



1988-89 Eastern Conference Finals

62-29 Robertson Division Runner-Up Callaway Kings

vs

67-21 Robertson Division Champion Fresno Stars

Regular Season: The three-time champion Fresno Stars had a 63-19 record during the regular season which tied them with the Minnesota Muskies for 2nd in the VBA. They tied Costa Mesa for the league's best offense at 126.9 points per contest and were 2nd in point differential (14.0). Patrick Ewing surpassed Magic Johnson for team scoring honors with 26.5 ppg, leading the league with 3.9 blocks and was 5th in rebounding with a 10.5 average. Magic averaged 23.8 points and dished out 11.5 to tie his buddy Isiah Thomas for 3rd in the league. Jerome Kersey provided a solid 15.5 points per game. Callaway finished 54-28, which put them in 2nd in their division to these same Stars. Reggie Miller led the Kings with a 23.3 scoring average; 10th in the league. Terry Cummings averaged 21.6 points and 8.2 rebounds. Ty Corbin chipped in 12.1 ppg. Callaway turned in a solid year, nothing really flashy. They had the 5th best point differential at 5.2 and had the league's 6th best power rating (84.7). CWK held their opponents to a .466 shooting percentage, which was the VBA's 4th best.



Playoffs: Fresno enjoyed a first round bye, then got a scare as the So Cal Surf won games 2 and 3 to take a 2-1 lead. They heard the wake-up call and won games 4-6 by an average of 30.3 points. Ewing averaged 27.8 points and gathered 9.8 rebounds per contest. Earvin only tallied 19.8 points, but dished out 11.8 dimes in the 6 game set. Doc Rivers scored 17.3 points in his 4 games played. The Kings went 8-1 against the Rocky Mountain Express and Chandler Wolves. Cummings averaged 25.4 points and Miller was right behind him at 24.6. Tyrone Corbin upped his game in the playoffs, scoring 16.1 and rebounding at a 6.7 clip.

Head-to-head: During the regular season, the Stars were 6-2 against the Kings, including winning all 4 games at Callaway's Kingdom City Crown Center. Reggie Miller averaged 27.8 points and Terry Cummings 20.8 against the Stars. Magic led Fresno with 27.9 points and Patrick Ewing tallied 26.1 points per game.