



Western Conference Finals

54-34 West Division Runners-Up #4 seed Bucks County Knights

vs

59-30 Chamberlain Division Runners-Up # 3 seed Costa Mesa Condors

Regular Season: The Costa Mesa Condors were the league's highest scoring team, setting a VBA record with a 136.9 average. They finished with 55-27 record; runners-up to the Philadelphia Fire in the Chamberlain Division. Bernard King was their leading scorer, finishing 3rd in the VBA with a 29.7 average. He had a season-high of 63 points and scored 50+ on four more occasions. Isiah Thomas added 18.4 points per game and was tied for 4th in the league with 10.8 assists per game. Mychal Thompson led the Condors with 9.9 boards per game and added 17.9 points. Bucks County had a 50-32 record, second to the Sun Valley Bobcats in the West Division. The Knights' leading scorer was Larry Bird, the first-ever pick in the VBA when the league started with the 1979-80 season. Larry Legend averaged 25.4 points, 10.2 rebounds, 5.4 assists and 2.0 steals. Rookie, #2 pick overall, Ralph Sampson, averaged team highs in rebounds (11.1) and blocks (2.7 - #2 in league). He scored 21.7 per game and Mike Mitchell was the 3rd Knight coming in with over 20 points, tallying a 21.1 clip. Ray Williams was the #2 pick in the first-ever supplemental draft and he was valuable, leading the team with 6.7 assists and averaging 15.6 points.



Playoffs: It's the first time in the VBA's 5-year history that a #3 seed faces a #4 seed in a Conference Finals. Bucks County upset #1 seed Sun Valley in six games. The Condors outran Philadelphia, winning game 7 in a blowout on the road. Bernard King was scoring at will against Philly, averaging 44.6 points per game. Bird has the 2nd highest scoring rate in the playoffs right now, averaging 28.3 against the 'Cats. Sampson averaged 24.5 points and 12.5 boards in the first round. Bird pulled down 11.8 rebounds himself. Zeke is currently 2nd in both assists (11.9) and steals (3.1) heading into the Western Conference Finals.

Head-to-head: Costa Mesa was victorious in 6 of 9 head-to-head meetups during the season. Bird averaged 30.4 and King 29.6. Thomas dished out 11.3 assists to go with his 17.0 points. Thompson added 11.2 boards and a 19.6 scoring avg. Larry also rebounded at a 11.7 clip with Ralph chipping in 10.2. Sampson scored 18.9 in the head-to-head matchup.