



Eastern Conference Finals

62-26 Robertson Division Runners-Up St. Louis Hawks

vs

72-15 Robertson Division Champions Fresno Stars

Regular Season: The Fresno Stars had the VBA's 4th best offense, scoring 121.5 points per game. They were the league's 7th best defense at 106.9 and had the 2nd best differential at 14.7. The St. Louis Hawks had the 6th best defense and a 6.3 point differential. The Stars 68 wins ties them for 3rd all-time. They also led the league with a .545 shooting percentage and were 3rd in defensive FG% at .459. Magic Johnson (11.2) battled Reggie Theus (11.4) for the assists lead all year, but ended up finishing 2nd. He led the Stars with a 21.1 scoring average. Orlando Woolridge also averaged over 20 points (20.1). Alvin Robertson contributed 18.8 points and tied Isiah Thomas with 2.9 steals per game. #2 overall pick, Patrick Ewing, was limited to 51 games, but averaged 17.8 points. The Hawks' Moses Malone was 6th in the league with 24.9 ppg. He also led the league in rebounds (12.1) for the 5th time in our 7-year history. Newcomer Mike Gminski added 15.4 points. Jeff Ruland was injured and limited to 30 games, but averaged 14.7 points and 7.8 rebounds when he was able to play. Paul Pressey and rookie, #4 pick overall, Chris Mullin scored 14.1 each. Pressey dished out 7.6 dimes per game and John Stockton added 6.4.



Playoffs: Fresno defeated perennial playoff team, the Callaway Kings, 4-1. Magic Johnson averaged 25.4 points, 14.0 assists and 6.2 rebounds while shooting .571 from the floor. Orlando Woolridge added 24.0 points per game. Rookie first round pick, Patrick Ewing added 22.7 points and 9.3 boards in the 3 games he played in. Alvin Robertson chipped in 20.2 points, 6.8 boards, 6.8 assists and 3.0 steals per contest. The Stars shot .625 and .620 in two of the wins. St. Louis defeated 2-time champ and Havlicek Division champion Rocky Mountain in 6 games. Moses Malone topped the Hawks with a 23.2 scoring average and 10.3 boards. The Hawks had eight players in double-figures: Malone, Jeff Ruland (18.0 pts in 2 games), Lewis Lloyd (15.2 pts), Mike Gminski (14.3), Paul Pressey (13.3), Chris Mullin (11.2), John Stockton (10.5) and Louis Orr (10.2). Gminski added 9.2 rebounds. Stockton (8.2) and Pressey (7.2) combined for 15.4 assists per game. St. Louis shot over 50% in 5 games and shot 46% in the other game, but won it. Fresno averaged 134.4 points and St. Louis 121.8.

Head-to-head: Fresno won 5 of the 8 head-to-head games. Magic averaged 20.1 points and 12.5 assists. “O” led the Stars in scoring against the Hawks with a 24.4 average. Robertson scored at a 19.1 clip and Artis Gilmore at 18.4. For St. Louis, Moses averaged 22.5 points and 9.9 boards. Lewis Lloyd added 16.0 points. Pressey chipped in 15.9 points and 9.1 assists.