

1988 NBA All-Star Game



The 38th National Basketball Association All-Star Game was played on February 7, 1988, at Chicago Stadium in Chicago. The East won the game 138-133 and Michael Jordan (who scored a game-high 40 points) was named the NBA All-Star Game Most Valuable Player (MVP). The game was played in front of a crowd of 18,403 as Dick Stockton, Billy Cunningham, Bob Neal, Skip Caray, and Rick Barry announced the game for CBS. Al Jarreau performed the National Anthem. The Eastern Conference was coached by Mike Fratello of the Atlanta Hawks, and the Western Conference by Pat Riley of the Lakers.

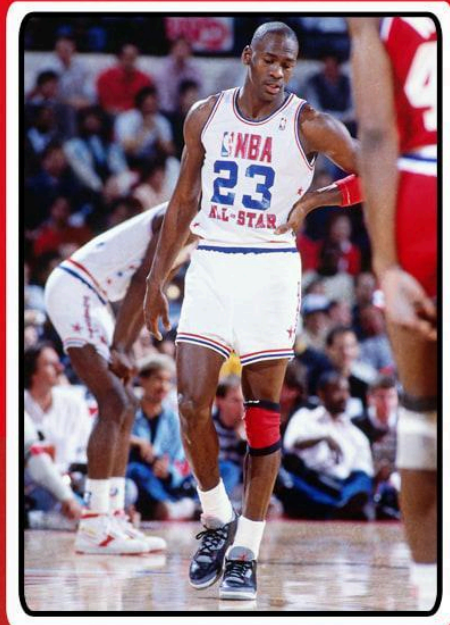
The Eastern Conference team featured Jordan and Dominique Wilkins, who had faced each other the preceding night in the slam dunk contest, along with Boston Celtics trio Larry Bird, Danny Ainge and Kevin McHale, plus Patrick Ewing of the New York Knicks, Maurice Cheeks and Charles Barkley of the Philadelphia 76ers, Moses Malone of the Washington Bullets, Isiah Thomas of the Detroit Pistons, Doc Rivers of the Atlanta Hawks, and Brad Daugherty of the Cleveland Cavaliers.

The Western Conference team was led by Magic Johnson of the Los Angeles Lakers, Clyde Drexler of the Portland Trail Blazers, the Utah Jazz's power forward Karl Malone and the Houston Rockets' center Akeem Olajuwon. Joining them were James Worthy and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar of the Lakers, Fat Lever and Alex English of the Denver Nuggets, Xavier McDaniel of the Seattle SuperSonics, Alvin Robertson of the San Antonio Spurs and Mark Aguirre and James Donaldson of the Dallas Mavericks. In this game, Abdul-Jabbar would become the all-time leading scorer in NBA All-Star Game history, a distinction he held for 15 years.

The game was telecast by CBS Sports, with Dick Stockton and Billy Cunningham commentating, and Pat O'Brien and Lesley Visser reporting from the sidelines. On radio, ABC Radio broadcast their fourth consecutive All-Star game, with Lakers announcer Chick Hearn working alongside Celtics announcer Johnny Most, and the two trading roles on play-by-play and color analysis. ABC's regular NBA announcer Fred Manfra served as a sideline reporter.



MICHAEL JORDAN



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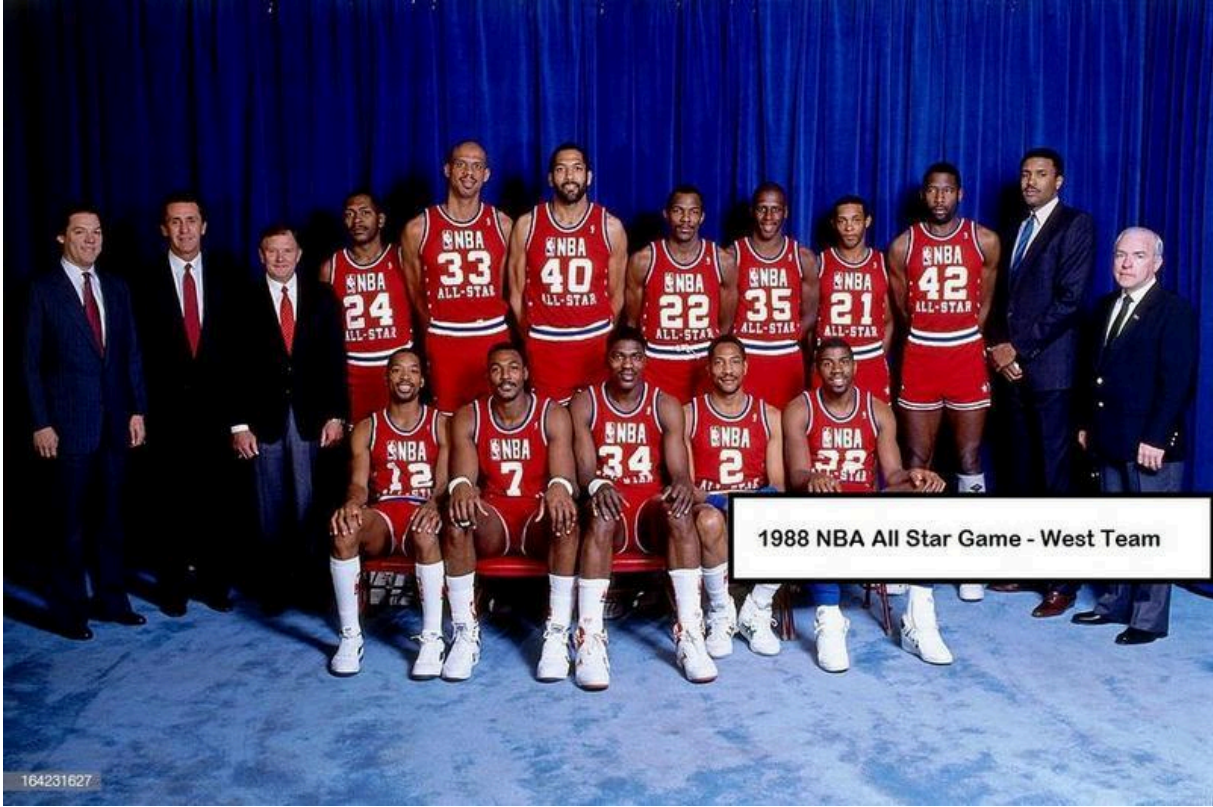
1988 NBA All-Star Game Recap

At the 1988 All-Star Game, two legends of the game left a lasting mark. In the East's 138-133 win, Michael Jordan garnered MVP honors after totaling 40 points, eight rebounds, four steals and four blocks while showing off his trademark late-game clutch scoring. Jordan scored 16 of his points in the final 5:30 of the game as the East pulled away from the West. His 40 points were two points shy of the All-Star Game's single-game scoring mark of 42 held by Wilt Chamberlain.

Though Jordan's performance was near-historic, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar's play was one for the record books. Abdul-Jabbar scored 10 points in 14 minutes to give him 247 career All-Star Game points and the title as the game's No. 1 all-time scorer. Knicks big man Patrick Ewing made his All-Star debut in this game for the East, scoring nine points off the bench in 16 minutes. While Ewing made his debut, Sixers guard Maurice Cheeks played in his fourth and final All-Star Game, serving as a reserve for the East.

Jordan started off his MVP weekend with a bang, taking home a second straight Dunk Contest title in a memorable showdown with Dominique Wilkins in the finals. At the 3-Point Shootout, Larry Bird dominated once again to claim his third (and final) title in the event.





1988 “Nothing But Net” All-Star Game



The East defeated the West 118–109 with Michael Jordan of the New Orleans Jazz taking home the Most Valuable Player Award. Jordan led the East with 24 points, 7 assists, 6 rebounds, and 2 blocked shots. Moses Malone of the Washington Bullets followed up with 20 points and 14 rebounds

Larry Bird of the Phoenix Suns led the West with 27 points, 7 rebounds, and 5 assists. Hakeem Olajuwon of the Golden State Warriors contributed 18 points, 11 rebounds, and 2 blocked shots in a losing effort.

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1988 NBA All-Star Game Highlights

