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With the Suns sitting on the sidelines for this playoff season, we here at Bright Side of the Sun thought it would be fun to re-live our team's magical playoff run twenty years ago. While the HEAT and [Spurs](#) pushed their way to the 2013 Finals, the [Phoenix Suns](#) did the same in 1993.

The Western Conference Finals were epic, and are definitely the stuff of dreams in the Valley of the Sun. The HEAT have [LeBron James](#) while the Suns boasted their own MVP Charles Barkley.

Take a look at how Barkley closed out the Sonics in Game 7 to push the Suns to their second Finals in franchise history.

With an incredible display of MVP-dom, the Chuckster further solidified himself in Suns fans hearts. To this day, even casual NBA fans remember that playoff run with a smile.

For the Sonics, their leading scorer in Game 7 was none other than Eddie Johnson. Yes, THAT Eddie who sandwiched that Sonics stint around a Suns run with new coach Jeff Hornacek in the late 80s and a post-playing career in the Suns' organization now spanning nearly twenty years.

Johnson [poured in 34 points off the bench](#) for the Sonics, while new Suns assistant coach Mark West put up 11 points in 24 minutes of his own.

The Suns got the benefit of a lot of whistles in Game 7, making 57 of 64 free throws, including

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15 of 15 in the fourth quarter alone.

When the final buzzer sounded, the Suns were headed to the Finals with crowd chanting, "Bring on da [Bulls](#) !"

***Special Note to "those guys": I realize that, back in 1993, the NBA Finals between the Suns and Bull had already started, with the Suns going down 0-2 at home. Coming this week will be recaps of those and the remaining epic games of those memorable Finals.*