



Western Conference Finals

67-19 Chamberlain Division Runners-Up #2 seed Costa Mesa Condors

vs

72-14 Chamberlain Division Champions #1 seed Philadelphia Fire

Regular Season: The Philadelphia Fire were the VBA's highest scoring team with a 128.3 average. They finished with a league-best 68-14 record. The Big Fella, 37 year old Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, led the team in scoring with a 25.0 average and blocks with a 2.5 per. His 8.2 rebounds per game were 2nd to Larry Nance. He scored 40+ on 7 occasions with a season-high of 58. Dominique Wilkins added 23.0 ppg. Calvin Natt (18.8 pts) and Larry Nance (17.6) gave the Fire 2 more options, making them very tough to beat. Costa Mesa would have won 2 of the other 3 divisions with their 63-19 season, but finished 2nd in the Chamberlain to Philly. The Condors were 3rd in the league in scoring, boasting 4 players averaging over 21 points. Bernard King played only 55 games, but led the foursome with 25.2 points per game, which would have tied him for 5th in the league if he had qualified. Mychal Thompson averaged 21.5. Rookie #2 pick overall, Akeem Olajuwon, led the team and was 4th in the VBA with 10.6 rebounds per contest. He added 21.2 ppg as well. Purvis Short chipped in 21.1. Isiah Thomas led the league with 12.5 assists AND 3.0 steals per game. Philadelphia shot .517 from the floor on the year with a 14.3 point differential. CMC was at .506 with a 9.6 differential.



Playoffs: Both teams breezed thru the first round of the playoffs. Philadelphia swept the Bucks County Knights, averaging 135.5 points while allowing only 114.8. Costa Mesa averaged 128.3 and gave up 109.0 in their 4 games with Sun Valley. Kareem led Philly in points (22.3), rebounds (9.3) and blocks (2.5). Zeke topped the Condors with 26.0 points per game and 12.8 assists.

Head-to-head: The teams were 5-5 against each other during the regular season. Isiah dished out 13.6 dimes and tallied 18.0 points per game. King averaged 29.3 vs the Fire. 'Nique scored at a 26.0 clip and Natt added 22.1 against the Condors.