

## Blast from the past: Twenty years ago today, the Suns greatest season ended in sadness

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In what is being described by many as the greatest [NBA Finals](#) in history, the 1993 [Phoenix Suns](#) did everything they could to win a championship for the Valley of the Sun.

They won a club-record 62 games in a new arena with a new NBA MVP teammate.

"I would have traded me too," Jeff Hornacek said recently about the trade of him, Tim Perry and Andrew Lang for Charles Barkley before that season began. Hornacek went on to make an All-Star team and two Finals appearances of his own, but it was the Chuckster who got the hometown Suns to that promised land.

The Suns were resilient. They won exciting series against the [Lakers](#) (coming back from being down 3-1), the [Spurs](#) (Chuck making a jumper over Robinson on the road in game 6) and the Sonics (epic Game 7 at home).

And after going down 0-2 in the Finals, they won 2 of 3 in Chicago to bring the series back to Phoenix.

The Suns had the home court advantage, but Michael Jordan didn't want to give it to them.

Jordan scored 33 points in Game 6 along with 8 rebounds and 7 assists, while [Scottie Pippen](#) netted 23 (with 12 rebounds, 5 assists and 4 steals) and B.J. Armstrong got 18.

Some guy named John Paxson totaled 8 points for the game.

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On the Suns side, Charles had 21 points, 17 rebounds and 4 assists. [Dan Majerle](#) had 21 and 8, while Kevin Johnson had 19 and 10.

Danny Ainge dropped in 9 points, 3 rebounds, 2 assists and 2 steals before blowing the defensive assignment on the game's last play.

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