Eastern Conference Finals

60-29 Havlicek Division Champion Rocky Mountain Express
vs
85-1 Robertson Division Champion Fresno Stars

Regular Season: Last year's VBA Runners-Up, the Fresno Stars, were on a mission. As a result, they had a miraculous season that most likely will never be repeated. They had the league's best offense, a new VBA record of 137.6 points per game. The Stars had the league's 5th best defense (105.4) for a whopping 32.2 differential. They set a VBA record for FG% at .579 en route to an 81-1 regular season. Their only loss was to the Defending Champion Costa Mesa Condors. Magic Johnson led the way, scoring 23.0 points to go along with 7.7 assists and 5.3 rebounds. Alvin Robertson averaged 22.1 points and had a league-best 4.0 steals per game. Doc Rivers handled point guard duties and finished tied for 2nd in the league with Mo Cheeks with 9.8 assists. He tallied 18.5 ppg as well. Fresno got 17+ points per game in limited roles from Paul Pressey and Patrick Ewing. Rocky Mountain had the league's 3rd best record, going 56-26 and winning the Havlicek Division. They were #3 in scoring at 126.4 points and #3 with a .517 FG%. The Express were led by Alex English's 25.4 average (5th in the league). Joe Barry Carroll scored at a 20.8 clip and also averaged 8.3 rebounds and 2.1 blocked shots (4th in VBA). Walter Davis tallied 19.6 ppg and Fat Lever contributed 15.7 points, 9.4 asssists and 8.1 rebounds.

Playoffs: Fresno won their Eastern Semi-Final series 4-0 over the Andes Mountaineers. Andes did give them a wake-up call, losing by one in game one, 113-112. Magic scored 43 in the finale to average 26.3 for the series. Robertson was good for 17.3 and Rivers 16.5. Rocky Mountain had a much rougher time. They went to 7 games against their divisional runners-up, the Mt. Dora Hurricanes, overcoming an 8-point deficit in the 4th quarter to win 127-123. Carroll led the way with 26.7 points with English averaging 25.9 and Davis chipping in 22.9.

Head-to-head: During the regular season, Fresno won all six contests. Robertson topped the Stars with a 25.2 average. Magic added 24.3 points and 9.5 assists. Doc scored 19.7 and distributed 10.3 dimes. Carroll was the only one from Rocky Mountain over 20, with 20.5 ppg. English tallied 19.5 and Davis was held to 17.3.