

Center Of The Sun: Better Is Still Not Good Enough

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Well, thanks to the holiday and a flip-flop in the schedule here is the inaugural "Center of the Sun" for Bright Side of the Sun. How about that? This is typically going to be a weekly endeavor, but this week it will scope the past two weeks with the games, the highs, the lows, key stats, quotes, player of the week, grades, and a peek into the week ahead.

Let's get this started!

The last two weeks have been a struggle for the [Phoenix Suns](#) as they started off with two very impressive wins at home before dropping five straight games. The good news, that is not the worst losing streak this season, but the bad news is the team now has two five game losing streaks on the season already. Something only Cleveland, Detroit, New Orleans, Orlando, Sacramento, Toronto, and Washington can claim to their name.

Game Recaps

vs. [Sacramento Kings](#) -- [W \(101-90\)](#)

vs. [Charlotte Bobcats](#) -- [W \(121-104\)](#)

@ [Portland Trail Blazers](#) -- [L \(96-93\)](#)

vs. [Los Angeles Clippers](#) -- [L \(103-77\)](#)

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vs. [New York Knicks](#) -- [L \(99-97\)](#)

@ [Indiana Pacers](#) -- [L \(97-91\)](#)

@ [Minnesota Timberwolves](#) -- [L \(111-107\)](#)

After that stretch the Suns (11-20) are now separating themselves from the pack, but in the opposite way that they would like as the sixth worst team in the league and the second worst team out West. Tough.

The toughest part of the week was losing four games by a combined 15 points due to late game execution. Outside of the game against the Clippers where the team just ran into a wall in the third quarter the past two weeks was more proof that they can compete with anyone, but can also lose to just about anyone.

Key Stats

In these seven games the Suns were outscored by an average of 98.1 to 100, which is only a margin of -1.9 PPG. That is better than their season average of -3.6 PPG on the season so far. They are fighting it out, but the issue is that they are losing close games despite being in them. No closer established so far.

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