

1986 NBA All-Star Game



The 36th National Basketball Association All-Star Game was played on February 9, 1986, at Reunion Arena in Dallas. The coaches were K.C. Jones for the East, and Pat Riley for the West. The East beat the West 139 to 132 with the most valuable player award going to Isiah Thomas of the Detroit Pistons. Thomas recorded 30 points, 10 assists and five steals. This was the second time in three years that Isiah Thomas took home the All-Star MVP honors. The game was played in front of a crowd of 16,573 as Dick Stockton, Tom Heinsohn, and Bob Neal announced the game for CBS. Willie Nelson performed the National Anthem.

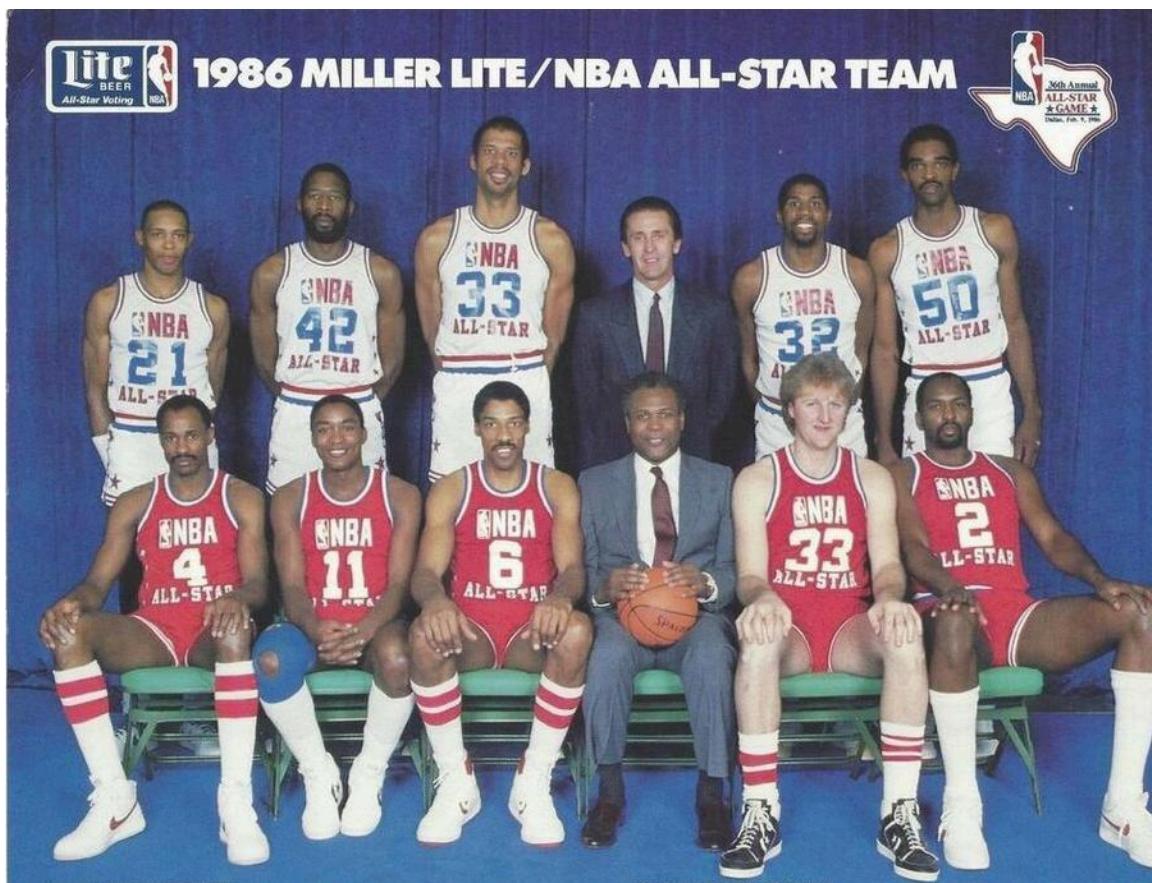


1986 NBA All-Star Game Recap

Four guards suited up for the East in the 1986 All-Star Game but proved more valuable than Isiah Thomas. Thomas, who finished with 30 points, 10 assists and five steals, was named MVP in the East's 139-132 win. Down the stretch in the game, coach K.C. Jones elected for a one-guard offense and Thomas' steady hand powered the East to a 39-point fourth quarter to seal the victory. Boston's Larry Bird (23 points, eight rebounds, seven steals, five assists) and Philly's Moses Malone (16 points, 13 rebounds) did their part, too, in lifting the East to victory.

Three future Hall of Famers suited up in an All-Star Game for the first time. Atlanta's Dominique Wilkins, who was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2006, had 13 points off the bench for the East. Clyde Drexler, a Hall of Fame inductee in 2004 who won an NBA title with Houston in 1995, had 10 points and three steals off the bench for the West. And L.A.'s James Worthy, the Finals MVP in 1998 and a Hall of Fame inductee in 2003 started for the West and finished with 20 points. On the flip side, future Hall of Famer Adrian Dantley appeared in his final All-Star Game, scoring eight points off the bench for the West. Second-year center Patrick Ewing was picked to appear in the All-Star Game for the East but missed the game due to injury.

At the Dunk Contest, 5-foot-6 Hawks guard Spud Webb claimed the title with a variety of athletic and power dunks. Larry Bird took home the inaugural 3-Point Shootout crown, his first of three straight titles in the event.



1986 “Nothing But Net” All-Star Game



The East defeated the West 127–121 with Alvin Robertson of the Boston Celtics taking the Most Valuable Player Award. Robertson led the East with 21 points, 7 rebounds, 6 assists, and 4 steals. James Worthy of the New York Knicks followed up with 23 points, 3 rebounds, and 2 blocked shots.

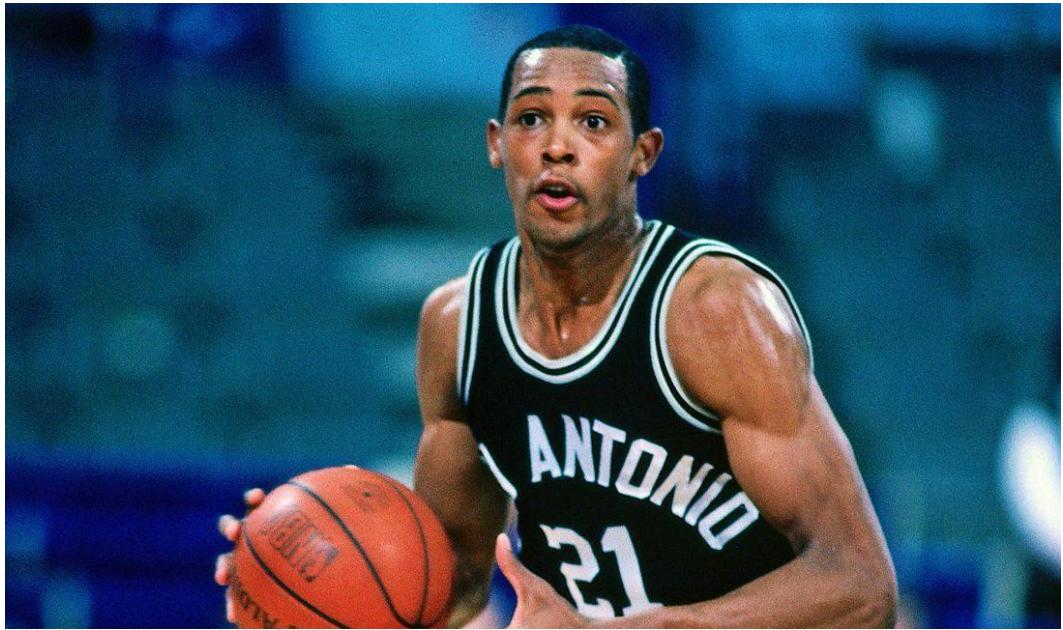
Larry Bird of the Phoenix Suns led the West with 26 points, 8 rebounds, and 4 assists. Hakeem Olajuwon of the Golden State Warriors contributed 21 points, 10 rebounds, 2 blocked shots to go along with 2 steals in a losing effort.

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Player of the Game

Alvin Robertson (1986 East All Stars)

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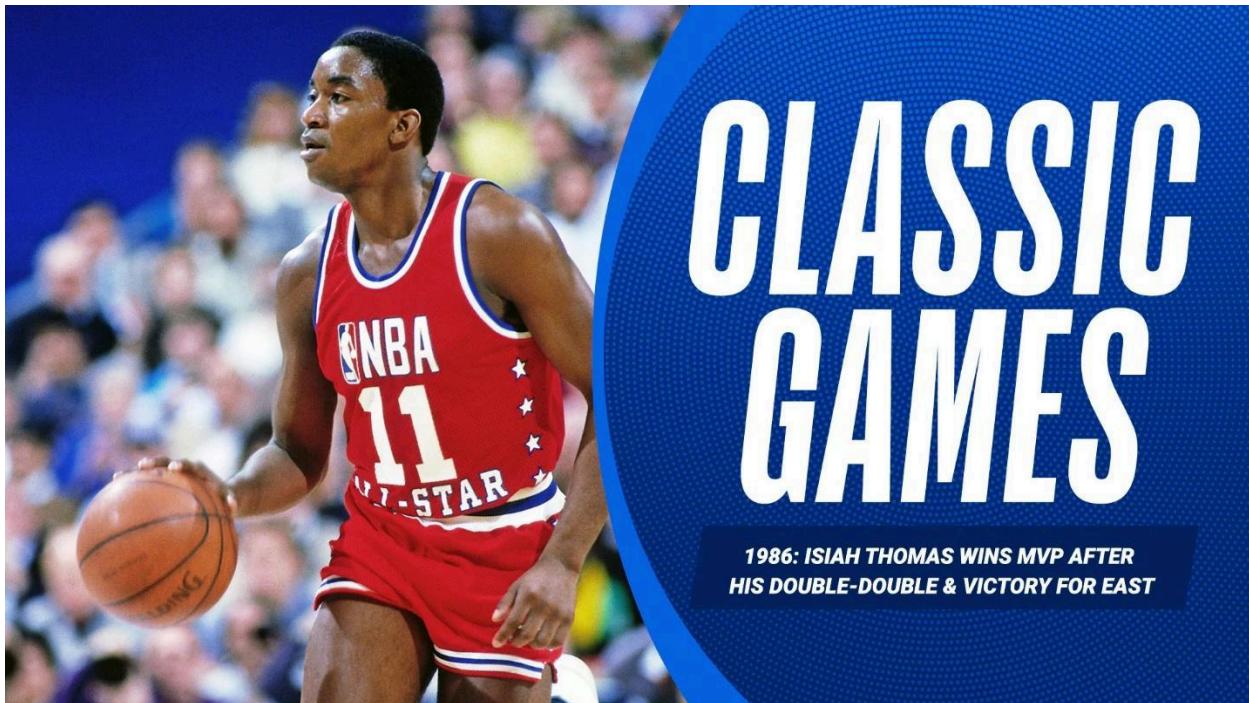
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