

# West wins NBA showdown

The West All Stars defeated the East All Stars in the annual NBA mid-season classic held in Pontiac, Michigan on February 4. MVP David Thomson and Paul Westphal broke to a 36-27 first quarter lead and stretched that lead to 20 plus points through the third quarter. Then the East team rallied behind George Gervin and Julius Erving to close the gap to 104-98 at the end of the third quarter. The East team outscored the West 40-24 in the third period. However, Thompson and the West team coached by Seattle's Lenny Wilkens held off the East surge for the victory.

The NBA season begins in

earnest now as the All Stars rejoin their teams and head for the stretch drive toward the playoffs.