

BAA/NBA FINALS

1947 - 1959

Boston Celtics sweep Minneapolis Lakers

52-20 1E under Red Auerbach 33-39 2W under John Kundla
April 4, 5, 7, 9

Finals MVP not selected until 1969



1959

- Lakers 115 @ Celtics 118 at Boston Garden - F F Ramsey BOS 29 pts off bench; F E Baylor MIN 34 pts; MIN just 15/27 fr line
 - Lakers 108 @ Celtics 128 - Celts' 20th straight win over Lakers; G Bill Sharman BOS 28 pts
 - Celtics 123 @ Lakers 110 at St. Paul Auditorium - F Tom Heinsohn BOS 26 pts; C Bill Russell BOS 30 rebounds
 - Celtics 118 @ Lakers 113 at Minneapolis Armory - G Bill Sharman BOS 29 pts; C Bill Russell BOS 30 reb, 12 blocks
- Celtics' starters - G Bob Cousy, G Bill Sharman, C Bill Russell, F Frank Ramsey, F Tom Heinsohn
Lakers' starters - G Slick Leonard, G Jerry West, C Wilt Chamberlain, F Elgin Baylor, F Keith Erickson

St. Louis Hawks defeat Boston Celtics in 6

41-31 1W under Alex Hannum 49-23 1E under Red Auerbach
March 29, 30, April 2, 5, 9, 12

Finals MVP not selected until 1969



1958

- Hawks 104 @ Celtics 102 at Boston Garden - F Cliff Hagan, F Bob Pettit STL combine for 63 pts; Hawks 42 pts in second qtr
 - Hawks 112 @ Celtics 136 - G Bob Cousy BOS 23 pts; F Cliff Hagan STL 37 pts; C Bill Russell BOS 22 pts, 27 reb
 - Celtics 108 @ Hawks 111 at Kiel Auditorium - F Bob Pettit STL 32 pts; C Bill Russell BOS 14 pts, 13 reb, hurts right ankle
 - Celtics 109 @ Hawks 98 - G Bob Cousy BOS 24 pts; G Bill Sharman BOS 21 pts; C Bill Russell BOS DNP again in series
 - Hawks 102 @ Celtics 100 - F Bob Pettit STL 33 pts; G Slater Martin STL holds G Bob Cousy BOS to 10 pts
 - Celtics 109 @ Hawks 110 - F Bob Pettit STL 50 pts; St. Louis Hawks win their only NBA Championship
- Hawks' starters - F Bob Pettit, F Cliff Hagan, C Ed Macauley, G Slater Martin, G Jack McMahon
Celtics' starters - G Bob Cousy, G Bill Sharman, C Bill Russell, F Frank Ramsey, F Tom Heinsohn

Boston Celtics defeat St. Louis Hawks in 7

44-28 1E under Red Auerbach 34-38 1W under Alex Hannum
March 30, 31, April 6, 7, 9, 11, 13

Finals MVP not selected until 1969



1957

- Hawks 125 @ Celtics 123 DBL OT at Boston Garden - F Bob Pettit STL 37 pts; C Ed Macauley STL, G Slater Martin STL 23 pts each
 - Hawks 99 @ Celtics 119 - F Frank Ramsey, G Bob Cousy BOS 22 pts each; F Ed Macauley STL 19 pts
 - Celtics 98 @ Hawks 100 at Kiel Auditorium - F Bob Pettit STL 26 pts; G Bill Sharman BOS 28 pts
 - Celtics 123 @ Hawks 118 - G Bob Cousy BOS 31 pts; F Bob Pettit STL 33 pts, playoff avg of 26.8 ppg
 - Hawks 109 @ Celtics 124 - G Bill Sharman BOS 32 pts; F Tom Heinsohn BOS 23 pts; F Bob Pettit STL 33 pts
 - Celtics 94 @ Hawks 96 - F Bob Pettit STL 32 pts; F Tom Heinsohn BOS 28 pts; 23 lead changes, score tied 20 times
 - Hawks 123 @ Celtics 125 DBL OT - F Tom Heinsohn BOS 37 pts; F Bob Pettit STL 39 pts; C Bill Russell BOS 17 pts
- Hawks' starters - F Bob Pettit, F Cliff Hagan, C Ed Macauley, G Slater Martin, G Jack McMahon
Celtics' starters - G Bob Cousy, G Bill Sharman, C Bill Russell, F Jim Locustoff, F Tom Heinsohn

Philadelphia Warriors defeat Fort Wayne Pistons in 5

45-27 1E under George Senesky 37-35 1W under Charley Eckman
March 31, April 1, 3, 5, 7

Finals MVP not selected until 1969



1956

- Pistons 94 @ Warriors 98 at Philadelphia Civic Ctr - F Paul Arizin PHI 28 pts; G Ernie Beck PHI 23 pts; F George Yardley FW 27 pts
 - Warriors 83 @ Pistons 84 at War Memorial Coliseum - F George Yardley FW 30 pts; C Larry Foust FW 23 pts
 - Pistons 96 @ Warriors 105 - F Paul Arizin PHI 27 pts; C Neil Johnston PHI 20 pts; Pistons just 14 pts in third quarter
 - Warriors 107 @ Pistons 100 - F Paul Arizin PHI 30 pts; Warriors first win in Fort Wayne since 1952
 - Pistons 88 @ Warriors 99 - F Joe Graboski PHI 29 pts; F Paul Arizin PHI 26 pts; Warriors win their second NBA title
- Warriors' starters - F Paul Arizin, F Joe Grabowski, C Neil Johnston, G Tom Gola, G George Dempsey
Pistons' starters - F George Yardley, F Chuck Cooper, C Larry Foust, G Mel Hutchins, G Odie Spears

Syracuse Nationals defeat Fort Wayne Pistons in 7

43-29 1E under Al Cervi 43-29 1W under Charley Eckman
March 31, April 2, 3, 5, 7, 9, 10

Finals MVP not selected until 1969



1955

- Pistons 82 @ Nationals 86 at Onodaga War Memorial - F Red Rocha SYR 19 pts; C Larry Foust FW 21 pts
 - Pistons 84 @ Nationals 87 - F Dolph Schayes SYR 24 pts; C Red Kerr SYR 17 pts; F George Yardley FW 21 pts
 - Nationals 89 @ Pistons 96 at Hinkle Fieldhouse in Indianapolis - F M Hutchins FW 23 pts; Pistons displaced by Amer. Bowling congress
 - Nationals 102 @ Pistons 109 - G Frankie Brian FW 18 pts; F Mel Hutchins FW 17 pts; F Dolph Schayes SYR 28 pts
 - Nationals 71 @ Pistons 74 - F George Yardley FW 16 pts; C Larry Foust FW 14 pts; G Billy Kenville SYR 15 pts
 - Pistons 104 @ Nationals 109 - F Dolph Schayes SYR 28 pts; George Yardley FW 31 pts; Pistons now lost 27 straight @ SYR
 - Pistons 91 @ Nationals 92 - George King SYR 15 pts, winning free throw with 12 secs to play; F Larry Foust FW 24 pts
- Nationals' starters - F Dolph Schayes, F Red Rocha, C Red Kerr, G Paul Seymour, G George King
Pistons' starters - F Mel Hutchins, F Monk Meineke, C Larry Foust, G Andy Phillip, G Max Zaslofsky

Minneapolis Lakers defeat Syracuse Nationals in 7

46-26 1W under John Kundla 42-30 3E under Al Cervi
March 31, April 3, 4, 8, 10, 11, 12

Finals MVP not selected until 1969



1954

- Nationals 68 @ Lakers 79 at Minneapolis Auditorium - C George Mikan MIN 15 pts; F/C Clyde Lovellette MIN 15 pts
 - Nationals 62 @ Lakers 60 - G Paul Seymour SYR sinks winner with 7 secs rem.; F Wally Osterkorn SYR 20 pts
 - Lakers 81 @ Nationals 67 at Onodaga War Memorial - C George Mikan MIN 30 pts; F Bob Lavoy SYR 18 pts
 - Lakers 69 @ Nationals 80 - G Paul Seymour SYR 25 pts; G Whitey Skoog MIN 16 pts
 - Lakers 84 @ Nationals 73 - F Vern Mikkelsen MIN 21 pts; F Dolph Schayes SYR 17 pts; G Paul Seymour SYR 16 pts
 - Nationals 65 @ Lakers 63 - C Jim Neal SYR winner w/ 4 secs rem.; G Paul Seymour SYR 16 pts; C G Mikan MIN 30 pts
 - Nationals 80 @ Lakers 87 - F Jim Pollard MIN 21 pts; F Dolph Schayes SYR 18 pts; Lakers win \$7 500 per man
- Lakers' starters - G Whitey Skoog, G Slater Martin, C George Mikan, F Vern Mikkelsen, F Jim Pollard
Nationals' starters - G Paul Seymour, G George King, C Earl Lloyd, F Dolph Schayes, F Wally Osterkorn

Minneapolis Lakers defeat New York Knicks in 5

48-22 1W under John Kundla 47-23 1E under Joe Lapchick
April 4, 5, 7, 8, 10

Finals MVP not selected until 1969



1953

- Knicks 96 @ Lakers 88 at Minneapolis Auditorium - F Harry Gattalin NY 22 pts; F/G Carl Braun NY 21 pts; C George Mikan MIN 25 pts
 - Knicks 71 @ Lakers 73 - C George Mikan MIN 18 pts; F Vern Mikkelsen MIN 16 pts; G Pep Saul MIN 16 pts
 - Lakers 90 @ Knicks 75 at Madison Square Garden III - C George Mikan MIN 20 pts; F Jim Pollard MIN 19 pts
 - Lakers 71 @ Knicks 69 - C George Mikan MIN 27 pts; F Vern Mikkelsen MIN 11 pts; F Jim Pollard MIN 10 pts
 - Lakers 91 @ Knicks 84 - C George Mikan MIN 14 pts; G Carl Braun NY 19 pts; Lakers win 4th championship in five seasons
- Lakers' starters - G Pep Saul, G Slater Martin, C George Mikan, F Vern Mikkelsen, F Jim Pollard
Knicks' starters - G Carl Braun, G Dick McGuire, C Nathaniel Clifton, F Vince Boryla, F Ernie Vandeweghe

Minneapolis Lakers defeat New York Knicks in 7

40-26 2W under John Kundla 37-29 3E under Joe Lapchick
April 12, 13, 16, 18, 20, 23, 25

Finals MVP not selected until 1969



1952

- Knicks 79 @ Lakers 83 at Minneapolis Auditorium - F Jim Pollard MIN 34 pts; C George Mikan MIN 15 pts; G Pep Saul MIN 13 pts
 - Knicks 80 @ Lakers 72 - F Harry Gattalin NY 18 pts; C George Mikan MIN 18 pts; G Ray Lumpp NY 15 pts
 - Lakers 83 @ Knicks 77 at Madison Square Garden III - C George Mikan MIN 26 pts; F Vern Mikkelsen MIN 15 pts
 - Lakers 89 @ Knicks 90 - C Connie Simmons NY 30 pts; G Al McGuire NY 10 pts; G Slater Martin MIN 32 pts
 - Knicks 89 @ Lakers 102 - C George Mikan MIN 32 pts; F Vern Mikkelsen MIN 32 pts; G Pep Saul MIN 15 pts
 - Knicks 68 @ Lakers 76 - G Max Zaslofsky NY 23 pts; C Connie Simmons NY 15 pts; C George Mikan MIN 28 pts;
 - Knicks 65 @ Lakers 82 - C G. Mikan MIN 22 pts; G Max Zaslofsky NY 21 pts; G Pep Saul MIN 14 pts; F Bob Harrison MIN 14 pts
- Lakers' starters - G Pep Saul, G Slater Martin, C George Mikan, F Vern Mikkelsen, F Jim Pollard
Knicks' starters - G Max Zaslofsky, G Dick McGuire, C Nathaniel Clifton, F Ernie Vandeweghe, F Harry Gallatin

Rochester Royals defeat New York Knicks in 7

41-27 2W under Les Harrison 36-30 3E under Joe Lapchick
April 7, 8, 11, 13, 15, 18, 21

Finals MVP not selected until 1969



1951

- Knicks 65 @ Royals 92 at Edgerton Park Arena - C Arnie Risen ROC 24 pts, 15 reb, 5 ast; G Bob Wanzer ROC 19 pts, 12 reb
 - Knicks 84 @ Royals 99 - G Bob Davies ROC 24 pts; G Max Zaslofsky NY 28 pts; C Arnie Risen ROC 19 pts
 - Royals 78 @ Knicks 71 at Madison Square Garden III - C Arnie Risen ROC 27 pts, 18 reb; F Vince Boryla NY 20 pts
 - Royals 73 @ Knicks 79 - F/C Harry Gallatin NY 22 pts, 14 reb; C Arnie Risen ROC 26 pts, 20 reb
 - Knicks 92 @ Royals 89 - C Connie Simmons NY 26 pts; G Max Zaslofsky NY 24 pts; G Bob Wanzer ROC 21 pts
 - Royals 73 @ Knicks 80 - G Max Zaslofsky NY 23 pts; F Arnie Johnson ROC 27 pts, 15 reb; F/G Ernie Vandeweghe NY 18 pts
 - Knicks 75 @ Royals 79 - C Arnie Risen ROC 24 pts, 13 reb; G Bob Davies ROC 20 pts; G Bob Wanzer ROC 13 pts, 11 reb
- Royals' starters - N/A
Knicks' starters - G Max Zaslofsky, G Dick McGuire, C Nathaniel Clifton, F Ernie Vandeweghe, F Harry Gallatin

Minneapolis Lakers defeat Syracuse Nationals in 6



51-17 1W under John Kundla 51-13 1E under Al Cervi
April 8, 9, 14, 16, 20, 23

Finals MVP not selected until 1969





1950

- Lakers 68 @ Nationals 66 at Onodaga War Memorial - C Geo. Mikan MIN 37 pts; F Jim Pollard MIN 14 pts; G D. Schayes SYR 19 pts
 - Lakers 85 @ Nationals 91 - G George Ratkovicz SYR 17 pts; G Dolph Schayes SYR 13 pts; C George Mikan MIN 32 pts
 - Nationals 77 @ Lakers 91 at Minneapolis Auditorium - C G Mikan MIN 28 pts; F V Mikkelsen MIN 27 pts; F J Macknowski SYR 25 pts
 - Nationals 59 @ Lakers 77 - C George Mikan MIN 28 pts; F Vern Mikkelsen MIN 14 pts; F Dolph Schayes SYR 18 pts
 - Lakers 76 @ Nationals 83 - G George Mikan MIN 28 pts; F/C Vern Mikkelsen MIN 17 pts; G Dolph Schayes SYR 19 pts
 - Nationals 95 @ Lakers 110 - C George Mikan MIN 40 pts; F Jim Pollard MIN 16 pts; F Dolph Schayes SYR 23 pts
- Lakers' starters - N/A
Nationals' starters - N/A

<p>Minneapolis Lakers defeat Washington Capitols in 6 44-16 2W under John Kundla 38-22 1E under Red Auerbach April 4, 6, 8, 9, 11, 13 Finals MVP not selected until 1969</p>	 	1 9 4 9
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capitols 84 @ Lakers 88 at Minneapolis Auditorium – C Geo. Mikan MIN 42 pts; F Jim Pollard MIN 13 pts; G Fred Scolari WSH 20 pts • Capitols 62 @ Lakers 76 – F Don Carlson MIN 16 pts; G Sonny Hertzberg WSH 13 pts; G Herm Schaefer MIN 13 pts • Lakers 94 @ Capitols 74 at Uline Arena – C George Mikan MIN 35 pts; F Jim Pollard MIN 18 pts; G Herm Schaefer MIN 15 pts • Lakers 71 @ Capitols 83 – F Jack Nichols WSH 27 pts; C George Mikan MIN 27 pts; C Kleggie Hermesen WSH 17 pts • Lakers 66 @ Capitols 74 – C Kleggie Hermesen WSH 13 pts; F Jack Nichols WSH 13 pts; C George Mikan MIN 22 pts • Capitols 56 @ Lakers 77 – C George Mikan MIN 29 pts; G Herm Schaefer MIN 17 pts; G Arnie Ferrin MIN 11 pts <p>Lakers' starters – N/A Capitols' starters – N/A</p>		

<p>Baltimore Bullets defeat Philadelphia Warriors in 6 28-20 2W under Buddy Jeannette 27-21 1E under Eddie Gottlieb April 10, 13, 15, 17, 20, 21 Finals MVP not selected until 1969</p>	 	1 9 4 8
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bullets 60 @ Warriors 71 at Philadelphia Civic Center – C Chick Halbert PHI 19 pts; F J Fulks PHI 17 pts; C C Simmons BAL 15 pts • Bullets 66 @ Warriors 63 – C Connie Simmons BAL 25 pts; F Joe Fulks PHI 27 pts; F Paul Hoffman BAL 12 pts • Warriors 70 @ Bullets 72 at Baltimore Coliseum – C Connie Simmons BAL 14 pts; F Joe Fulks PHI 21 pts • Warriors 75 @ Bullets 78 – F Paul Hoffman BAL 27 pts; F Joe Fulks PHI 29 pts; F Dick Schulz BAL 11 pts • Bullets 82 @ Warriors 91 – F Joe Fulks PHI 19 pts; G Howie Dallmar PHI 14 pts; C Connie Simmons BAL 16 pts • Warriors 73 @ Bullets 88 – G Chick Reiser BAL 16 pts; F Paul Hoffman BAL 15 pts; G Buddy Jeannette BAL 15 pts <p>Bullets' starters – N/A Warriors' starters – N/A</p>		

<p>Philadelphia Warriors defeat Chicago Stags in 5 35-25 2E under Eddie Gottlieb 39-22 1W under Harold Olsen April 16, 17, 19, 20, 22 Finals MVP not selected until 1969</p>	 	1 9 4 7
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stags 71 @ Warriors 84 at Philadelphia Civic Center – G Joe Fulks PHI 37 pts (21 in 4th qtr); Angelo Musi PHI 19 pts; CHI 129 shots • Stags 75 @ Warriors 85 – F Howie Dallmar PHI 18 pts; F Jerry Fleischman PHI 16 pts; G Chet Carlisle CHI 19 pts • Warriors 75 @ Stags 72 at Chicago Stadium – G Joe Fulks PHI 26 pts; F George Senesky PHI 13 pts; F Max Zaslowsky CHI pts • Warriors 73 @ Stags 74 – F Max Zaslowsky CHI 20 pts; F George Senesky PHI 24 pts; F Don Carlson CHI 18 pts • Stags 80 @ Warriors 83 – F Joe Fulks PHI 34 pts; F Angelo Musi PHI 13 pts; F Tony Jaros CHI 21 pts <p>Warriors' starters – N/A Stags' starters – N/A</p>		

