

Suns invade Milwaukee seeking Skiles, beer and a win

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Can we all just agree that the [Bucks](#) front office and coaching staff looked at the schedule, saw the [Phoenix Suns](#) were coming, and knew they HAD to make a change? Why else fire [Scott Skiles](#) in the middle of a .500 season?

Maybe our friends at [Brew Hoop](#) have some better ideas about what went down.

Next question: Would you be interested in Scott Skiles coming back to Phoenix if Robert Sarver parts company with Alvin Gentry?

Skiles is known as a hard ass coach who can get young teams to play solid defense and disciplined offense. He's also a guy who wears out his welcome after a couple of years but that might not be a horrible thing given the future the Suns are facing.

Another question: Will [Ersan Ilyasova](#) be available for Tuesday's game which **tips at 6:00pm AZT / 8:00pm ET** and will be broadcast on Fox Sports AZ and NBA League Pass?

Here's your answer, set your lineups accordingly:

[Suns vs. Bucks Preview: Milwaukee begins the post-Skiles era - Brew Hoop](#)

Ersan returns. Good news: the Bucks expect to be back at full strength on Tuesday, as Ersan Ilyasova should be available after missing Saturday night's game with a sprained ankle.

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More questions:

What lineup will Alvin Gentry use in this game?

Is [P.J. Tucker](#) now cemented in as a starter which leaves the bench unit devoid of any defensive presence on the wing and leaves the offense in the "hands" of a Telfair, Brown and Beasley trio who probably sit around the dinner table refusing to pass each other the salt and fighting over the last slice of pizza?

Is [Brandon Jennings](#) bad or horrible?

Will Nick Saban run for Governor of Alabama against Charles Barkley?

Yawn.

Here's some other stuff being said about the Suns:

[Grisly performance by Suns in familiar loss](#)

[Alvin Gentry's](#) team-survival recipe has three key ingredients. Delivered in Gentry's descending line of progression -- if not order of importance -- these are items are (1) avoidance of fragmentation, (2) continued hard work and (3) belief in yourself.

and Goran is important...

[Goran Dragic's composure key to Phoenix Suns's success](#)

The Suns go as [Goran Dragic](#) goes, so Dragic can't go the way of frustration.

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but you already knew that...

[Goran Dragic: Key to the Suns' Success - Bright Side Of The Sun](#)

Goran Dragic is the best player on this year's Suns roster, and as such he is the driving force for the team: in both success and failure.

Ed Note: If you came to this preview looking for like "match ups" and "keys to the game" and "information about the Bucks" - sorry to disappoint. Please feel free to write your own FanPost with such details.

** Editorial Note (JP): Let's go get a win, all right?

PHX has 1,999 wins all-time & are just 1 win shy becoming the 4th fastest franchise in NBA history to reach 2K behind LAL, PHI & BOS.

— NBA.com/Stats (@nbastats) [January 8, 2013](#)

Poll If the Suns drop Gentry, should they go after Scott Skiles?

- Yes.
- No.
- Can you please make the poll answers more interesting!

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