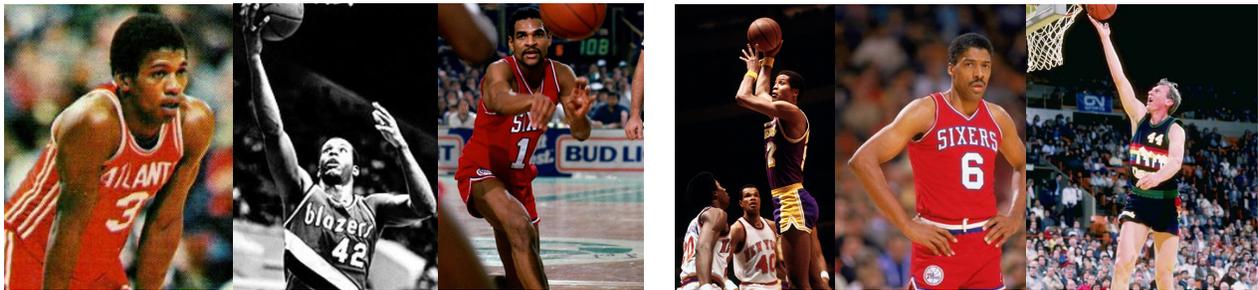




51-36 Chamberlain Division Champion El Paso Scorpions
vs
68-18 West Division Champion Sun Valley Bobcats

Regular Season: The Sun Valley Bobcats were the league's highest scoring team with a 126.4 average. The 'Cats were 39-2 at home with the only two losses coming late in the season to the Costa Mesa Condors. They finished with a VBA best 64-18 record. The dynamic duo of Jamaal Wilkes (23.5 ppg) and Julius Erving (23.0) led the way. They also got huge contributions by their pair of first round draft picks Darrell Griffith (16.4 ppg) and Larry Smith (11.1 reb/game – 2nd in VBA). Sixth man Kevin Porter was third in the VBA with 6.4 assists per contest. The El Paso Scorpions relied on their league-leading defense, the only team to not allow 100 points per game for the second year in a row at 97.7. They won the Chamberlain Division by a 12 game margin. Greg Ballard led El Paso with 18.8 ppg and last year's leading scorer, Eddie Johnson was a close 2nd with an 18.2 average. Kermit Washington pulled down 9.5 rebounds and Mo Cheeks had 5.7 assists.



Playoffs: The highly favored Bobcats breezed through their round one matchup with a banged up Benton Swarm squad. Silk led the way with a 24.3 scoring average and Dan Issel tallied a 20.8 clip in the Sun Valley sweep. El Paso pulled off the first post-season upset in the league's short history, defeating the 55-27 Minnesota Muskies in 5 games. Eddie Johnson led the way with an 18.6 average. The stingy Scorpion defense held David Thompson to 17.8 ppg, three points less than his season total. The Muskies were the regular season's 3rd best offensive team scoring 120.8 every game. In round one though, they managed only a 93.8 average....

Head-to-head: The Bobcats took 6 out of 9 from El Paso during the regular season. Jamaal Wilkes led the head-to-head scoring at 21.8 ppg. Greg Ballard led the Scorpions with a 16.7 average.