

1978-79 BASKETBALL REPLAY - Chris LaSala, Aliquippa, PA, played this mini (12 teams, 17 games) season...George Gervin, true to real-life, led in scoring, averaging 28.9 points, while Philadelphia, not so true to real-life, defeated the Kansas City Kings in six games to win the playoffs... Julius (Dr. J) Erving was playoff MVP after averaging 25.3 points, including tossing in 31 in clincher...76ers had scare earlier in playoffs as it took whopping 46-point burst by Doug Collins to oust Washington, 100-99...

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Elvin Hayes broke out in 47 points after connecting on 21 field goals... Atlanta missed 40 of 52 free throws in a game against Philly... Phoenix had quartets of 20-point-plus scorers in Paul Westphal (26.6), Walter Davis (24.1), Truck Robinson (23.9) and Alvin Adams (20.2), but still finished behind Kansas City... Otis Birdsong personally obliterated Suns in one-game playoff, scoring 38 in 110-97 romp... leading rebounder was Seattle's Jack Sikma, who had 22 in one game.

## Standings and leaders:

<u>East</u>			<u>West</u>			<u>Scoring</u>		
	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>		<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>			
Washington	10	7	Kansas City	11	6	Gervin SA	28.9	
Philadelphia	9	8	Phoenix	10	7	Lucas PORT	28.0	
Houston	9	8	Seattle	8	9	Malone HOU	26.8	
San Antonio	9	8	Portland	8	9	Westphal PHO	26.6	
Atlanta	7	10	Denver	7	10	Free SD	26.1	
New Jersey	7	10	San Diego	7	10	Dwens PORT	25.9	
						Murphy HOU	25.7	
<u>Rebounding</u>			<u>Free Throw %</u>					
Sikma SEA	12.4		Murphy HOU	97.3 [73-75]				
Malone HOU	11.8		Barry HOU	97.2 [72-74]		<u>MVP:</u>	Lucas PORT	
Lucas PORT	11.0		Williamson NJ	86.4 [102-118]				

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