Western Conference Finals

61-28 West Division Champion Minnesota Muskies
vs
75-11 Chamberlain Division Champion Costa Mesa Condors

Regular Season: The Costa Mesa Condors broke the league record for wins, becoming the first team to achieve the 70 win mark, finishing at 71-11. They averaged a league-best 130.8 points per game, only the 2nd time a team has averaged 130+ for a season (they averaged 136.9 in '83-84). The Condors allowed only 113.1 points to have the VBA's best differential of 17.7. They were 2nd to Fresno in FG% (.531) and were the toughest to score on with a .449 FG% allowed. 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. Isiah Thomas added 19.7 points, 10.2 assists and tied for the league lead with 2.9 steals. Only El Paso allowed fewer points per game than Minnesota's 101.2. They finished with a 7.0 differential, 4th best in the VBA. The Muskies were 3rd in the league with a .516 shooting pct. They were also 2nd in the league in rebounds allowed. Kiki Vandeweghe tied Short for 7th in the league with a 23.5 average. Charles Barkley was 2nd on the team scoring 18.2 per contest and had a team-high 11.4 boards per game. Veteran Robert Parish contributed 14.0 points and 8.9 rebounds. John Lucas led the team with 7.9 assists to go with his 12.7 average. Craig Hodges led the league in 3-pt pct. with a .443 average.

Playoffs: 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. Minnesota had to play into the final seconds of game 7 against the defending champion Philadelphia Fire, winning 119-117 when Dominique Wilkins' got an offensive rebound, but couldn't get his game-tying attempt to fall. Vandeweghe averaged 29.9 points in the series, taking game-MVP honors in 3 of the 4 Muskie wins. Parish added 19.6 points, 9.4 rebounds and 2.6 blocked shots.

Head-to-head: Costa Mesa only lost 11 games all season, but Minnesota was responsible for 3 of those, splitting the season series. Short averaged 28.3 in those games. Moncrief was good for 25.2 points and Zeke contributed 17.0 pts and 11.8 dimes. Kiki led Minnesota at 23.3. Parish (19.8/11.8) and Barkley (18.7/11.0) both added double-digits in points and rebounds.