

- [ZELJKO OBRADOVIC 8 EUROLEAGUE TITLES](#) VS [GREGG POPOVICH 5 NBA RINGS](#)

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1. [ALBA Berlin 94 Spurs 93](#) - EUROJOHNBALL wrote a piece last season, that the top five teams in the Euroleague had a shot of winning the weak Atlantic division in the Eastern conference of the NBA, but most who cover the NBA, brushed the thought off as ridiculous. [The top five teams with enough depth in the Euroleague to think of winning the Atlantic division in the 2013-14 season, were Real Madrid, Olympiacos, Fenerbahce, FC Barcelona and CSKA Moscow](#)

, [Greek power Panathinaikos could also compete at an NBA level](#)

, but today ALBA Berlin, who sort of reminds of the 2013-2014 Maccabi Tel Aviv Euroleague championship squad that got hot at the right time and upset Real Madrid and CSKA Moscow in one and done knockout games to win the title, upset the NBA champion San Antonio Spurs with a 94-93 win. ALBA Berlin does not have the depth of the other Euroleague squads, or big name European player, but today versus the Spurs, they showed some Euroleague teams can hang with NBA squads. This was the eleventh time a Euroleague team beat an NBA team in the Euroleague versus NBA preseason battle.

[Former Xavier PF Jamel McLean was the hero for ALBA, hitting a 16 foot tear drop floater to win the game](#), as he led ALBA with 18 points, 10 rebounds, on 6-9 FG, 6-7 FT and was followed by former Clemson PG Cliff Hammonds with 15 points and former Belmont University PG Alex Renfroe with 15 points, while former Villanova SG Reggie Redding added 12 points and Croatian center Leon Radošević 5 points, 8 rebounds and Croatian PF Marko Banic 6 points in the win.

To be fair to the Spurs, this was their first preseason game, while ALBA has stronger legs, already playing two games in German BBL regular season, as the Spurs were led by PG Tony Parker with 28 points in 35 minutes, on 8-13 FG, 1-3(3PT), 11-13 FT and was followed by Tim Duncan and Kawhi Leonard with 14 points apiece, but this was the ALBA Berlin SUPER BOWL

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and the American players, that did not get drafted to the NBA, but make no mistake, the Spurs were trying to win this game, but as shown ten other times in the past decade, NBA and Euroleague teams are closer than NBA media and fans give them credit for, the top five Euroleague teams could compete at an NBA level every year, as this ALBA Berlin squad showed, that is not even close to a top five Euroleague squad this season.

PAST EUROLEAGUE TEAM WINS VS NBA TEAMS

1. [Maccabi Tel Aviv 105 Toronto Raptors 103](#) - □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ 2005

2. [FC Barcelona 104 Philadelphia 76ers 99](#) - □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ 2006

3. [CSKA Moscow 94 LA Clippers 75](#) - □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ 2006

4. [Unicaja 102 Memphis Grizzlies 99](#) - □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ 2007

5. [Real Madrid 104 Toronto Raptors 103](#) - □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ 2007

6. [FC Barcelona 92 LA Lakers 88](#) - □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ 2010

7. [CSKA Moscow 90 Cleveland Cavs 87](#) - □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ 2010

8. [Fenerbahce 97 Boston Celtics 91](#) - □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ 2012

9. [FC Barcelona 99 Dallas Mavs 85](#) - □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ 2013

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10. [CSKA Moscow 108 Minnesota Twolves 106](#) - □ □ □ □ 2013

11. [Fenerbahce 101 Brooklyn Nets 96](#) - □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ 2015

12. [Real Madrid 142 OKC Thunder 137](#) OT - □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ 2016

- □ □ □ □ ALMOST WIN FOR FC BARCELONA AT STAPLES CENTER

1. [LA Lakers 108 FC Barcelona 104](#) - □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ 2008