

GRAND VALLEY PRO BASKETBALL LEAGUE - Three current GKSM (Greater Kalamazoo Strat-O-Matic League) members--Jeff Kik, Bruce Mulder and Pat Stemas--played mini 1980 season...League's name comes from college near Grand Rapids where three met and formed ongoing basketball loop...Each team plays nine-game regular season schedule and then all 22 compete in tournament, with seeding done on basis of record for nine games...Pat Stemas had best record (45-34), Jeff Kik was 45-42 and Mulder 31-45 as each coach handled the various teams on a rotating basis...Boston downed Los Angeles in a best-of-three final series, 2-0, to capture the league championship. Boston won the opener when, leading by only two points at halftime, it exploded for 36 in the third quarter to put the Lakers away. Chris Ford had four three-point plays and Larry Bird "chirped" in with three more for the Celtics. Cornbread Maxwell led Boston in scoring with 30 points and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar had 40 for L.A...Boston easily won the second game as six players broke double figures scoring, while Jabbar had 32 for the losers...Highlights included: Atlanta coming from seven points down with a minute to go and defeating the 76ers in the playoffs on a shot at the buzzer by Armond Hill. Eddie Johnson had two three-point plays for the Hawks in the frenzied final minute. Worst whippin' was San Antonio's 143-81 massacre of Houston. Boston edged Seattle in an overtime thriller, 102-100; L.A. did likewise against Milwaukee, 117-115, as Jim Chones hit a shot at the buzzer, and Atlanta nipped Phoenix, 103-102, on another last-second shot, this one by Eddie Johnson. Fred Brown ('Downtown Freddie') fired in an amazing 10 three-pointers to win MVP of All-Star game...Division winners were Boston (Atlantic), L.A. (Pacific), San Antonio (Central) and Denver (Midwest).

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