

NBA playoff picture

The Seattle Supersonics and the Phoenix Suns will square off in a best of seven game series to determine the Western Division Championship.

The Sonics earned their berth in the Western finals by eliminating the LA Lakers four games to one. The Sonics won the first two games of that series by the scores of 112-101, and 108-103 in overtime. The Lakers won their only game 118-112 also in overtime before the Sonics swept the final two games by the scores of 117-115

and 106-100.

The Sonics guards were the difference in the series as they totally dominated the Laker back court. The Sonics also dominated the boards throughout the series despite the tremendous efforts of Kareem Abdul Jabbar.

The Suns, meanwhile, used the hot shooting of Paul Westphal and Walter Davis to defeat the Kansas City Kings in their series. The Suns won the first game 102-99 before the Kings rallied for a 111-91 win. The Suns then won three straight games 108-93, 108-94 and 120-99. The Western Division Championship will start on May 1st in Seattle.

In the Eastern Division the defending NBA champion Washington Bullets are getting all they can handle from the At-

lanta Hawks. The series, which is tied at three games apiece, was to conclude Sunday. The winner of that series will face the winner of the San Antonio-Philadelphia matchup. San Antonio currently holds a 3-2 edge in that series. Game six will be in Philadelphia on Sunday and if Philadelphia wins, game seven will be in San Antonio on Wednesday.