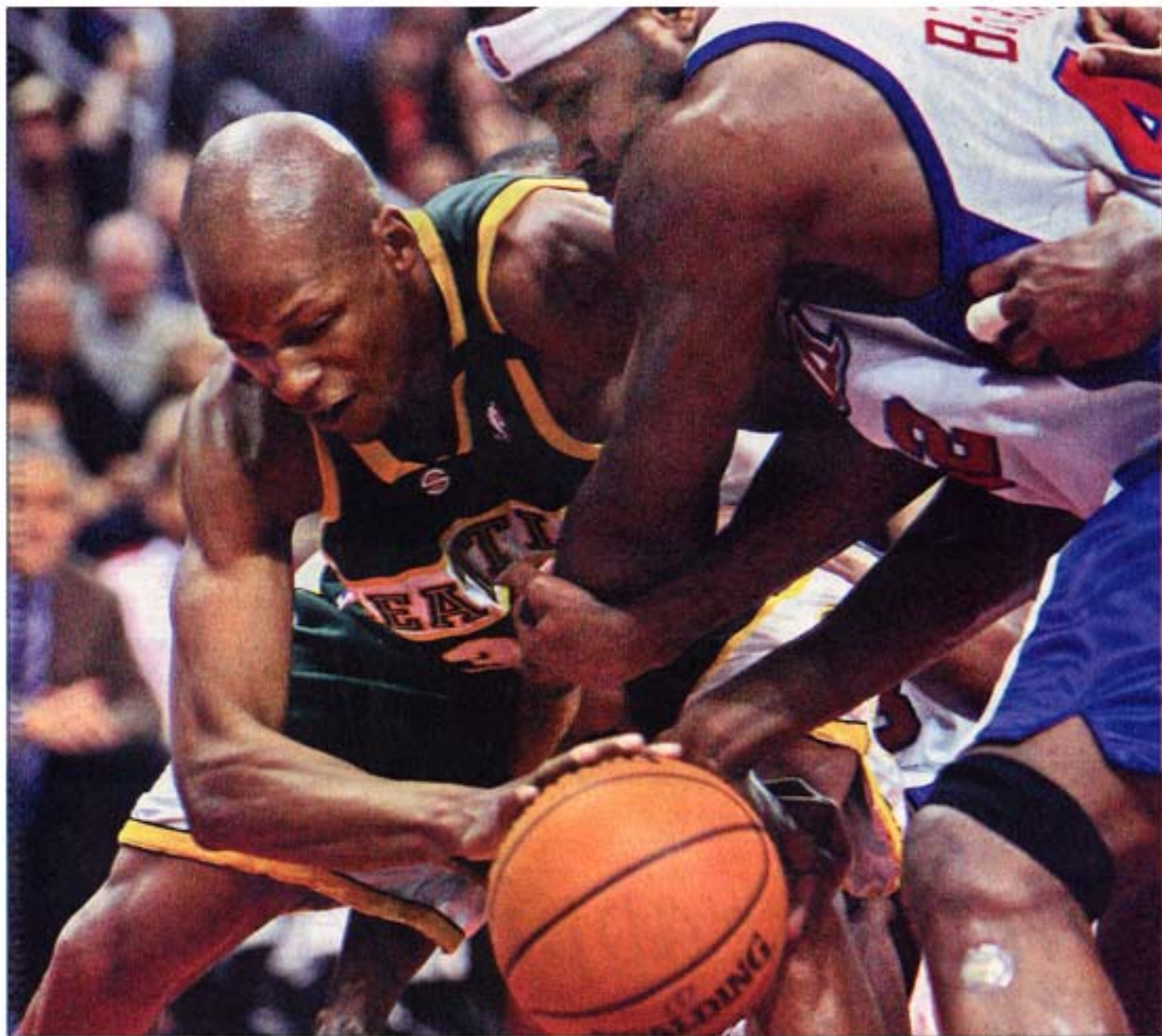


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POSSESSING SPIRIT: Ray Allen of the SuperSonics, left, and Elton Brand of the Clippers do their best to control the ball.

Clippers step forward

