysters

Regular Season: The Rocky Mountain Oysters followed up their VBA record 69-13 regular season and Championship last year with a 68-14 regular season. They were led by Alex English's 24.9 ppg (5th best in the VBA). Joe Barry Carroll added 21.3 points per contest. Dan Roundfield, who came over from the High Desert SuperSonics in a mid-season trade, topped the rebounders with a 10.5 clip. Walter Davis added 18.8 points and led the team with 5.5 assists. The Oysters had the league's 5th best offense, scoring at a 121.9 clip. They had the 2nd best points differential with a 10.1 margin – Philadelphia led the league at 11.8. Bucks County became the first non-#1 or #2 seed to advance to the Conference Finals and now the Finals. As the #4 seed, they upset the West's #1 seed, the Sun Valley Bobcats, 4 games to 2. In the Conference Finals, they defeated the #3 seed Costa Mesa Condors also 4-2. The Knights benefited by having the #2 pick in both the Supplemental Draft (Ray Williams) and the Annual Entry Draft (Ralph Sampson). Both players are key performers on this squad. Sampson's 21.7 points was second only to Larry Legends' 25.4 ppg (4th in VBA). Ralph also led the team in rebounds with 11.1(4th in the league) and was runner-up to Mark Eaton with 2.7 blocks. Bird was good for 10.2 boards as well. Mike Mitchell was the 3rd Knight to average over 20, with a 21.1 clip. Ray Williams led the VBA with 3.0 steals per contest.



Playoffs Round 1: In round one, English led the Oysters with a 24.7 scoring average. Walter Davis scored 19.2 and Roundfield was good for 18.3 ppg and a team-leading 8.7 boards. Carroll managed only 14.8 points going up against Brasher Falls' Jeff Ruland and Moses Malone. Rocky Mountain won in six. Bird had the 2nd highest scoring rate in the first round, averaging 28.3 against the Sun Valley Bobcats. Sampson averaged 24.5 points and 12.5 boards. Bird pulled down 11.8 rebounds himself.

Conference Finals: In the **Eastern Finals**, Rocky Mountain got past the Callaway Kings 4 games to 2 in a series that mirrored last year's match-up. Alex English was the Eastern Finals MVP with 26.2 points per game, 5.3 rebounds and 5.3 assists. Dan Roundfield was Rocky Mountain's top rebounder at a 10.0 clip. Joe Barry Carroll averaged 20.2 points, 8.7 boards and 2.2 blocks. The **Western Finals** saw Bucks County hand out their 2nd series upset. The Knights' defense managed to hold Bernard King to "only" 34.0 points in the series, after he got loose for a 44.6 average in round 1. Larry Bird tallied 30.8 pts, 12.0 reb and 8.0 ast to be named series MVP. Sampson added 25.2 points, 13.8 boards and 5.0 blocks.

Head-to-head: The teams split the season series with each team holding serve at home. English average 30.5 and Mitchell countered with 27.5. Bird averaged 17.0 boards in the two games. Below are the boxscores...

