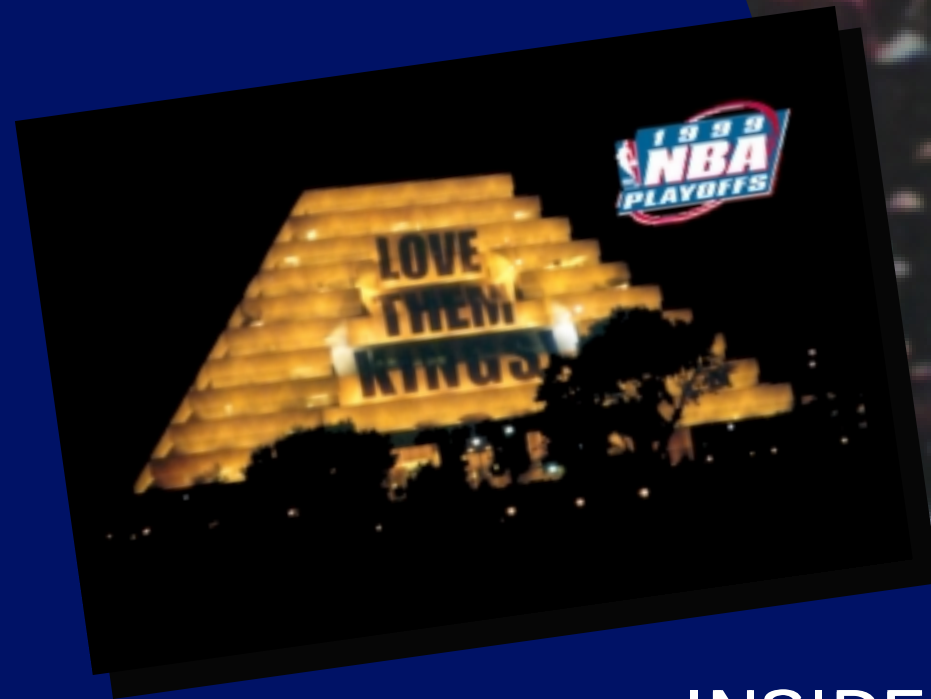


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LONG LIVE THE KINGS

1999 Season Recap
by Mark Hodge - Kings Intern



At the beginning of the season Kings fans weren't sure what to expect. Some questioned Jason Williams as a number seven pick in the draft, Chris Webber wasn't too sure about playing in the Capital City, and it looked as if Kings fans would have to watch Corliss Williamson play ball without a Kings uniform. However, once it was announced that the lock-out would end, Geoff Petrie and the Sacramento Kings went to work to make sure the Kings had a team for this year's shortened season. The Kings signed Vlade, convinced Corliss to come home, welcomed Webber, gave an underated Jason Williams the ball and sat back and watched. Fifty games later the Kings had a team that was Playoff bound, and Sacramento became the team everyone was afraid to play.

After splitting the first two games of the NBA Playoffs in Utah, Sacramento was ready for game three. Two hours before the game the "loudest fans" in the NBA were already starting to fill the parking lot of Arco Arena with barbecues, basketballs, and a little blues. However, it was the Utah Jazz that would go away with the blues this night as the Kings showed Sacramento and a national television audience that they were for real.

Game four of the NBA Playoffs brought the same excitement to Sacramento. With a capacity crowd, Arco Arena erupted with the clang of cowbells and cheers after every point. It looked like the Kings were on their way to a first-round Playoff victory when out of nowhere John Stockton hit a desperation shot, silencing Kings fans and sending game five back to Utah. Game five was a very physical game, and in the end the ball went to Mr. Reliable himself, Vlade Divac. His hook had been unstoppable, but with seconds left in regulation his hook bounced of the rim, sending the game into overtime. In the end the Utah Jazz would come out victorious.

One shot in, and one shot out. That's what it took to beat the Sacramento Kings in the first round of this year's NBA Playoffs. Game five was a heartbreaker but Kings fans don't have anything to worry about. Not only did the Kings come one shot away from upsetting the Utah Jazz at home, but the Kings proved to the world that they are "the most exciting team in the NBA."



Top 10 Reasons to be a Kings Fan

10. Best Cheerleaders in the NBA
9. Scott Pollard's sideburns
8. Slamson rocks
7. NBA's most exciting team
6. Funderburke "pumps you up"
5. "Big Nasty" dunk
4. Jason Williams no-look-behind-the-back pass
3. We got Vlade
2. C Webb's power slams
1. NBA's LOUDEST FANS!!!!



Did You Know That...

- ...on November 11, 1997 against the Miami Heat, Tariq Abdul-Wahad became the first French citizen to play in a NBA regular season game?
- ...Vlade Divac's favorite band is the Rolling Stones?
- ...Jerome James' favorite baseball player is Ken Griffey Jr. of the Seattle Mariners?
- ...Peja lives in Granite Bay with his parents, in the house he bought?
- ...Chris Webber has his own record label, Humility Records?
- ...Tariq Abdul-Wahad learned to play basketball from his mother, who coached youth basketball?
- ...Jason Williams was a high school basketball teammate of Randy Moss, wide receiver for the Minnesota Vikings?
- ...Corliss Williamson earned the lead roll in Romeo and Juliet as a sophomore at the University of Arkansas, but could not participate in the play due to the NCAA Tournament?
- ...Chris Webber is a comic book hero in a comic book about him called Webber's World?

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