



## 1989-90 Western Conference Finals

*67-19 West Division Champion Minnesota Muskies*

vs

*72-15 Chamberlain Division Champion Costa Mesa Condors*

**Regular Season:** The Costa Mesa Condors had the league's best record of 68-14, wresting it away from the three-time champion Fresno Stars. This is their 7<sup>th</sup> straight appearance in the Western Conference Finals. They tied Fresno for the league's best offense with 126.9 points per game and their 14.2 point differential was #1. Akeem Olajuwon was the league's best rebounder at a 14.3 clip and was tied with David Robinson for 2<sup>nd</sup> in blocks, swatting 3.4 per game. The Dream was the Condors' leading scorer with 22.7 points per game. Rolando Blackman chipped in 20.6 points and Isiah Thomas added 20.1 points and 11.5 assists (3<sup>rd</sup> in the VBA). Kevin McHale averaged 19.5 in his first full season in a Condor uniform. The Minnesota Muskies finished 63-19 to tie Fresno for the second best record in the league. They were 7<sup>th</sup> in the league in defense, allowing 107.2 points and had the 3<sup>rd</sup> best point differential (10.0). Sir Charles topped the Muskies with 27.2 ppg (5<sup>th</sup> in league) and was best amongst MNM's regulars with 10.5 rebounds. He has cemented himself as a force in the VBA. Larry Bird came over in a trade on February 24<sup>th</sup> and he averaged 25.2 points, 8.7 rebounds and 7.9 assists and helping the Muskies go 26-6 with him on the roster. Robert Parish tallied 15.7 points and 9.4 boards; Danny Ainge scored 15.2 points and dished out 7.6 dimes.



**Playoffs:** Both teams won their divisions to earn a Round One bye. Costa Mesa got 28.8 points per game from Kevin McHale in their 5-game series win over the Buffalo Blizzard. Akeem scored 24.8 and pulled down 12.6 rebounds. Blackman averaged 22.6 and Zeke handed out 14.8 assists. Barkley's 33.3 ppg currently leads the playoff scoring and he averaged 12.0 boards as well. The Muskies swept the Pittsburgh Pisces and rookie #1 overall pick David Robinson. Larry Legend averaged 18.5 in the four games.

**Head-to-head:** Costa Mesa won 4 of the 6 head-to-head games during the regular season. Chuck scored 26.8 points to go with his 11.7 rebounds head-to-head. Bird tallied 27.3 in his 3 games vs. CMC. The twin towers of Olajuwon (24.2 points, 10.0 rebounds) and McHale (23.7 ppg) did the damage for the Condors.