1947 Warriors Championship Story

Howie Dallmar was one of only four players to total more than 100 assists in 1946-47, the first season of the National Basketball Association (actually, the league was called the Basketball Association of America back then; it would not become the NBA until 1949, after it absorbed the final teams from the rival National Basketball League).

It was a basket by the 6-foot-4 guard, and not an assist, that would prove decisive in clinching the league’s first championship for the Philadelphia Warriors. Dallmar had been hobbled by callused feet throughout the championship series against the Chicago Stags, who had won 39 games compared to Philadelphia’s 35 during the regular season. After the Warriors, led by league scoring champion Joe Fulks, raced to a 3-1 lead in the best-of-7 series, Dallmar wasn’t supposed to be a factor in Game 5 at the old Philadelphia Arena on Market Street.

“No one expected him to play,” said Eddie Gottlieb, coach of the Warriors, who kept Dallmar out of the starting lineup so he could rest his feet. “But he sat there, pestering me to let him in. When it came down to that point where I thought we might win the game, I sent him in, and he was the ultimate difference.”

While Fulks was again the big gun with 34 points for Philadelphia, it was a basket by Dallmar with less than a minute to play that broke an 80-80 tie and propelled the Warriors to an 83-80 victory and the title.

“I scored the winning basket, which gave me a total of two points for the game. It was from the outside and I think it bounced about four times before it went it,” recalled Dallmar, who like the rest of his teammates received $2,000 and a ring with a diamond chip in it for winning the championship.

1956 Championship Story

After a season of adjustment to the new rules, the NBA flourished in its second go-round with the up-tempo game. The league scoring average surged to 99 points per team per game, and quickness and athletic ability were at an all-time premium. Bob Pettit, an exciting rookie with the Milwaukee Hawks in 1954-55, took the league scoring title with 25.7 ppg in his team’s first year in St. Louis.

Pettit became the first MVP in NBA history after leading the league in scoring (25.7 points) and rebounds (16.2) in just his second season in the NBA. For all his exploits, the Hawks finished 33-39 and lost the West’s second-place tiebreaker to the Minneapolis Lakers.

Baltimore had folded the year before, leaving an eight-team league, with the division champions receiving a bye through the first round of the playoffs.

Philadelphia and Fort Wayne won the East and West Divisions, respectively, to earn first-round byes. Syracuse, which lost the third-place tiebreaker in the East, topped Boston in the East semis. Out West, St. Louis lost the second-place tiebreaker to Minneapolis, but the Hawks ousted the Lakers in the West semis.

Philly and Fort Wayne each won their division finals in five games. Powered by Paul Arizin, rookie Tom Gola and veteran Neil Johnston, the Warriors blasted past the Pistons in their NBA Finals matchup. Arizin, in particular, fueled the title drive as Philly wrapped up the title in five games.

Arizin had a complete offensive repertoire, everything from long set shots to corner jump shots to driving layups and even hook shots. He had returned from two years in the military and didn’t skip a beat, as the new up-tempo style played to his strengths: agility and scoring. In the 10 playoff games in 1956, Arizin scored 289 points, more than anyone but Mikan ever had tallied in postseason.

With the gifted Gola and Jack George in the backcourt to get him the ball and the still-formidable Johnston at center, the 6-foot-4 Arizin proved to be a scoring machine that other teams couldn’t shut off.

1975 Warriors Championship Story

The 1975 NBA World Championship Series was the championship round of the [1974–75 NBA season](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1974%E2%80%9375_NBA_season) of the [National Basketball Association](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Basketball_Association). The [Western Conference](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Western_Conference_(NBA)) champion [Golden State Warriors](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1974%E2%80%9375_Golden_State_Warriors_season) (48–34) played against the [Eastern Conference](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eastern_Conference_(NBA)) champion [Washington Bullets](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1974%E2%80%9375_Washington_Bullets_season) (60–22) for the championship. The series was played under a [best-of-seven format](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Playoff_format#Best-of-seven_playoff). The [underdog](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Underdog_(competition)) Warriors won in four games, sweeping the heavily favored Bullets to take the title. Warriors small forward [Rick Barry](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rick_Barry) was named as the [series MVP](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bill_Russell_NBA_Finals_Most_Valuable_Player_Award).

The Warriors' home games were played at the [Cow Palace](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cow_Palace) in [Daly City](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Daly_City,_California) (near San Francisco) due to scheduling conflicts at their normal home court of [Oakland Arena](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oakland_Arena) during the week of May 19–26. In addition, an odd scheduling format had to be used because Golden State could not secure the Cow Palace for [Memorial Day](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Memorial_Day) Weekend (May 24–26). A [Sports Illustrated](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sports_Illustrated) article about the series reported that Washington, which held [home court advantage](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Home_team), was given the option of a 1-2-2-1-1 scheduling format due to Golden State's problems or, if they wished, opening on the road and then having Games 2, 3, and 4 at home. Washington opted for the 1-2-2-1-1 format not out of a sense of fairness, but because they wanted to open the series at home.

2015 Warriors Championship Story

After a 40-year hiatus, the [Golden State Warriors](https://www.espn.com/nba/team/_/name/gs/golden-state-warriors) are champions again. The team with the NBA's best record closed out the [Cleveland Cavaliers](https://www.espn.com/nba/team/_/name/cle/cleveland-cavaliers) in Game 6 of the NBA Finals on Tuesday night at Qucken Loans Arena, winning 105-97 for their fourth title in franchise history and first since 1975.

[Andre Iguodala](https://www.espn.com/nba/player/_/id/2386/andre-iguodala), who hadn't started a game in the playoffs until the Finals, won series MVP after averaging 16.3 points and playing stellar defense on [LeBron James](https://www.espn.com/nba/player/_/id/1966/lebron-james).

[Stephen Curry](https://www.espn.com/nba/player/_/id/3975/stephen-curry) finished with 25 points, becoming just the sixth player in NBA history to win his first MVP and his first title in the same season. The last player to do so was Shaquille O'Neal in 1999-2000.

The Warriors' Steve Kerr became the first rookie head coach to win an NBA title since Pat Riley accomplished that feat in 1981-82 with the [Los Angeles Lakers](https://www.espn.com/nba/team/_/name/lal/los-angeles-lakers).

And the Warriors capped off one of the best seasons in NBA history, finishing with an 83-20 record, including the regular season and postseason. That's the third-best mark behind the 1995-96 [Chicago Bulls](https://www.espn.com/nba/team/_/name/chi/chicago-bulls) (87-13) and the 1996-97 Bulls (84-17).

In the summer of 1975, Rick Barry, Clifford Ray, Butch Beard, Jamaal Wilkes, Charles Johnson and the rest of the Golden State Warriors were the biggest stars in the Bay Area. That crew swept the 60-win Washington Bullets in the 1975 Finals, giving the Warriors their first title since 1956.

After that Finals moment, thought, a long 40-year stretch of letdowns, disappointment and heartbreak would begin for Golden State. However, in the 2014-15 season, the Warriors were back on top once again at season’s end. On June 16, 2015, the [Warriors defeated the Cavaliers in Game 6](http://stats.nba.com/game/0041400406/) of The Finals to win their first NBA championship since 1975.

With Stephen Curry, the team’s first MVP since Wilt Chamberlain, leading them, the Warriors outgunned everyone in the rugged Western Conference and entered the postseason as a No. 1 seed. They swept New Orleans, rallied from a 2-1 deficit to beat Memphis and then blew through Houston in five games to make the finals for the first time since ’75.

Curry and Andre Iguodala led the way for Golden State with 25 points each in the title-clinching victory. Iguodala earned NBA Finals MVP for his performance in the series, which included being the primary defender of Cavs star LeBron James.

“This is special,” Curry said after Game 6. “To be able to hold this trophy and all the hard work we’ve put into it this season, this is special. We’re definitely a great team and a team that should go down in history as one of the best teams from top to bottom.”

2017 Warriors Championship Story

The Golden State Warriors won the 2017 NBA Championship after defeating the Cleveland Cavaliers 129-120 in Game 5 of the NBA Finals on Monday night. Golden State went on a 15-0 run in the second quarter to turn a deficit into a double-digit lead, and the Warriors never trailed from that point on. Kevin Durant was sensational, totaling 39 points, seven rebounds and five assists on his way to being named 2017 NBA Finals MVP. Stephen Curry added 34 points, six rebounds and 10 assists, while Andre Iguodala notched a 2017 postseason-high 20 points off the bench.

Durant won his first championship in as emphatic a fashion as anyone could have imagined, finishing with 39 points, seven rebounds and five assists while fighting LeBron James (41 points, 13 rebounds, eight assists) on the defensive end. Back-to-back MVP Steph Curry ended his Finals in fine form, too, bouncing back from a bad Game 4 to add 34 points, 10 assists and six rebounds.

The Cavs fought until the end. But the embarrassment of riches that came with Durant’s arrival was simply too much to bear.

“We were able to get them last year, and they went out and got one of the best players that this league has ever seen, so they did a good job of — a great job, their front office and their players, by doing that recruiting, the things that they did in the summertime, and obviously it paid dividends,” James said.

There had been plenty of memorable moments from Durant and James in these Finals, but nothing like the early fourth quarter stretch in which the Warriors star seized his chance to win his first title. James’ barreling drive and reverse layup past Durant had cut Golden State’s lead to three, but Durant didn’t wait long to answer.

He buried a one-legged stepback jumper over James, then used the fear factor he creates in opposing defenses to his advantage the next time down. With the Cavs all floating his way, Durant fired a crosscourt pass to Andre Iguodala for a three-pointer that pushed the lead to eight. Durant buried another three on the next possession, the Warriors whipping passes around the floor before it came his way for the shot that barely flew past Kevin Love's outstretched hand.

Not long after, when Curry returned after watching the 10-3 run from the bench, Durant kept delivering. He slipped behind the defense and took an Iguodala pass for a wide-open dunk that put the Warriors up 110-102. He rose up for the clean midrange look that made it 116-106, then darted down the lane past Kyle Korver for a lay-in that kept the Cavs at bay again.

Curry was helping along the way by being aggressive when the long-range looks just weren’t there. With 4:13 left, as the Cavs kept coming, Durant saw Curry sneaking into the paint and found him with a pass from near the halfcourt line that led to his layup and put the Warriors up 14.

For all the beautiful basketball that had been played between these two teams in the past two Finals, there was always an asterisk tacked on to the result.

2018 Championship Story

The [Golden State Warriors](https://www.complex.com/tag/golden-state-warriors) captured their third championship in four years on Friday, easily disposing of the Cleveland Cavaliers with a four-game sweep in the 2018 NBA Finals. The Warriors’ latest victory has rightfully sparked discussions of a new potential dynasty in the making. As the rest of the NBA scrambles this summer to figure out a way to put together the right pieces to topple the Goliaths of the league, we will take a look at how the Warriors were able to coast their way through the regular season, and turn it on in the playoffs.

The Warriors finished second in the Western Conference with a 58-24 record this season without really trying. Following the 2015-16 campaign where Golden State fell short of winning the title, the team understood that the talent on their roster could easily carry them to the playoffs every year. Their ultimate goal was to get “clicking like Golden State” when it mattered most: the postseason.

Even though the Warriors were pushed to the brink of elimination by the Houston Rockets in the Western Conference Finals, it always felt as though Golden State had everything under control. By the time they reached the Finals, it was clear that the Cavaliers didn’t stand a chance at defeating them four times in a seven-game stretch. In what could very well be their last Finals matchup, the Warriors put Cleveland away with ease.  Durant has been named Finals MVP the last two seasons in a row, averaging over 30 points and nine rebounds per game while shooting nearly 54 percent from the field.

Durant’s unique skill set and frame have proven to be unstoppable, even when his teammates have struggled to get it going offensively. The most remarkable stat from KD’s two-year Finals stretch is that before Game 4 of this year’s series, he didn’t score less than 26 points in a game. In the contest where the Slim Reaper didn’t eclipse that mark, he scored 20 points, grabbed 12 boards, and dished out ten assists. His consistency has arguably made the most significant difference in their championship runs. It’s never easy stopping Steph Curry and Klay Thompson on the same night, but once you add Durant to the equation, it’s nearly impossible.

2022 Championship Story

The Golden State Warriors have won the 2022 NBA Championship following tonight’s 103-90 victory over the Boston Celtics in Game 6 of the NBA Finals at TD Garden Arena in Boston, Mass. The Warriors join the Celtics and Los Angeles Lakers as the only NBA franchises to win seven-or-more titles.

Golden State finished the 2022 NBA Playoffs with a 16-6 (.727) mark, including a 4-2 NBA Finals victory over Boston, a 4-1 victory over the Dallas Mavericks in the Western Conference Finals, a 4-2 win over the Memphis Grizzlies in the Semifinals and a 4-1 win over the Denver Nuggets in the First Round.

Warriors guard Stephen Curry was named the Bill Russell NBA Finals Most Valuable Player Award with averages of 31.2 points, 6.0 rebounds, 5.0 assists and 2.00 steals in 37.5 minutes per game in The Finals. Curry is the seventh player in NBA history to have at least four NBA titles and two Most Valuable Player awards, joining Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Michael Jordan, Bill Russell, LeBron James, Magic Johnson and Tim Duncan.

Curry, Klay Thompson, Draymond Green, and Andre Iguodala each earned their fourth NBA Championship and are one of 40 all-time NBA players (0.8 percent) who have won four NBA titles. They are second quartet, in the last 50 years, to combine for four championships joining Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Michael Cooper, Magic Johnson and Kurt Rambis (1982, 1985, 1987, 1988).

Part 2

The [Golden State Warriors](https://www.espn.com/nba/team/_/name/gs/golden-state-warriors) have climbed the mountain once again, securing this year's NBA championship after beating the [Boston Celtics](https://www.espn.com/nba/team/_/name/bos/boston-celtics) [103-90](https://www.espn.com/nba/boxscore/_/gameId/401442535) in Game 6 to win the series 4-2.

After falling behind 14-2 early in the first quarter, the Warriors went on a 21-0 run, the longest scoring run in a Finals game over the past 50 years, per Elias Sports Bureau. The Warriors entered the second half with a 15-point lead and never looked back. [Stephen Curry](https://www.espn.com/nba/player/_/id/3975/stephen-curry) led Golden State with 34 points, 7 rebounds and 7 assists.

The Warriors captured their fourth title in eight seasons, the first team to achieve that feat since the Michael Jordan-era [Chicago Bulls](https://www.espn.com/nba/team/_/name/chi/chicago-bulls) (1991 to '98), according to ESPN Stats & Information research. [Curry](https://www.espn.com/nba/player/_/id/3975/stephen-curry) was named Finals MVP, an honor that eluded him in previous trips to the championship round. He averaged 31.2 points, 6 rebounds and 5 assists while shooting 44% from 3-point range in the series. He joins Jordan, Magic Johnson, [LeBron James](https://www.espn.com/nba/player/_/id/1966/lebron-james), Tim Duncan and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar as the only players with four rings, multiple league MVPs and a Finals MVP.

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