








# NBA FINALS


1980 - 1989

<p><b>Detroit Pistons sweep Los Angeles Lakers</b>                  63-19 1E under Chuck Daly      57-25 1W under Pat Riley                  June 6, 8, 11, 13  <b>Joe Dumars DET Finals MVP 27.3 pts, 6.0 ast, 1.8 reb</b>  <i>Pistons win their first-ever NBA championship</i>  <i>During season, Pat Riley trademarked phrase "Three-peat"</i></p>	 	1 9 8 9
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lakers 97 @ Pistons 109 at The Palace of Auburn Hills – Isiah Thomas DET 24 pts, 9 ast; Joe Dumars DET 22 pts</li> <li>Lakers 105 @ Pistons 108 – Joe Dumars DET 33 pts; Magic Johnson LAL injures hamstring, plays only 5 more mins in series</li> <li>Pistons 114 @ Lakers 110 at Great Western Forum – Joe Dumars DET 31 pts; Dennis Rodman DET 19 reb</li> <li>Pistons 105 @ Lakers 97 – Joe Dumars DET 23 pts; James Worthy LAL 40 pts</li> </ul> <p><b>Pistons' starters</b> – G Isiah Thomas, G Joe Dumars, C Bill Laimbeer, F Mark Aguirre, F Rick Mahorn  <b>Lakers' starters</b> – G Magic Johnson, G Michael Cooper, C Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, F A.C. Green, F James Worthy</p>		



<p><b>Los Angeles Lakers defeat Detroit Pistons in 7</b>                  62-20 1W under Pat Riley      54-28 2E under Chuck Daly                  June 7, 9, 12, 14, 16, 19, 21  <b>James Worthy LAL Finals MVP 22.0 pts, 4.4 ast, 7.4 reb</b></p>	 	1 9 8 8
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pistons 105 @ Lakers 93 at Great Western Forum – Adrian Dantley DET 34 pts; Isiah Thomas DET 19 pts, 12 ast</li> <li>Pistons 96 @ Lakers 108 – James Worthy LAL 26 pts, 10 reb, 6 ast; Byron Scott LAL 24 pts; Magic Johnson LAL 11 ast</li> <li>Lakers 99 @ Pistons 86 at Pontiac Silverdome – James Worthy LAL 24 pts; Magic Johnson LAL 18 pts, 14 ast</li> <li>Lakers 86 @ Pistons 111 – Adrian Dantley DET 27 pts; Isiah Thomas DET 9 rb, 12 as; Vinnie Johnson DET 16 pts off bench</li> <li>Lakers 94 @ Pistons 104 – Adrian Dantley DET 25 pts; Bill Laimbeer DET 11 reb; John Salley DET 10 reb</li> <li>Pistons 102 @ Lakers 103 – James Worthy LAL 28 pts; Magic Johnson LAL 19 pts, 22 ast</li> <li>Pistons 105 @ Lakers 108 – James Worthy LAL 36 pts, 16 reb, 10 ast; Magic Johnson LAL 19 pts, 14 ast</li> </ul> <p><b>Lakers' starters</b> – G Magic Johnson, G Byron Scott, C Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, F A.C. Green, F James Worthy  <b>Pistons' starters</b> – G Isiah Thomas, G Joe Dumars, C Bill Laimbeer, F Adrian Dantley, F Rick Mahorn</p>		



<p><b>Los Angeles Lakers defeat Boston Celtics in 6</b>                  65-17 1W under Pat Riley      59-23 1E under K.C. Jones                  June 2, 4, 7, 9, 11, 14  <b>Magic Johnson LAL Finals MVP 26.2 pts, 13.0 ast, 8.0 reb</b></p>	 	1 9 8 7
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Celtics 113 @ Lakers 126 at The Forum – James Worthy LAL 33 pts, 9 reb, 10 ast; Magic Johnson LAL 29 pts, 13 ast</li> <li>Celtics 122 @ Lakers 141 – Magic Johnson LAL 24 pts, 20 ast; Byron Scott LAL 24 pts; Larry Bird BOS 23 pts, 10 reb</li> <li>Lakers 103 @ Celtics 109 at Boston Garden – Larry Bird BOS 30 pts, 12 reb; Dennis Johnson BOS 26 pts</li> <li>Lakers 107 @ Celtics 106 – Magic Johnson LAL 29 pts; Kevin McHale BOS 25 pts; Kareem Abdul-Jabbar LAL 11 reb</li> <li>Lakers 108 @ Celtics 123 – Dennis Johnson BOS 25 pts, 11 ast; Kevin McHale BOS 22 pts, 14 reb</li> <li>Celtics 93 @ Lakers 106 – Kareem Abdul-Jabbar LAL 32 pts; Magic Johnson LAL 16 pts, 19 ast</li> </ul> <p><b>Lakers' starters</b> – G Magic Johnson, G Byron Scott, C Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, F A.C. Green, F James Worthy  <b>Celtics' starters</b> – G Danny Ainge, G Dennis Johnson, C Robert Parish, F Larry Bird, F Kevin McHale</p>		



<p><b>Boston Celtics defeat Houston Rockets in 6</b>                  67-15 1E under K.C. Jones      51-31 2W under Bill Fitch                  May 26, 29, June 1, 3, 5, 8  <b>Larry Bird BOS Finals MVP 24.0 pts, 9.5 ast, 9.7 reb</b></p>	 	1 9 8 6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rockets 100 @ Celtics 112 at Boston Garden – Robert Parish BOS 23 pts; Larry Bird BOS 21 pts, 8 reb, 13 ast</li> <li>Rockets 95 @ Celtics 117 – Larry Bird BOS 31 pts, 7 ast; Kevin McHale BOS 25 pts; Hakeem Olajuwon HOU 21 pts</li> <li>Celtics 104 @ Rockets 106 at The Summit – Ralph Sampson HOU 24 pts, 22 reb; Hakeem Olajuwon HOU 23 pts</li> <li>Celtics 106 @ Rockets 103 – Robert Parish BOS 22 pts, 10 reb; Larry Bird BOS 21 pts, 9 reb, 10 ast</li> <li>Celtics 96 @ Rockets 111 – Second-quarter brawl; Hakeem Olajuwon HOU 32 pts, 14 reb; Kevin McHale BOS 33 pts</li> <li>Rockets 97 @ Celtics 114 – Larry Bird BOS 29 pts, 11 reb, 12 ast; Kevin McHale BOS 29 pts, 10 reb</li> </ul> <p><b>Celtics' starters</b> – G Danny Ainge, G Dennis Johnson, C Robert Parish, F Larry Bird, F Kevin McHale  <b>Rockets' starters</b> – G Robert Reid, G Lewis Lloyd, C Hakeem Olajuwon, F Ralph Sampson, F Rodney McCray</p>		



<p><b>Los Angeles Lakers defeat Boston Celtics in 6</b>                  62-20 1W under Pat Riley      63-19 1E under K.C. Jones                  May 27, 30, June 2, 5, 7, 9  <b>Kareem Abdul-Jabbar LAL Finals MVP 25.7 pts, 5.2 ast, 9.0 reb</b></p>	 	1 9 8 5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lakers 114 @ Celtics 148 at Boston Garden – "Memorial Day Massacre;" Kevin McHale, Scott Wedman BOS 26 pts each</li> <li>Lakers 109 @ Celtics 102 – Kareem Abdul-Jabbar LAL 30 pts, 17 reb, 8 ast; Larry Bird BOS 30 pts, 12 pts</li> <li>Celtics 111 @ Lakers 136 at The Forum – James Worthy LAL 29 pts; Kareem Abdul-Jabbar LAL 26 pts, 14 reb</li> <li>Celtics 107 @ Lakers 105 – Kevin McHale BOS 28 pts, 12 reb; Dennis Johnson BOS 27 pts; Larry Bird BOS 26 pts</li> <li>Celtics 111 @ Lakers 120 – Kareem Abdul-Jabbar LAL 36 pts; Magic Johnson LAL 26 pts, 17 ast; James Worthy LAL 33 pts</li> <li>Lakers 111 @ Celtics 100 – Kareem Abdul-Jabbar LAL 29 pts; James Worthy LAL 28 pts; Kevin McHale BOS 32 pts</li> </ul> <p><b>Lakers' starters</b> – G Magic Johnson, G Byron Scott, C Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, F Kurt Rambis, F James Worthy  <b>Celtics' starters</b> – G Danny Ainge, G Dennis Johnson, C Robert Parish, F Larry Bird, F Kevin McHale</p>		

<p><b>Boston Celtics defeat Los Angeles Lakers in 7</b>                  62-20 1E under K.C. Jones      54-28 1W under Pat Riley                  May 27, 31, June 3, 6, 8, 10, 12  <b>Larry Bird BOS Finals MVP 27.4 pts, 3.6 ast, 14.0 reb</b></p>	 	1 9 8 4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lakers 115 @ Celtics 109 at Boston Garden – Kareem Abdul-Jabbar LAL 32 pts; Magic Johnson LAL 19 pts, 6 reb, 10 ast</li> <li>Lakers 121 @ Celtics 124 or – Larry Bird BOS 27 pts, 13 reb, 3 ast; James Worthy LAL 29 pts; Robert Parish BOS 11 reb</li> <li>Celtics 104 @ Lakers 137 at The Forum – Kareem Abdul-Jabbar LAL 24 pts; Magic Johnson LAL Finals-record 21 ast</li> <li>Celtics 129 @ Lakers 125 or – Third-quarter brawl; Larry Bird BOS 29 pts, 21 reb; Magic Johnson LAL triple double</li> <li>Lakers 103 @ Celtics 121 – Larry Bird BOS 34 pts, 17 reb; Dennis Johnson BOS 22 pts; Kevin McHale BOS 19 pts, 10 reb</li> <li>Celtics 108 @ Lakers 119 – Kareem Abdul-Jabbar LAL 30 pts, 10 reb; Larry Bird BOS 28 pts, 14 reb, 8 ast</li> <li>Lakers 102 @ Celtics 111 – Cedric Maxwell BOS 24 pts; Robert Parish BOS 16 reb; Dennis Johnson BOS 22 pts</li> </ul> <p>This was the 8<sup>th</sup> NBA Finals' meeting between the Lakers and Celtics...Boston has won all eight  <b>Celtics' starters</b> – G Dennis Johnson, G Gerald Henderson, C Robert Parish, F Larry Bird, F Cedric Maxwell  <b>Lakers' starters</b> – G Magic Johnson, G Michael Cooper, C Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, F Kurt Rambis, F James Worthy</p>		

<p><b>Philadelphia 76ers sweep Los Angeles Lakers</b>                  65-17 1E under Billy Cunningham      58-24 1W under Pat Riley                  May 22, 26, 29, 31 – Last-ever Finals to end before the month of June  <b>Moses Malone PHI Finals MVP 25.8 pts, 2.0 ast, 18.0 reb</b></p>	 	1 9 8 3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lakers 107 @ 76ers 113 at The Spectrum – Moses Malone PHI 27 pts, 18 reb; Andrew Toney PHI 25 pts</li> <li>Lakers 93 @ 76ers 103 – Moses Malone PHI 24 pts, 12 reb; Kareem Abdul-Jabbar LAL 23 pts; Magic Johnson LAL 13 ast</li> <li>76ers 111 @ Lakers 94 at The Forum – Moses Malone PHI 28 pts, 19 reb; Julius Erving PHI 21 pts, 12 reb</li> <li>76ers 115 @ Lakers 108 – Moses Malone PHI 24 pts, 15 def reb, 23 reb; Magic Johnson LAL 27 pts, 13 ast</li> </ul> <p><b>76ers' starters</b> – G Maurice Cheeks, G Andrew Toney, C Moses Malone, F Julius Erving, F Marc Iavaroni  <b>Lakers' starters</b> – G Magic Johnson, G Norm Nixon, C Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, F Kurt Rambis, F Jamaal Wilkes</p>		

<p><b>Los Angeles Lakers defeat Philadelphia 76ers in 6</b>                  57-25 1W under Pat Riley      58-24 3E under Billy Cunningham                  May 27, 30, June 1, 3, 6, 8  <b>Magic Johnson LAL Finals MVP 16.2 pts, 8.0 ast, 10.8 reb</b></p>	 	1 9 8 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lakers 124 @ 76ers 117 at The Spectrum – Jamaal Wilkes LAL 24 pts, 10 reb; Norm Nixon LAL 24 pts</li> <li>Lakers 94 @ 76ers 110 – Julius Erving PHI 24 pts, 9 reb; Kareem Abdul-Jabbar LAL 23 pts, 7 reb</li> <li>76ers 108 @ Lakers 129 at The Forum – Norm Nixon LAL 29 pts; Andrew Toney PHI 36 pts; Magic Johnson LAL 22 pts</li> <li>76ers 101 @ Lakers 111 – Magic Johnson LAL 24 pts, 8 reb, 7 ast; Jamaal Wilkes LAL 24 pts; Andrew Toney PHI 28 pts</li> <li>Lakers 102 @ 76ers 135 – Andrew Toney PHI 31 pts; Julius Erving PHI 23 pts, 12 reb; K. Abdul-Jabbar LAL 6 pts in 28 min</li> <li>76ers 104 @ Lakers 114 – Jamaal Wilkes LAL 27 pts; Magic Johnson LAL 13 reb; Julius Erving PHI 30 pts</li> </ul> <p><b>Lakers' starters</b> – G Magic Johnson, G Norm Nixon, C Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, F Kurt Rambis, F Jamaal Wilkes  <b>76ers' starters</b> – G Maurice Cheeks, G Andrew Toney, C Caldwell Jones, F Julius Erving, F Bobby Jones</p>		

<p><b>Boston Celtics defeat Houston Rockets in 6</b>                  62-20 1E under Bill Fitch      40-42 6W under Del Harris                  May 5, 7, 9, 10, 12, 14  <b>Cedric Maxwell BOS Finals MVP 17.7 pts, 2.8 ast, 9.5 reb</b></p>	 	1 9 8 1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rockets 95 @ Celtics 98 at Boston Garden – Larry Bird BOS 18 pts, 21 reb; Robert Reid HOU 27 pts</li> <li>Rockets 92 @ Celtics 90 – Moses Malone HOU 31 pts, 15 reb; Larry Bird BOS 19 pts, 21 reb</li> <li>Celtics 94 @ Rockets 71 at The Summit – Cedric Maxwell BOS 19 pts, 10 reb; Moses Malone HOU 23 pts, 15 reb</li> <li>Celtics 86 @ Rockets 91 – Mike Dunleavy HOU 28 pts; Moses Malone HOU 24 pts, 22 reb; Cedric Maxwell BOS 24 pts</li> <li>Rockets 80 @ Celtics 109 – Cedric Maxwell BOS 28 pts, 15 reb; Robert Parish BOS 18 pts, 10 reb</li> <li>Celtics 102 @ Rockets 91 – Larry Bird BOS 26 pts, 13 reb; Cedric Maxwell BOS 19 pts; Robert Reid HOU 27 pts</li> </ul> <p><b>Celtics' starters</b> – G Nate Archibald, G Chris Ford, C Robert Parish, F Larry Bird, F Cedric Maxwell  <b>Rockets' starters</b> – G Mike Dunleavy, G Tom Henderson, C Moses Malone, F Robert Reid, F Billy Paultz</p>		

<p><b>Los Angeles Lakers defeat Philadelphia 76ers in 6</b>                  60-22 1W under Paul Westhead      59-23 3E under Billy Cunningham                  May 4, 7, 10, 11, 14, 16  <b>Magic Johnson LAL Finals MVP 21.5 pts, 8.7 ast, 11.2 reb</b></p>	 	1 9 8 0
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>76ers 102 @ Lakers 109 at The Forum – Kareem Abdul-Jabbar LAL 33 pts, 14 reb; Norm Nixon LAL 23 pts</li> <li>76ers 107 @ Lakers 104 – Darryl Dawkins PHI 25 pts; Julius Erving PHI 23 pts, 10 reb; K. Abdul-Jabbar LAL 38 pts</li> <li>Lakers 111 @ 76ers 101 at The Spectrum – Kareem Abdul-Jabbar LAL 33 pts, 14 reb; Magic Johnson LAL 16 pts, 11 reb</li> <li>Lakers 102 @ 76ers 105 – Darryl Dawkins PHI 26 pts; Magic Johnson LAL 28 pts, 9 reb</li> <li>76ers 103 @ Lakers 108 – Kareem Abdul-Jabbar LAL 40 pts, 15 reb; Julius Erving PHI 36 pts, 9 reb</li> <li>Lakers 123 @ 76ers 107 – w/ Jabbar out, Magic Johnson plays centre, 42 pts, 15 reb, 7 ast; Jamaal Wilkes LAL 37 pts</li> </ul> <p><b>Lakers' starters</b> – G Magic Johnson, G Norm Nixon, C Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, F Jim Chones, F Jamaal Wilkes  <b>76ers' starters</b> – G Maurice Cheeks, G Lionel Hollins, C Darryl Dawkins, F Julius Erving, F Caldwell Jones</p>		