

1985-86

NBA Suspends Operations weeks before tipoff
League hopes to return next year
Two Minor Basketball Leagues sign players
CBA with winter season and USBL with spring-summer season
Most stars opted to sit out
CBA signs contract with ESPN
USBL signs contract with USA

Notable Signings:

Alex English- Florida Stingers (CBA)
Patrick Ewing- Westchester Golden Apples (USBL)
Joe Dumars- Detroit Spirits (CBA)
Charles Oakley- Evansville Thunder (CBA)
Xavier McDaniel- Kansas City Sizzlers (CBA)
Karl Malone- Tampa Bay Flash (USBL)
Manute Bol- Springfield Fame (USBL)
Benoit Benjamin- Kansas City Sizzlers (CBA)

CBA

Standings

Eastern

Tampa Bay Thrillers
Florida Stingers
Toronto Tornados
Bay State Bombardiers
Baltimore Lightning
Albany Patrooms
Maine Windjammers

Western

Kansas City Sizzlers
Cincinnati Slammers
Evansville Thunder
Detroit Spirits
La Crosse Catbirds
Wyoming Wildcatters
Wisconsin Flyers

Playoffs

Conference Semifinals

E1 Tampa Bay 3 E4 Bay State 0
E2 Florida 3 E3 Toronto 1

W1 Kansas City 3 W4 Detroit 1
W3 Evansville 3 W2 Cincinnati 0
Conference Finals
E2 Florida 3 E1 Tampa Bay 2
W1 Kansas City 3 W3 Evansville 1
Finals
W1 Kansas City 4 E2 Florida 1

USBL

Standings
Tampa Bay Flash
Springfield Fame
Westchester Golden Apples
Wildwood Aces
Gold Coast Stingrays
Staten Island Stallions
Jersey Jammers

Playoffs
Semifinals
#1 Tampa Bay 143 #4 Wildwood 97
#2 Springfield 122 #3 Westchester 88
Finals
#1 Tampa Bay 157 #2 Springfield 104

1986-87

NBA Folds
Premier Basketball League and American Basketball League formed
Most ex-NBA players join ABL or PBL
Both Leagues have 4 team playoff
ESPN and NBC televise PBL
Turner televises ABL
USA televises both CBA and USBL
PBL has 48 Game schedule (4 Home and Away vs division and 3 Home and Away vs others)
ABL has 66 Game schedule (3 Home and Away vs division and 2 Home and Away vs others)

PBL Teams

Name: New York Gothams
Arena: Madison Square Garden
Owners: John Pickett
Key Players: Julius Erving, Manute Bol, Darryl Dawkins, Patrick Ewing, Darrell Walker

Name: Boston Shamrocks
Arena: Boston Garden
Owners: JFK Jr and Billy Sullivan
Key Players: Robert Parish, Dennis Johnson, Vern Fleming, John Bagely, Jay Humphries

Name: Philadelphia Brothers
Arena: Palestra
Owners: Wilt Chamberlain, Robin Roberts, and Jerry Wolman
Key Players: Maurice Cheeks, Rory Sparrow, Brad Davis, Sam Bowie

Name: Washington Senators
Arena: McDonough Arena
Owners: Reginald Lewis
Key Players: Wayman Tisdale, Gene Banks, Sam Perkins, Thurl Bailey, Sleepy Floyd

Name: Seattle Pilots
Arena: Seattle Center Coliseum
Owners: Barry Ackerley
Key Players: Danny Ainge, Jack Sikma, John Stockton, Michael Cooper, AC Green

Name: San Francisco Dragons
Arena: Cow Palace
Owners: Barry Van Gerbig
Key Players: Bill Cartwright, James Donaldson, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Chris Mullin, Bernard King

Name: Los Angeles Jets
Arena: Los Angeles Memorial Sports Arena
Owners: Donald Sterling
Key Players: Leon Wood, Sidney Green, Michael Jordan, Mark Eaton, David Greenwood

Name: Phoenix Scorpions
Arena: Arizona Veterans Memorial Coliseum
Owners: Jerry Colangelo and John Sperling
Key Players: Jon Koncak, Cliff Levingston, Hakeem Olajuwon, Lafayette Lever, Byron Scott

ABL Teams

Name: Charlotte Hornets
Arena: Charlotte Coliseum
Owners: George Shinn
Key Players: Mike Gminski, Buck Williams, Alex English, James Worthy, Benoit Benjamin

Name: Raleigh Cougars

Arena: Dorton Arena
Owners: Wilber Hardee
Key Players: John Lucas, Mike Evans, Purvis Short, Larry Smith, Larry Nance

Name: Richmond Bulldogs
Arena: Richmond Coliseum
Owners: Earl Foreman
Key Players: Moses Malone, Charles Oakley, Ralph Sampson, Ed Pinckney, Mike Woodson

Name: Tidewater Pirates
Arena: Norfolk Scope and Hampton Coliseum
Owners: Robert Claytor
Key Players: Spud Webb, Elston Turner, TR Dunn, Walter Davis, Marques Johnson

Name: Atlanta Phoenix
Arena: Omni Coliseum
Owners: Carl Sanders and Rankin Smith Sr
Key Players: Charles Barkley, Orlando Woolridge, Dominique Wilkins, Kevin Willis, Karl Malone

Name: Nashville Titans
Arena: Memorial Gymnasium
Owners: Edward Gaylord
Key Players: Jeff Malone, Gerald Wilkins, Kurt Rambis, Clyde Drexler, Dale Ellis

Name: Tampa Bay Parrots
Arena: Curtis Hixon Hall
Owners: George Strawbridge
Key Players: Ricky Pierce, Reggie Theus, Artis Gilmore, Tom Chambers

Name: Miami Tropics
Arena: Dinner Key Auditorium
Owners: Micky Arison
Key Players: Rodney McCray, Robert Reid, Otis Thorpe, Xavier McDaniel

Name: Louisville Colonels
Arena: Louisville Gardens
Owners: John Brown Jr
Key Players: Joe Dumars, Adrian Dantley, Darrell Griffith, Mike Sanders, Michael Cage

Name: Indianapolis Cardinals
Arena: Indiana State Fairgrounds Coliseum
Owners: Richard Tinkham
Key Players: Jerry Sichting, Randy Wittman, Isiah Thomas, LaSalle Thompson

Name: Detroit Mustangs
Arena: Cobo Arena
Owners: Alfred Taubman and Bill Davidson
Key Players: Rickey Green, Terry Tyler, Magic Johnson, Steve Johnson

Name: Columbus Explorers
Arena: Taft Coliseum
Owners: Vernon Stouffer and Dave Thomas
Key Players: Larry Bird, John Long, Herb Williams, Mark West, Alvin Robertson

Name: Twin Cities Loons
Arena: St Paul Civic Center
Owners: George Mikan, Ben Berger and Irwin Jacobs
Key Players: John Paxson, Detlef Schrempf, Jim Petersen, Kiki Vandeweghe, Terry Porter

Name: Omaha Pioneers
Arena: Ak-Sar-Ben Coliseum
Owners: Johnny Carson and William Galbraith
Key Players: Michael Adams, Steve Stipanovich, Rolando Blackman, Joe Barry Carroll

Name: Chicago Zephyrs
Arena: Chicago Stadium
Owners: Jerry Reinsdorf
Key Players: Doc Rivers, Bill Laimbeer, Terry Cummings, Derek Harper, Eddie Johnson

Name: Milwaukee Robins
Arena: MECCA Arena
Owners: Jim Fitzgerald
Key Players: Kevin McHale, Paul Pressey, Sidney Moncrief, Mark Aguirre, Bill Hanzlik

Drafts

*-Signed

Note: Len Bias signed with Washington, but died before the season started

PBL

Washington Senators- Len Bias*
Phoenix Scorpions- Chuck Person
Philadelphia Brothers- Brad Daugherty
San Francisco Dragons- Chris Washburn
Boston Shamrocks- William Bedford*
Seattle Pilots- Brad Sellers*
New York Gothams- Kenny Walker

Los Angeles Jets- John Salley

ABL

Raleigh Cougars- Brad Daugherty*

Tampa Bay Parrots- Chuck Person*

Columbus Explorers- Brad Sellers

Chicago Zephyrs- Ron Harper*

Milwaukee Robins- Len Bias

Louisville Colonels- Kenny Walker*

Atlanta Phoenix- John Salley*

Tidewater Pirates- Chris Washburn*

Richmond Bulldogs- Dell Curry*

Nashville Titans- William Bedford

Detroit Mustangs- Roy Tarpley*

Twin Cities Loons- Johnny Dawkins*

Omaha Pioneers- Dennis Rodman*

Indianapolis Cardinals- John Williams*

Miami Tropics- Mark Price*

Charlotte Hornets- Dwayne Washington*

Other Rookie Signings:

New York Gothams- Walter Berry

Philadelphia Brothers- Maurice Martin and Harold Pressley

Charlotte Hornets- Mark Alarie

Louisville Colonels- Billy Thompson

Los Angeles Jets- Buck Johnson

Seattle Pilots- Anthony Jones

Chicago Zephyrs- Scott Skiles and Kevin Duckworth

Columbus Explorers- Ken Barlow

Twin Cities Loons- Jeff Hornacek

Pre-Season Power Rankings

PBL

New York Gothams

Seattle Pilots

Los Angeles Jets

San Francisco Dragons

Phoenix Scorpions

Boston Shamrocks

Washington Senators

Philadelphia Brothers

ABL

Atlanta Phoenix
Chicago Zephyrs
Milwaukee Robins
Columbus Explorers
Richmond Bulldogs
Indianapolis Cardinals
Charlotte Hornets
Louisville Colonels
Raleigh Cougars
Twin Cities Loons
Nashville Titans
Tampa Bay Parrots
Miami Tropics
Tidewater Pirates
Omaha Pioneers
Detroit Mustangs

Standings

PBL

East

New York Gothams 45-3
Boston Shamrocks 21-27
Washington Senators 17-31
Philadelphia Brothers 15-33

West

Los Angeles Jets 27-21
San Francisco Dragons 24-24
Seattle Pilots 23-25
Phoenix Scorpions 20-28

ABL

Atlantic

Charlotte Hornets 52-14
Richmond Bulldogs 39-27
Raleigh Cougars 25-41
Tidewater Pirates 14-52

Southeast

Atlanta Phoenix 58-8
Miami Tropics 31-35
Nashville Titans 30-36
Tampa Bay Parrots 28-38

Central

Columbus Explorers 41-25

Indianapolis Cardinals 32-34

Louisville Colonels 29-37

Detroit Mustangs 10-56

West

Milwaukee Robins 41-25

Chicago Zephyrs 40-26

Twin Cities Loons 33-33

Omaha Pioneers 25-41

Playoffs

PBL

Semifinals

E1 New York 4 W2 San Francisco 0

W1 Los Angeles 4 E2 Boston 1

Finals

E1 New York 4 W1 Los Angeles 1

ABL

Semifinals

#3 Milwaukee 4 #2 Charlotte 2

#1 Atlanta 4 #4 Columbus 0

Finals

#1 Atlanta 4 #3 Milwaukee 3

Awards

PBL

MVP- Michael Jordan

ROY- Brad Sellers

All-PBL Team

G- Michael Jordan

G- Lafayette Lever

F- Julius Erving

F- Chris Mullin

C- Hakeem Olajuwon

ABL

MVP- Larry Bird

ROY- Chuck Person

All-ABL Team

G- Isiah Thomas

G- Alvin Robertson
F- Larry Bird
F- Kevin McHale
C- Moses Malone

Minor Leagues

CBA

Standings

East

Jacksonville Jets

Albany Patroons

Baltimore Lightning

Pensacola Tornados

Central

Cincinnati Slammers

Fort Wayne Flyers

Quad Cities Catbirds

Evansville Thunder

West

Kansas City Sizzlers

San Antonio Wildcatters

Houston Spirits

Dallas Wranglers

Playoffs

Semifinals

#1 Jacksonville 108 #4 San Antonio 99

#3 Kansas City 116 #2 Cincinnati 82

Finals

#3 Kansas City 2 #1 Jacksonville 0

USBL

Standings

West Palm Beach Stingrays

Tampa Bay Flash

Staten Island Stallions

Rhode Island Gulls

Atlantic City Aces

Jersey Jammers

Playoffs

Semifinals

#1 West Palm Beach 122 #4 Rhode Island 116

#2 Tampa Bay 95 #3 Staten Island 88

Finals

#1 West Palm Beach 147 #2 Tampa Bay 144 (3OT)

1987-88

CBA and USBL merge to form CBL with summer season

ABL adds 8 teams

ABL season 76 games (3 Home and Away vs division, 2 vs conference, 1 vs others)

Playoffs expand to 8 seeded

ABL Expansion

Expansion Draft: Teams protect 5 and lose 3

Team: Houston Hurricanes

Arena: The Summit

Owners: Kenneth Lay and Jeb Bush

Team: San Antonio Stallions

Arena: HemisFair Arena

Owners: Red McCombs

Team: New Orleans Jokers

Arena: Municipal Auditorium

Owners: John Mecom

Team: Dallas Rustlers

Arena: Reunion Arena

Owners: Ross Perot

Team: Denver Dynamite

Arena: Denver Coliseum

Owners: Sidney Shlenker

Team: Kansas City Steers

Arena: Kemper Arena

Owners: Lamar Hunt

Team: St Louis Archers

Arena: St Louis Arena

Owners: Ozzie Silna and Daniel Silna

Team: Iowa Trappers

Arena: Veterans' Memorial Auditorium

Owners: Bob Feller, Matthew Bucksbaum and Frank Cary

Key Moves:

Trades

Chicago trades Eddie Johnson and Scott Skiles to St Louis for cash and 2nd round pick

Milwaukee trades Sidney Moncreif to St Louis for 1st round pick

New York trades Darryl Dawkins and Walter Berry to Philadelphia and swap 1st round picks

Free Agents

LaSalle Thompson signs with Detroit

Joe Dumars signs with Philadelphia

Mike Woodson signs with Louisville

Retirements

Julius Erving

Miscellaneous

Washington moves into newly constructed Columbia Arena

Drafts

*-signed

PBL

New York Gothams- David Robinson*

Washington Senators- Reggie Williams*

Phoenix Scorpions- Armen Gilliam*

Seattle Pilots- Kevin Johnson*

Boston Shamrocks- Dennis Hopson

San Francisco Dragons- Scottie Pippen

Los Angeles Jets- Reggie Miller*

Philadelphia Brothers- Kenny Smith

Philadelphia Brothers- Olden Polynice

Washington Senators- Horace Grant*

Phoenix Scorpions- Derrick McKey

Seattle Pilots- José Ortiz*

Boston Shamrocks- Muggsy Bogues

San Francisco Dragons- Christian Welp*

Los Angeles Jets- Joe Wolf

New York Gothams- Mark Jackson*

ABL

Iowa Trappers- David Robinson
Houston Hurricanes- Dennis Hopson*
Milwaukee Robins- Kenny Smith*
New Orleans Jokers- Scottie Pippen*
Denver Dynamite- Kevin Johnson
San Antonio Stallions- Armen Gilliam
Kansas City Steers- Derrick McKey*
Dallas Rustlers- Reggie Williams
Detroit Mustangs- Horace Grant
Tidewater Pirates- Olden Polynice*
Omaha Pioneers- Tellis Frank*
Raleigh Cougars- Muggsy Bogues*
Tampa Bay Parrots- Reggie Miller
Louisville Colonels- Joe Wolf*
Nashville Titans- Mark Jackson
Miami Tropics- Ronnie Murphy*
Indianapolis Cardinals- Ken Norman*
Twin Cities Loons- Christian Welp
Richmond Bulldogs- Jim Farmer*
Chicago Zephyrs- Dallas Comegys*
Columbus Explorers- Reggie Lewis*
Charlotte Hornets- Ron Moore*
Milwaukee Robins- Steve Alford*
Atlanta Phoenix- José Ortiz

Other Rookie Signings:

Houston Hurricanes- Greg “Cadillac” Anderson

Pre-Season Power Rankings

PBL

New York Gothams
Los Angeles Jets
Seattle Pilots
Phoenix Scorpions
San Francisco Dragons
Boston Shamrocks
Philadelphia Brothers
Washington Senators

ABL

Atlanta Phoenix
Milwaukee Robins

Chicago Zephyrs
Columbus Explorers
Charlotte Hornets
Richmond Bulldogs
Miami Tropics
St Louis Archers
Twin Cities Loons
Indianapolis Cardinals
Louisville Colonels
Nashville Titans
Raleigh Cougars
Tampa Bay Parrots
Omaha Pioneers
New Orleans Jokers
Houston Hurricanes
Tidewater Pirates
Kansas City Steers
Detroit Mustangs
Dallas Rustlers
San Antonio Stallions
Denver Dynamite
Iowa Trappers

Standings

PBL

East

New York Gothams 44-4
Boston Shamrocks 20-28
Washington Senators 14-34
Philadelphia Brothers 12-36
West

Los Angeles Jets 40-8
Seattle Pilots 30-18
San Francisco Dragons 21-27
Phoenix Scorpions 11-37

ABL

Southeast

Atlanta Phoenix 71-5
Miami Tropics 40-36
Nashville Titans 33-43
Tampa Bay Parrots 17-59

Atlantic

Charlotte Hornets 51-25

Richmond Bulldogs 48-28

Raleigh Cougars 29-47

Tidewater Pirates 15-61

Central

Indianapolis Cardinals 40-36

Louisville Colonels 40-36

Columbus Explorers 38-38

Detroit Mustangs 23-53

Midwest

Milwaukee Robins 65-11

Twin Cities Loons 59-17

Chicago Zephyrs 54-22

Iowa Trappers 2-74

West

Omaha Pioneers 52-24

St Louis Archers 41-35

Kansas City Steers 21-55

Denver Dynamite 13-63

Southwest

Houston Hurricanes 48-28

New Orleans Jokers 41-35

San Antonio Stallions 39-37

Dallas Rustlers 37-39

Playoffs

PBL

Semifinals

E1 New York 4 W2 Seattle 1

W1 Los Angeles 4 E2 Boston 0

Finals

E1 New York 4 W1 Los Angeles 2

ABL

1st Round

#1 Atlanta 3 #8 Indianapolis 1

#2 Milwaukee 3 #7 Houston 0

#6 Charlotte 3 #3 Twin Cities 2

#5 Omaha 3 #4 Chicago 0

Semifinals

#1 Atlanta 4 #5 Omaha 0

#2 Milwaukee 4 #6 Charlotte 3

Finals

#1 Atlanta 4 #2 Milwaukee 1

Awards

PBL

MVP- Michael Jordan

ROY- Mark Jackson

All-PBL Team

G- Michael Jordan

G- John Stockton

F- David Greenwood

F- Chris Mullin

C- Hakeem Olajuwon

ABL

MVP- Larry Bird

ROY- Cadillac Anderson

All-ABL Team

G- Clyde Drexler

G- Alvin Robertson

F- Larry Bird

F- Charles Barkley

C- Moses Malone

CBL

Standings

East

Jacksonville Jets

West Palm Beach Stingrays

Albany Patroons

Providence Gulls

Jersey Jammers

Baltimore Lightning

West

Cincinnati Slammers

Fort Wayne Flyers

Wichita Wranglers

Evansville Thunder

Rochester Angels

Quad Cities Catbirds

Playoffs

1st Round

E3 Albany 99 E2 West Palm Beach 88

W3 Wichita 106 W2 Fort Wayne 100

Semifinals

E1 Jacksonville 121 E3 Albany 94

W3 Wichita 113 W1 Cincinnati 105

Finals

W3 Wichita 2 E1 Jacksonville 0

1988-89

3 ABL teams relocate: Iowa, Columbus, and Richmond

Denver renamed

ABL adds 3 point line

ABL Relocations

Team Name: Utah Rockies (Formerly Iowa Trappers)

Arena: Salt Palace

Owners: Bill Daniels and Larry Miller

Team Name: Birmingham Hammers (Formerly Columbus Explorers)

Arena: BJCC Coliseum

Owners: AG Gaston

Team Name: Baltimore Bulldogs (Formerly Richmond Bulldogs)

Arena: Baltimore Civic Center

Owners: Spiro Agnew and Raymond Haysbert

Key Moves:

Trades

Columbus trades Larry Bird to Indianapolis for 1st round pick, cash, and Larry Sicking

Columbus trades Alvin Robertson to St Louis for 1st round pick and cash

New York trades David Robinson to San Francisco for Chris Mullin and 2nd round pick

New York trades Manute Bol and 1st round pick to Los Angeles for David Greenwood

New Orleans trades 1st round pick to Raleigh for Muggsy Bogues and Brad Daugherty

Free Agents

Doc Rivers signs with Los Angeles

Rodney McCray signs with Nashville

Sam Perkins signs with Philadelphia

Spud Webb signs with Phoenix

Retirements

None of note

Miscellaneous

Denver Dynamite sold to Stan Kroenke and renamed Colorado Cutthroats

Drafts

*-signed

PBL

Philadelphia Brothers- Rik Smits*

Washington Senators- Danny Manning

Phoenix Scorpions- Charles Smith*

San Francisco Dragons- Mitch Richmond

Boston Shamrocks- Chris Morris

Seattle Pilots- Hersey Hawkins*

Los Angeles Jets- Tim Perry*

Los Angeles Jets- Will Perdue*

Philadelphia Brothers- Willie Anderson

Washington Senators- Rony Seikaly

Phoenix Scorpions- Rex Chapman

New York Gothams- Dan Majerle*

Boston Shamrocks- Gary Grant*

Seattle Pilots- Harvey Grant*

Los Angeles Jets- Ricky Berry*

New York Gothams- Jeff Grayer*

ABL

Utah Rockies- Danny Manning*

Colorado Cutthroats- Mitch Richmond*

Tidewater Pirates- Rik Smits

Tampa Bay Parrots- Chris Morris*

Kansas City Steers- Charles Smith

Detroit Mustangs- Hersey Hawkins

Raleigh Cougars- Willie Anderson*

Nashville Titans- Rex Chapman*

Dallas Rustlers- Rony Seikaly*

Birmingham Hammers- Tim Perry

San Antonio Stallions- Harvey Grant

Louisville Colonels- Will Perdue

Miami Tropics- Derrick Chievous*

Birmingham Hammers- Randolph Keys*

Raleigh Cougars- Dan Majerle
Baltimore Bulldogs- Jeff Grayer
Birmingham Hammers- Erick Leckner*
Houston Hurricanes- Rod Strickland*
Chicago Zephyrs- Kevin Edwards*
Twin Cities Loons- Ricky Berry
Charlotte Hornets- Brian Shaw*
Omaha Pioneers- Mark Bryant*
Milwaukee Robins- Gary Grant
Atlanta Phoenix- Vinny del Negro*

Other Rookie Signings:

Nashville Titans- Anthony Mason
Kansas City Steers- John Starks
Indianapolis Cardinals- David Rivers
Philadelphia Brothers- Jerome Lane

Pre-Season Power Rankings

PBL

New York Gothams
Los Angeles Jets
Seattle Pilots
San Francisco Dragons
Philadelphia Brothers
Phoenix Scorpions
Boston Shamrocks
Washington Senators

ABL

Atlanta Phoenix
Milwaukee Robins
Indianapolis Cardinals
Chicago Zephyrs
Omaha Pioneers
Charlotte Hornets
Twin Cities Loons
Baltimore Bulldogs
Houston Hurricanes
Birmingham Hammers
Miami Tropics
New Orleans Jokers
Nashville Titans

St Louis Archers
Colorado Cutthroats
Louisville Colonels
Dallas Rustlers
San Antonio Stallions
Raleigh Cougars
Kansas City Steers
Utah Rockies
Detroit Mustangs
Tampa Bay Parrots
Tidewater Pirates

Standings

PBL

East

New York Gothams 42-6
Philadelphia Brothers 21-27
Boston Shamrocks 18-30
Washington Senators 14-34

West

Los Angeles Jets 40-8
Seattle Pilots 24-24
San Francisco Dragons 22-26
Phoenix Scorpions 11-37

ABL

Southeast

Atlanta Phoenix 69-7
Miami Tropics 45-31
Birmingham Hammers 37-39
Tampa Bay Parrots 14-62

Atlantic

Charlotte Hornets 54-22
Baltimore Bulldogs 40-36
Raleigh Cougars 17-59
Tidewater Pirates 10-66

Central

Indianapolis Cardinals 61-15
Louisville Colonels 41-35
Nashville Titans 39-37
Detroit Mustangs 23-53

Midwest

Chicago Zephyrs 59-17
Milwaukee Robins 56-20
Twin Cities Loons 48-28
St Louis Archers 41-35
West
Omaha Pioneers 42-34
Colorado Cutthroats 29-47
Kansas City Steers 27-49
Utah Rockies 10-66
Southwest
Houston Hurricanes 40-36
San Antonio Stallions 38-38
New Orleans Jokers 37-39
Dallas Rustlers 35-41

Playoffs

PBL
Semifinals
E1 New York 4 W2 Seattle 2
W1 Los Angeles 4 E2 Philadelphia 0
Finals
E1 New York 4 W1 Los Angeles 3

ABL
1st Round
#1 Atlanta 3 #8 Houston 0
#2 Indianapolis 3 #7 Omaha 1
#3 Chicago 3 #6 Twin Cities 2
#4 Milwaukee 3 #5 Charlotte 0
Semifinals
#1 Atlanta 4 #4 Milwaukee 3
#2 Indianapolis 4 #3 Chicago 2
Finals
#2 Indianapolis 4 #1 Atlanta 3

Awards

PBL
MVP- Michael Jordan
ROY- Rik Smits
Playoff MVP- Chris Mullin
All-PBL Team

G- Michael Jordan
G- Kevin Johnson
F- Chris Mullin
F- David Greenwood
C- Patrick Ewing

ABL
MVP- Karl Malone
ROY- Mitch Richmond
Playoff MVP- Larry Bird
All-ABL Team
G- Dominique Wilkins
G- Terry Cummings
F- Karl Malone
F- Charles Barkley
C- Moses Malone

CBL

Standings
Northeast
Providence Gulls
Albany Patroons
Jersey Jammers
Charleston Miners
Southeast
West Palm Beach Stingrays
Jacksonville Jets
Roanoke Lightning
Richmond Rebels
Midwest
Fort Wayne Flyers
Evansville Thunder
Cedar Rapids Silver Bullets
Quad Cities Catbirds
Southwest
Wichita Wranglers
Memphis Pharaohs
Tulsa Roughnecks
Topeka Longhorns

Playoffs
Semifinals

E2 West Palm Beach 107 E1 Providence 95
W1 Wichita 126 W2 Fort Wayne 119 (OT)
Finals
W1 Wichita 3 E2 West Palm Beach 1

1989-90

ABL and PBL announce beginnings of merger talks
ABL and PBL announce all-star game against each other
PBL playoffs become 4 seeded
ABL folds 4 teams
Raleigh finished last in attendance every year and couldn't compete with college basketball
Detroit had the 2nd worst in attendance every year and couldn't draw against 3 major teams
Tampa Bay had attendance woes that would only worsen with the arrival of MLB and NHL
Birmingham was up for sale and was bought by the league to make an even 20
ABL goes down to 64 games (3 Home and Away vs division, 2 vs conference, 1 vs others)
1 ABL team relocates: St Louis

ABL Relocations

Team Name: Memphis Smoke (Formerly St Louis Archers)
Arena: The Memphis Pyramid
Owners: Ozzie Silna and Daniel Silna

Key Moves:

Trades

Milwaukee trades Paul Pressey, Kenny Smith and 1st round pick to Utah for 1st round pick
Tidewater trades 1st round pick and cash to Baltimore for Ralph Sampson and 1st round pick

Free Agents

Robert Parish signs with Milwaukee
Doc Rivers signs with San Francisco
Kurt Rambis signs with Los Angeles

Retirements

Kareem Abdul-Jabbar

Miscellaneous

Philadelphia moves into The Spectrum
Prince buys share of Twin Cities from Ben Berger's Estate

Drafts

*-signed

PBL

Phoenix Scorpions- Sean Elliott*
Washington Senators- Pervis Ellison*
Boston Shamrocks- Danny Ferry*
San Francisco Dragons- JR Reid*
Philadelphia Brothers- Glen Rice
Seattle Pilots- Stacey King
Los Angeles Jets- Pooh Richardson*
New York Gothams- Tom Hammonds*
Phoenix Scorpions- Michael Smith
Washington Senators- George McCloud*
Boston Shamrocks- Mookie Blaylock
San Francisco Dragons- Randy White
Philadelphia Brothers- Nick Anderson*
Seattle Pilots- Tim Hardaway
Los Angeles Jets- Dana Barros
New York Gothams- Todd Lichti

ABL Dispersal

Utah Rockies- Chuck Person
Tidewater Pirates- Larry Nance
Kansas City Steers- Willie Anderson
Colorado Cutthroats- Larry Smith
Dallas Rustlers- Chris Morris
New Orleans Jokers- Tom Chambers
San Antonio Stallions- LaSalle Thompson
Nashville Titans- Purvis Short
Baltimore Bulldogs- Magic Johnson
Memphis Smoke- Artis Gillmore
Louisville Colonels- Roy Tarpley
Miami Tropics- Erick Leckner
Houston Hurricanes- Mike Evans
Omaha Pioneers- Reggie Lewis
Twin Cities Loons- John Lucas
Charlotte Hornets- Terry Tyler
Milwaukee Robins- Randolph Keys
Chicago Zephyrs- Herb Williams
Atlanta Phoenix- Mark West
Indianapolis Cardinals- Reggie Theus

Entry Draft

Milwaukee Robins- Pervis Ellison
Baltimore Bulldogs- Danny Ferry

Kansas City Steers- JR Reid
Colorado Cutthroats- Sean Elliott
Dallas Rustlers- Stacey King*
New Orleans Jokers- Randy White*
San Antonio Stallions- Glen Rice*
Nashville Titans- Tom Hammonds
Tidewater Pirates- George McCloud
Memphis Smoke- Mookie Blaylock*
Louisville Colonels- Nick Anderson
Miami Tropics- Todd Lichti*
Houston Hurricanes- Pooh Richardson
Omaha Pioneers- Tim Hardaway*
Twin Cities Loons- BJ Armstrong*
Charlotte Hornets- Shawn Kemp*
Utah Rockies- Michael Smith*
Chicago Zephyrs- Dana Barros*
Atlanta Phoenix- Jeff Sanders*
Indianapolis Cardinals- Byron Irvin*

Other Rookie Signings:

Chicago Zephyrs- Vlade Divac and Kenny Battle
Louisville Colonels- Kenny Payne
Miami Tropics- Blue Edwards
Twin Cities Loons- Roy Marble
Phoenix Scorpions- Anthony Cook
San Francisco Dragons- John Morton
Boston Shamrocks- Cliff Robinson

Pre-Season Power Rankings

PBL

Los Angeles Jets
New York Gothams
San Francisco Dragons
Seattle Pilots
Washington Senators
Phoenix Scorpions
Boston Shamrocks
Philadelphia Brothers

ABL

Milwaukee Robins
Atlanta Phoenix

Indianapolis Cardinals
Chicago Zephyrs
Twin Cities Loons
Charlotte Hornets
Houston Hurricanes
Baltimore Bulldogs
Louisville Colonels
Utah Rockies
Omaha Pioneers
San Antonio Stallions
Miami Tropics
New Orleans Jokers
Dallas Rustlers
Memphis Smoke
Nashville Titans
Colorado Cutthroats
Tidewater Pirates
Kansas City Steers

All-Star Game
ABL 108 PBL 97

Standings

PBL
East
New York Gothams 40-8
Washington Senators 23-25
Philadelphia Brothers 10-38
Boston Shamrocks 6-42
West
Los Angeles Jets 38-10
Seattle Pilots 27-21
San Francisco Dragons 25-23
Phoenix Scorpions 23-25

ABL
Southeast
Atlanta Phoenix 59-5
Miami Tropics 34-30
New Orleans Jokers 32-32
Memphis Smoke 31-33
Nashville Titans 27-37

Central

Indianapolis Cardinals 45-21

Baltimore Bulldogs 30-34

Charlotte Hornets 30-34

Louisville Colonels 29-35

Tidewater Pirates 12-52

Midwest

Milwaukee Robins 60-4

Chicago Zephyrs 52-12

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#1 New York 4 #4 San Francisco 3

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Finals

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ABL

1st Round

#1 Milwaukee 4 #8 Utah 0

#2 Atlanta 4 #7 Miami 3

#3 Chicago 4 #6 Omaha 1

#5 Twin Cities 4 #4 Indianapolis 3

Semifinals

#1 Milwaukee 4 #5 Twin Cities 2

#3 Chicago 4 #2 Atlanta 2

Finals

#1 Milwaukee 4 #3 Chicago 1

Awards

PBL

MVP- Michael Jordan
ROY- David Robinson
Playoff MVP- David Greenwood
All-PBL Team
G- Michael Jordan
G- John Stockton
F- Chris Mullin
F- David Greenwood
C- Patrick Ewing

ABL
MVP- Charles Barkley
ROY- Vlade Divac
Playoff MVP- Kevin McHale
All-ABL Team
G- Clyde Drexler
G- Alvin Robertson
F- Charles Barkley
F- Larry Bird
C- Robert Parish

CBL

Standings
Northeast
Albany Patroons
Hartford Colts
Providence Gulls
Rochester Rage
Jersey Jammers
Southeast
Palm Beach Stingrays
Jacksonville Jets
Richmond Rebels
Charleston Miners
Roanoke Lightning
Midwest
Sioux Falls Skyforce
Evansville Thunder
Fort Wayne Flyers
Quad Cities Catbirds
Rockford Railroaders
Southwest

Tulsa Roughnecks
Wichita Wranglers
Topeka Longhorns
Oklahoma City Tornados
Wichita Falls Texans

Playoffs

Semifinals

E1 Palm Beach 2 W2 Sioux Falls 1

E2 Albany 2 W1 Tulsa 0

Finals

E2 Albany 3 E1 Palm Beach 1