

Wojnarowski: Phoenix Suns in trade talks for Rudy Gay

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According to Adrian Wojnarowski, the Phoenix Suns are [interested in acquiring Rudy Gay](#) from the Memphis Grizzlies.

The 26-year old Rudy Gay was re-signed to a maximum extension a year ago, and has 2 more years left on his contract after this season. The commitment would be: \$16.4 million, \$17.8 million and \$19.3 million through 2014-15.

Gay has a career average of 17.9 points, 5.7 rebounds and 1.3 steals per game. He is only a 31% 3-point shooter over the past two seasons and 34% for his career.

Note that the points and rebounds are while playing on a very good team, with competition for those stats from Zach Randolph.

The troubling stat is the 3-point shooting, for a team that really needs it.

Here are Gay's stats from basketball-reference.com :

Season	Age	Team	GP	GS	MP	FG	FGA	FG%	3P	3PA	3P%	FT	FTA	FT%	ORB	DRB	TRB	AST	STL	BLK	TOV	P.P.
2007-08	20	MEM	82	78	37.1	11.7	23.7	49.4	2.7	6.8	39.6	2.2	3.0	73.0	1.3	4.5	5.8	6.8	1.8	0.8	2.8	1.0
2008-09	21	MEM	80	76	37.0	12.7	26.7	47.6	3.7	9.8	37.8	1.7	2.2	77.0	1.4	5.2	6.6	5.4	2.3	1.0	2.3	1.0
2009-10	22	MEM	79	75	37.0	12.8	26.8	47.8	3.1	9.0	34.4	1.4	2.0	70.0	1.4	5.0	6.4	5.0	2.0	1.0	2.3	1.0
2010-11	23	MEM	80	76	36.7	13.1	28.0	47.0	3.3	9.0	36.7	1.4	2.0	70.0	1.4	5.0	6.4	5.0	2.0	1.0	2.3	1.0
2011-12	24	MEM	80	76	36.7	13.1	28.0	47.0	3.3	9.0	36.7	1.4	2.0	70.0	1.4	5.0	6.4	5.0	2.0	1.0	2.3	1.0
2012-13	25	MEM	80	76	36.7	13.1	28.0	47.0	3.3	9.0	36.7	1.4	2.0	70.0	1.4	5.0	6.4	5.0	2.0	1.0	2.3	1.0
2013-14	26	MEM	80	76	36.7	13.1	28.0	47.0	3.3	9.0	36.7	1.4	2.0	70.0	1.4	5.0	6.4	5.0	2.0	1.0	2.3	1.0
Career		MEM	488	452	36.3	12.8	28.0	47.0	3.3	9.0	36.7	1.4	2.0	70.0	1.4	5.0	6.4	5.0	2.0	1.0	2.3	1.0

What would go back to Memphis is unknown, but the Suns can absorb only \$6.3 million (cap space + \$100,000) of the \$16.4 owed to Gay this season.

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So they must send out more than \$10 million in salary back to Memphis in any deal.

According to Woj, the Grizzlies are particularly interested in Jared Dudley (\$4.25 million this year) and future picks.

There's no framework of a possible deal in place, but the Grizzlies have expressed a strong desire that any package involving Gay include Suns forward Jared Dudley and future first-round draft picks, sources said.

In an effort to avoid paying luxury tax in the short term, as well as get off the \$17.8 million and \$19.3 million owed Gay in the 2013-14 and 2014-15 seasons, new Memphis management has aggressively shopped Gay. The Grizzlies have made proposals on Gay to several teams, front-office sources told Yahoo! Sports.

But where would that other \$6 million come from? The assumption on Memphis trading Gay is that they want to reduce their future salary obligations, what with huge contracts to three other players on the books: Randolph, Gasol, Conley.

The Suns have (basically) expiring contracts in Wesley Johnson (\$4.2 million), Shannon Brown (\$3.5 million), Sebastian Telfair (\$1.75 million) and a host of