



*76-18 Eastern Conference Champion Fresno Stars*  
vs  
*79-13 Western Conference Champion Costa Mesa Condors*

**Regular Season:** Once again, the VBA Finals feature the league's two best records. The Costa Mesa Condors won 71 games, a new record. They averaged over 130 points per game (130.8) for the second time and are the only team in the VBA to accomplish that feat. The Fresno Stars were 4<sup>th</sup> in scoring with a 121.5 average and 7<sup>th</sup> in defense, holding opponents to 106.9 points per contest. Costa Mesa and Fresno were 1-2 in power rankings at 96.2 and 93.0 respectively. Purvis Short (23.5 ppg), Akeem Olajuwon (20.2 pts, 11.0 reb, 2.8 blks) and Sidney Moncrief (20.2 pts) averaged over 20 points for the Condors. Isiah Thomas added 19.7 points, 10.2 assists and tied Fresno's Alvin Robertson for the league lead with 2.9 steals. Fresno led the league with a .545 shooting percentage and was 3<sup>rd</sup> in defensive FG% at .459. Magic Johnson finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the league with an 11.2 assists average. He led the Stars with a 21.1 scoring average. Orlando Woolridge also averaged over 20 points (20.1). Alvin Robertson added an 18.8 scoring average. #2 overall pick, Patrick Ewing, was limited to 51 games, but averaged 17.8 points and 9.0 rebounds.



**Playoffs Round 1:** In round one, Costa Mesa pulled off a sweep of Larry Bird and the Bucks County Knights. Short averaged 24.5 points, Olajuwon 20.3 and Moncrief 19.8. Fresno defeated perennial playoff participants, the Callaway Kings, 4-1. Magic averaged 25.4 points, 14.0 assists and 6.2 rebounds while shooting .571 from the floor. Woolridge added 24.0 points per game. Ewing added 22.7 points and 9.3 boards in the 3 games he played in. 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.

**Conference Finals:** In the **Western Finals**, Costa Mesa defeated their nemesis this season, the Minnesota Muskies, in 6 games. Olajuwon was series MVP, averaging 22.0 points, 9.5 rebounds, 3.2 blocks and 2.5 steals. Short led the Condors with a 28.7 average. Zeke added 19.5 pts, 10.8 dimes and 3-1/2 steals. St. Louis pushed Fresno to a game 7, but the Stars prevailed 119-110. Magic was named MVP of the **Eastern Finals** with a line of 21.8 pts, 12.7 asts, 5.4 rebs and 2.1 stls. Woolridge averaged 19.6 points and Robertson 13.1.

**Head-to-head:** The teams split two tight games with each team winning on their home court. Artis Gilmore averaged 27.0 points in the two contests for Fresno. Thomas topped CMC, scoring 27.5 ppg and dishing out 12.0 assists. Below are the boxscores...

