

ALL-TIME BASKETBALL TOURNEY -- Conducted by Rich and Jeff Morse and Chris Read, who took, what they felt, were best teams the last three seasons in the NBA...Tempers flared frequently when the Springfield, VA, trio rolled the dice, with two of the series being shortened after a coach picked up his dice and went home...In the opening round, the 1972-73 New York Knicks whacked the 1974-75 Buffalo Braves, four games to zip [the Knicks shot 51.3 per cent and Walt Frazier averaged 23 points]; '74-75 Boston Celtics knocked out '74-75 Washington in five games, the last ending 52-33 in Boston's favor when the Washington coach wouldn't send his players out for the second half; the '72-73 Los Angeles Lakers easily disposed of '74-75 Chicago, in four games; and Golden State, '74-75, led by Rick Barry's 31.8 average, topped the Abdul-Jabbar-led Milwaukee Bucks of '73-74 in five games, winning the finale, 98-97...Knicks, in last game against Braves, won 141-106, connecting on 62.4 per cent of shots, despite McAdoo's 57 points for losers...Warriors whipped Bucks in series in five games, downing Milwaukee, 107-101, 115-99, 111-130, 109-100 and 98-97...Warriors put down their spears without much of a fight in next round, however, losing to Lakers, 122-107 and 97-86--then packing up basketballs [dice and cards] and going home, and mad...Lakers got the jump on Boston in championship, rolling up 111-81, 103-100 and 103-94 victories. Boston, without injured Dave Cowens, who missed first three games, never recovered, despite 99-83 triumph in game No. 4. Lakers ended series with 123-101 win in next game, despite 31 points by Cowens. Jerry West, who averaged 25.8, was MVP of series...When smoke of all-time tourney playoffs had cleared, '72-73 Los Angeles Lakers had lost only one game in 11 playoff starts.

1st Round: 1972-73 Knicks d. 1974-75 Braves, 4-0; 1974-75 Celtics d. 1974-75 Washington, 4-1; 1974-75 Warriors d. 1973-74 Bucks, 4-1; 1972-73 Lakers d. 1974-75 Bulls, 4-0. Second Round: Lakers d. Warriors, 2-0; Celtics d. Knicks, 1-0 [Knicks withdrew]. Finals: Lakers d. Celtics, 4-1.