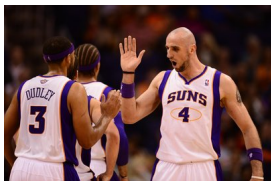


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Today's theme across the SB Nation Network:

TRADE IDEAS!

Woo hoo! Let the rosterbation begin! With the dawn of December 15, most of the league is available in trade. And since 25% of the season is in the books, most teams know exactly how big their warts are. For instance, Mike D'Antoni can't figure out how to play Gasol and Howard at the same time.

While NBA GMs are a bit more hesitant, bloggers have identified lots of trade scenarios already for poor Paul and Dwight.

Let's look at the Suns, and then look at some proposed trades.

Is your team a buyer, seller or both?

Difficult to say. The front office believes this team has more talent than last year's group that wasn't eliminated from the playoffs until the next to last game of the season, but they also know there are no guarantees. When the team was struggling with a 7-game losing streak, it appeared time to blow it up. But now after beating two playoff teams in the West, the team may be less inclined to do a knee-jerk trade.

If by late January the Suns are still in the hunt, the team may just be a buyer looking to improve this year's team. But if they are mired at the bottom of the West at that point, you just might see a fire sale.

If buyer, what are the needs?

If the Suns want to make the playoffs this season, they need to trade multiple role players for a star that plays any position. But if they want to brighten their future at the expense of today, then

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their needs are first round draft picks and young talent with potential (again, at any position). Otherwise, it's just treading water. Or re-arranging decks chairs.

...what specific players should your team target?

Stars, if "buying" for a playoff run: [Kevin Love](#) , [Josh Smith](#) , [Paul Millsap](#)

Young talent, if "selling" for the future: [Gerald Henderson](#) ([Bobcats](#)), [Avery Bradley](#) ([Celtics](#))

...what Suns players are available?

Everyone is available but [Luis Scola](#) , who is beholden to the Suns until July 1, 2013 at the least. The Suns could trade anyone on the roster at this point and the fan base won't bat an eye. But the return has to be better than the outlay, in terms of current production or future potential, otherwise the fans WILL revolt. Already, the Suns are experiencing their lowest attendance since opening the arena twenty years ago.

What are your top three trade ideas?

I honestly have no idea what trades to propose. You guys know I'm not good at this.

Looking specifically at Utah (Millsap) and Atlanta (Smith), I don't see a match that doesn't require either Gortat or Dragic going back in the trade. Which again means the Suns are rebooting if they did that. Other than Dragic, what could the Suns offer Utah that they would WANT in place of Millsap, who is not a contractual albatross and is not a malcontent? Same question on Smith.

Each of those guys is expiring next summer but they are playing on winning teams, so those teams would want too much talent for a 4-month rental and a prayer. Is even more cap space more important than winning this season? Not likely.

On a small scale, the Suns could try to acquire J.J. Reddick or a Gerald Henderson for a future

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#1 if the [Magic](#) or Bobcats are really ready to move on. But I have no idea what either would want for them. Reddick has one year left at \$6 mill after this (making the Suns interest drop) while Henderson will be a restricted free agent.

(though the Orlando Pinstriped Post is [suggesting a Reddick/Derrick Williams swap](#) - seriously?? - maybe they would take a [Shannon Brown](#) or a #1, or both?)

I may not be good at this, but that's why we have a huge SB Nation network!

Today is theme day, so let's take a look at what other blogs have proposed in Suns trades and drool or laugh at your leisure.

Other SB Nation Blog Trade Ideas

[Washington Bullets - Bulletsforever.com](#)

Houston's Patrick Patterson or [Marcus Morris](#) could be brought in on the cheap. Ditto for Morris' twin brother, Markieff, in Phoenix. Even though they're not super-talented, any of them would balance out the roster by providing shooting and defensive rebounding at the four.

If Washington decides to be a little bolder, they could always see if Phoenix would be willing to bribe them to take [Michael Beasley](#) off their hands. Yes, he's a space cadet, but Beasley fits the current roster like a glove, and a deal of Beasley and

[Sebastian Telfair](#)

for

[Trevor Ariza](#)

works for both teams. Washington gets a stretch four and a backup point guard on an expiring deal while Phoenix gets a decent wing with only a year and a half left on his deal.

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[Minnesota Timberwolves - canishoopus.com](#)

Is there a way to thread this needle? I don't know. I certainly would entertain big-package deals with someone like Cleveland (Varejao and Gee) or Denver (McGee and Iggy), but I'd be much more willing to see them try and tinker with a smaller Williams-based proposal for someone like [Jimmy Butler](#)

,
[Alonzo Gee](#)

, JJ Redick,
[Jared Dudley](#)

, or
[Luke Babbitt](#)

(or someone along those lines) while waiting (and hoping) for a fully healthy top 8 of [Ricky Rubio](#)

,
[Alexey Shved](#)

,
[Andrei Kirilenko](#)

,
[Chase Budinger](#)

, Kevin Love,
[Nikola Pekovic](#)

, Luke/JJ, and Dante Cunningham. They have a lot of really good players on this team. They just need to be healthy and they need to replace the minutes of Williams and Stiemsmma. That's the bit. As I have often said, this isn't rocket science.

The only way that happens (and is a plus move for MIN) is a **Williams/Pek for Gortat/Dudley trade**.

I would NOT do Pek for Gortat straight up, but I would do the above trade in a heartbeat. I just don't think that salarywise there is anyway to get Gortat without giving up Pek.

by bbeeck on Dec 19, 2012 8:24 AM MST up reply actions

I could get 100% behind a simple **Williams for Dudley** deal

He has been a consistently good 3P shooter, can play 2 and 3, and look at his on/off #s at

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82games:

<http://www.82games.com/1213/12PHO8.HTM#onoff>

"It's tough to make predictions, especially about the future." -- Yogi Berra
by Wile E Coyote on Dec 19, 2012 8:25 AM MST up reply actions

[Sacramento Kings - sactownroyalty.com](http://sactownroyalty.com)

As far as specific targets the [Kings](#) should go after, I wrote a piece a couple weeks ago about a few of my favorite potential trade targets. Easily at the top of my list in terms of non-star possibly available players is **Jared Dudley**, who I think would be a phenomenal fit for the Small Forward spot thanks to his good shooting touch and hustle on both ends of the court. He's one of the best value contracts in the league in my opinion, and just entering his prime.

Also:

[DeMarcus Cousins](#) , [Francisco Garcia](#) , and [Aaron Brooks](#) to Phoenix for [Marcin Gortat](#) , **Jared Dudley and 2013 1st Round Pick from Minnesota**

: This is all about proclaiming the rebuild starting in earnest. Sacramento gives up the most exciting player in the deal in the talented but surly DeMarcus Cousins. They get a couple of starters in return as well as a pick.

[Philadelphia 76ers - libertyballers.com](http://libertyballers.com)

Trade 2: [Spencer Hawes](#) and Sixers 2012 Second Rounder for Marcin Gortat

Gortat's pissed, Sarver is Sarver, Phoenix likes doing dumb things. I don't know how Gortat would love playing behind Bynum if he re-signs here, but he's only here a year after this anyhow. They'd depend on him quite a bit and he'd let Thad do more Thad things without getting killed on the glass.

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I'm as thrilled as you are.

[Detroit Pistons - detroitbadboys.com](http://detroitbadboys.com)

The [Detroit Pistons](#) trade [Rodney Stuckey](#) to the [Phoenix Suns](#) for [Wesley Johnson](#) and [Kendall Marshall](#)

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Why would Phoenix do this? Thus far, Wes Johnson and Kendall Marshall have been disappointing for Phoenix. Marshall is struggling in the D-League, and Wes Johnson hasn't cracked the rotation, playing only 14 minutes in the last 9 games. Phoenix would be bundling the two for a combined prospective value that would net a stud sixth man guard in return, something the team currently needs. Phoenix has [Goran Dragic](#) manning the point, Shannon Brown struggling at shooting guard and no one of consequence behind them in the depth chart. Stuckey could be plugged in for 36 minutes per game behind Dragic and Brown either leading the second act or shifting off-the-ball with the starters. He's currently doing that in Detroit, to the tune of 15 points and 6 assists per game in December. Phoenix could certainly use that off the bench in their back court.

Why would Detroit do this? They'd have a four-year commitment to an excellent passer who needs work transitioning to the pros. Detroit can carve a spot for Marshall, especially in the absence of Rodney Stuckey. This is the kind of talent Detroit can take a risk on, and it happens to fit Detroit's greatest position of need. It could fail, Marshall may not be able to handle the pros, but if he can work himself into even a reserve role, that's a step up for Detroit. As for Wes Johnson, this one-time top four pick has been a terrible bust. Draft expectations aside, however, this is a low-risk, high-reward addition. Detroit would have all spring to evaluate Johnson's talent and what kind of NBA role he could hold. If they decide to pass on him, he expires this summer and Detroit walks away saving \$6.5 million of the salary they owed Rodney Stuckey for next season.

I LOL'd that Sixers dream scenario, but I've seen a lot more lopsided trades on BSotS over the years so who am I to judge.

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Now it's your turn.

What trade ideas do you guys have?