

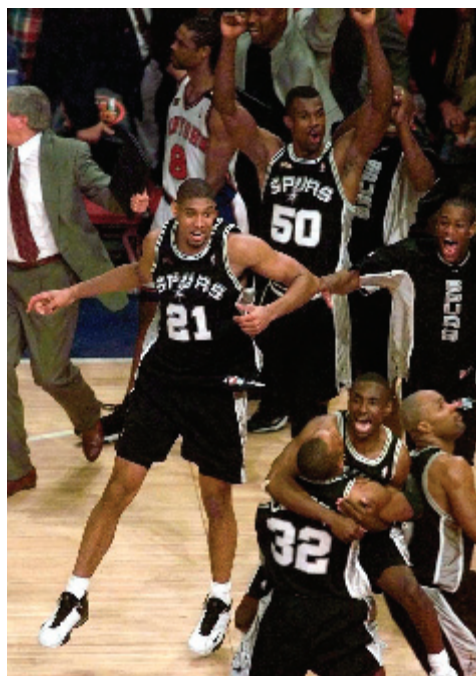
## Professional Basketball in Texas

Professional basketball arrived in Texas in 1967 with the formation of the American Basketball Association, which placed franchises in Dallas and Houston.

By 1973, the Dallas Chaparrals had moved to San Antonio to become the Spurs, who were absorbed into the National Basketball Association in 1976.

The ABA Houston Mavericks played two years before moving to North Carolina to become the Cougars.

The San Antonio Spurs have gone on to the NBA finals four times, winning the national championship all four times.



*RIGHT, San Antonio Spurs' Tim Duncan (21), teammates David Robinson (50), Mario Elie, lower right, Antonio Daniels, right rear, Sean Elliott (32), Avery Johnson and Mario Elie celebrate after defeating the New York Knicks 78-77 in Game 5 to clinch the 1999 NBA finals at New York's Madison Square Garden.*

### Dallas Chaparrals (ABA)

Year	Win	Loss	%	Playoffs
1967-68	46	32	.590	lost ABA semifinals to New Orleans Buccaneers 4-1
1968-69	41	37	.526	lost first round to New Orleans Buccaneers 4-3
1969-70	45	39	.536	lost first round to Los Angeles Stars 4-2
changed name to <b>Texas Chaparrals</b> , playing some games in Fort Worth and Lubbock				
1970-71	30	54	.357	lost first round to Utah Stars 4-0
changed name back to <b>Dallas Chaparrals</b>				
1971-72	42	42	.500	lost first round to Utah Stars 4-0
1972-73	28	56	.333	

### San Antonio Spurs (ABA-NBA)

1973-74	45	39	.536	lost first round to Indiana Pacers 4-3
1974-75	51	33	.607	lost first round to Indiana Pacers 4-2
1975-76	50	34	.595	lost first round to New York Nets 4-3
<b>merged into NBA</b>				
1976-77	44	38	.537	lost first round to Boston Celtics 2-0
1977-78	52	30	.634	lost semifinals to Washington Bullets 4-2
1978-79	48	34	.585	lost conference finals to Washington 4-3
1979-80	41	41	.500	lost first round to Houston Rockets 4-2
1980-81	52	30	.634	lost conference semifinals to Houston 4-2
1981-82	48	34	.585	lost conference finals to Los Angeles Lakers 4-0
1982-83	53	29	.646	lost conference finals to Los Angeles Lakers 4-2
1983-84	37	45	.451	
1984-85	41	41	.500	lost first round to Denver Nuggets 3-2
1985-86	35	47	.427	lost first round to Los Angeles Lakers 3-0
1986-87	28	54	.341	
1987-88	31	51	.378	lost first round to Los Angeles Lakers 3-0
1988-89	21	61	.256	
1989-90	56	26	.683	lost conference semifinals to Portland Trailblazers 4-3

Year	Win	Loss	%	Playoffs
1990-91	55	27	.671	lost first round to Golden State Warriors 3-1
1991-92	47	35	.573	lost conference semifinals to Phoenix Suns 3-0
1992-93	49	33	.598	lost conference semifinals to Phoenix Suns 4-2
1993-94	55	27	.671	lost first round to Utah Jazz 3-1
1994-95	62	20	.756	lost conference finals to Houston Rockets 4-2
1995-96	59	23	.720	lost conference semifinals to Utah Jazz 4-2
1996-97	20	62	.244	
1997-98	56	26	.683	lost conference semifinals to Utah Jazz 4-1
1998-99	37	13	.740	won <b>NBA finals</b> over New York Knicks 4-1
1999-00	53	29	.646	lost first round to Phoenix Suns 3-1
2000-01	58	24	.707	lost conference finals to Los Angeles Lakers 4-0
2001-02	58	24	.707	lost conference semifinals to Los Angeles Lakers 4-1
2002-03	60	22	.732	won <b>NBA finals</b> over New Jersey Nets 4-2
2003-04	57	25	.695	lost conference semifinals to Los Angeles Lakers 4-2
2004-05	59	23	.720	won <b>NBA finals</b> over Detroit Pistons 4-3
2005-06	63	19	.768	lost conference semifinals to Dallas Mavericks 4-3
2006-07	58	24	.707	won <b>NBA finals</b> over Cleveland Cavaliers 4-0
2007-08	56	26	.683	lost conference finals to Los Angeles Lakers 4-1

### Houston Mavericks (ABA)

Year	Win	Loss	%	Playoffs
1967-68	29	49	.372	
1968-69	23	55	.295	

1969-70 - team moved to North Carolina to become the Cougars



Houston Rockets center Hakeem Olajuwon and New York Knicks center Patrick Ewing in the NBA finals in 1994.

## Houston Rockets (NBA)

The National Basketball Association first came to Texas in 1971 when the Rockets franchise moved from San Diego.

The San Diego Rockets franchise had been an expansion team in 1967 when they entered the NBA along

with the Seattle SuperSonics. The Rockets name derived from the San Diego slogan, "A City in Motion."

The Houston Rockets have been in the NBA finals four times, winning the national championship twice, in 1994 and 1995.

Year	Win	Loss	%	Playoffs
- 1971 Rockets team relocates from San Diego				
1971-72	34	48	.415	
1972-73	33	49	.402	
1973-74	32	50	.390	
1974-75	41	41	.500	lost conference semifinals to Philadelphia 76ers 4-1
1975-76	40	42	.488	
1976-77	49	33	.598	lost conference finals to Philadelphia 76ers 4-2
1977-78	28	54	.341	
1978-79	47	35	.573	lost first round to Atlanta Hawks 2-0
1979-80	41	41	.500	lost conference semifinals to Boston Celtics 4-0
1980-81	40	42	.488	lost <b>NBA finals</b> to Boston Celtics 4-2
1981-82	46	36	.561	lost first round to Seattle SuperSonics 2-1
1982-83	14	68	.171	
1983-84	29	53	.354	
1984-85	48	34	.585	lost first round to Utah Jazz 3-2
1985-86	51	31	.622	lost <b>NBA finals</b> to Boston Celtics 4-2
1986-87	42	40	.512	lost conference semifinals to Seattle SuperSonics 4-2
1987-88	46	36	.561	lost first round to Dallas Mavericks 3-1
1988-89	45	37	.549	lost first round to Seattle SuperSonics 3-1
1989-90	41	41	.500	lost first round to Los Angeles Lakers 3-0
1990-91	52	30	.634	lost first round to Los Angeles Lakers 3-0
1991-92	42	40	.512	
1992-93	55	27	.671	lost conference semifinals to Seattle SuperSonics 4-3
1993-94	58	24	.707	won <b>NBA finals</b> over New York Knicks 4-3
1994-95	47	35	.573	won <b>NBA finals</b> over Orlando Magic 4-0
1995-96	48	34	.585	lost conference semifinals to Seattle SuperSonics 4-0
1996-97	57	25	.695	lost conference finals to Utah Jazz 4-2
1997-98	41	41	.500	lost first round to Utah Jazz 3-2
1998-99	31	19	.620	lost first round to Los Angeles Lakers 3-1
1999-00	34	48	.415	
2000-01	45	37	.550	
2001-02	28	54	.341	
2002-03	43	39	.524	
2003-04	45	37	.550	lost first round to Los Angeles Lakers 4-1
2004-05	51	31	.622	lost first round to Dallas Mavericks 4-3
2005-06	34	48	.415	
2006-07	52	30	.634	lost first round to Utah Jazz 4-3
2007-08	55	27	.671	lost first round to Utah Jazz 4-2



Dallas fans celebrate outside the American Airlines Center before Game 1 of the NBA finals in 2006.

## Dallas Mavericks (NBA)

In 1980, the NBA awarded an expansion franchise to Dallas and millionaire Don Carter, who named the team the Mavericks.

After the 1995-96 season, Carter sold the team to a

group of investors led by Ross Perot Jr. In January 2000, the Perot group sold the Mavericks to internet entrepreneur Mark Cuban, who became one of the best-known professional team owners in sports.

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1980-81	15	67	.183	
1981-82	23	54	.341	
1982-83	38	44	.463	
1983-84	43	39	.524	lost conference semifinals to Los Angeles Lakers 4-1
1984-85	44	38	.537	lost first round to Portland Trailblazers 3-1
1985-86	44	38	.537	lost conference semifinals to Los Angeles Lakers 4-2
1986-87	55	27	.671	lost first round to Seattle SuperSonics 3-1
1987-88	53	29	.646	lost conference finals to Los Angeles Lakers 4-3
1988-89	38	44	.463	
1989-90	47	35	.573	lost first round to Portland Trailblazers 3-0
1990-91	28	54	.341	
1991-92	22	60	.268	
1992-93	11	71	.134	
1993-94	13	69	.159	
1994-95	36	46	.439	
1995-96	26	56	.317	
1996-97	24	58	.293	
1997-98	20	62	.244	
1998-99	14	36	.280	
1999-00	40	42	.488	
2000-01	53	29	.646	lost conference semifinals to San Antonio Spurs 4-1
2001-02	57	25	.695	lost conference semifinals to Sacramento Kings 4-1
2002-03	60	22	.732	lost conference finals to San Antonio Spurs 4-2
2003-04	52	30	.634	lost first round to Sacramento Kings 4-1
2004-05	58	24	.707	lost conference semifinals to Phoenix Suns 4-2
2005-06	60	22	.732	lost <b>NBA finals</b> to Miami Heat 4-2
2006-07	67	15	.817	lost first round to Golden State Warriors 4-2
2007-08	51	31	.622	lost first round to New Orleans Hornets 4-1