

## San Antonio Spurs Claim the Western Conference Championship

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Many people thought that the San Antonio Spurs were too old to make a bid for a NBA championship. After sweeping the Memphis Grizzlies in the Western Conference Finals, they are proving everyone wrong.

Tony Parker has been the anchor of this team throughout the playoffs, averaging 23 points, 4 rebounds, and 7 assists per game. Tim Duncan is averaging 18 points, 9 rebounds and 2 assists per game. Parker and Duncan, both in their 30s, have been told that they are too old to compete on a high level.

Parker has been focused on getting Tim Duncan another chance to play in the NBA Finals again. "Since last year, I promised to him (Duncan) that we will go back, go back to the Finals and get an opportunity to win the whole thing and I'm trying to do my best, try to be aggressive every night. I think everybody on the team, we really want to do it for him. We win the West and now it's one more step. This is the hardest one."

In Game 4, Parker had his best game this postseason, hitting 15 of 21 from the field, and all six at the free throw line. This victory earned Tim Duncan and the Spurs plenty of rest before Game 1 of the NBA Finals on June 6.

"He's been amazing," Duncan said of Parker. "Every year he gets better and better and better. He's been carrying us."

The Spurs now wait for the winner between the Miami Heat and Indiana Pacers.

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