

1980 NBA All-Star Game



The 1980 NBA All-Star Game was an exhibition basketball game which was played at the Capital Centre in Landover, Maryland, on February 3, 1980. The Eastern All-Stars defeated the Western All-Stars, 144–136. The MVP of the game was George Gervin, who scored 34 points for the Eastern All-Stars.

Billy Cunningham, head coach of the Philadelphia 76ers, qualified as the head coach of the Eastern All-Stars. Lenny Wilkens, head coach of the Seattle SuperSonics, qualified as the head coach of the Western All-Stars.

ALL-STAR GAME RECAP

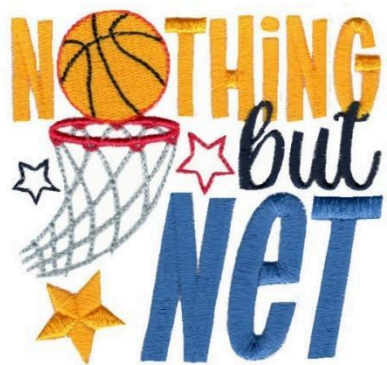
For the second straight year at the All-Star Game, a former ABA standout took home MVP honors. Following in the footsteps of Denver's David Thompson the season before, George Gervin scored 34 points and collected 10 rebounds as the East held off the West 144-136 in overtime at the Capital Centre in Landover, Md.

Aside from Gervin's MVP performance, the West's Kareem Abdul-Jabbar set two records in this game: most blocked shots in an All-Star Game (six) and most blocked shots in a half (four). He was close to recording a triple-double in the game, finishing with 17 points, 16 rebounds and nine assists.

Perhaps most notable from this game, though, were the All-Star debuts of two future icons of the NBA: the Celtics' Larry Bird and the Lakers' Magic Johnson. Though Bird (who was a reserve for the East) finished with just seven points, he put his name in the record books as he hit the first 3-pointer in All-Star Game history. Johnson had a more notable performance, finishing with 12 points, four assists and three steals as a starter for the West.

Another future Hall of Famer, Adrian Dantley, made his All-Star debut in this game. He finished with 23 points and five rebounds for the West as he became the first All-Star for the Jazz in their Utah era. Elvin Hayes wrapped up his All-Star career, finishing with 12 points, five rebounds and four assists off the East bench.

1980 “Nothing But Net” All-Star Game



The East defeated the West 121–101 with Moses Malone of the Buffalo Braves taking home the Most Valuable Player Award. Malone led the way with 20 points, 15 rebounds, and 3 assists. Magic Johnson of the Atlanta Hawks followed up with 15 points, 6 rebounds, and 3 steals.

Adrian Dantley of the Denver Nuggets led the West with 18 points, 5 rebounds, and 3 assists. Dan Roundfield of the Portland Trail Blazers came off the bench to contribute 17 points, 4 rebounds, and 3 assists in 20 minutes of play.

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1980 Western All-Stars	101
1980 Eastern All-Stars	121

Player of the Game

Moses Malone (1980 Eastern All-Stars)

20 pts, 15 reb, 3 ast

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1980 Western All-Stars	26	30	21	24	101
1980 Eastern All-Stars	37	36	24	24	121

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1980 NBA All-Star Game Highlights

