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I could break down a play-by-play of the third quarter or second half, but a more succinct synopsis that precludes that necessity would be that the Suns got bent over a stump. Terse. True.

Here's what some of the players had to say about the brutal beatdown via Paul Coro's [post game report](#)

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Dragic: "We said at halftime, 'Let's not repeat the same mistakes.' Then somebody pushed the stop button and we stopped playing. Our chemistry and movement of the ball went downhill. We didn't find the rhythm. They're a great team with a lot of weapons, but that's no excuse. We took away our confidence. We missed some good shots. We were thinking, 'Uh-oh, it's happening again' if we miss, and our defense was terrible."

O'Neal: "We've had meetings. We've had pep talks. We've had multiple meetings with the owner. We've had multiple meetings with the coaches. We've had multiple meetings with the players. Are we going to win or lose? It's like living Groundhog Day every day. We're just not a very good team with responding."

And here's a delineation of futility this season per this nifty little chart:

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| Team | Suns | Opp | Diff | Suns | Opp | Diff | Suns | Opp | Diff | Suns | Opp | Diff |
|------|------|-----|------|------|-----|------|------|-----|------|------|-----|------|
| ORL | 28 | 26 | 7 | 23 | 20 | 3 | 20 | 18 | 2 | 18 | 29 | -11 |
| MIA | 20 | 26 | -6 | 28 | 31 | -3 | 31 | 31 | 0 | 22 | 26 | -4 |
| CHA | 21 | 22 | -1 | 29 | 24 | 5 | 25 | 30 | -5 | 22 | 20 | 2 |
| UTA | 21 | 22 | -1 | 20 | 21 | -1 | 18 | 27 | -9 | 20 | 17 | 3 |
| SAS | 20 | 25 | -5 | 27 | 27 | 0 | 27 | 30 | -3 | 18 | 22 | -4 |
| PHI | 25 | 23 | 2 | 21 | 23 | -2 | 24 | 24 | 0 | 26 | 24 | 2 |
| CLE | 27 | 19 | 8 | 18 | 18 | 0 | 18 | 27 | -9 | 20 | 20 | 0 |
| DET | 24 | 24 | 0 | 20 | 31 | -11 | 18 | 26 | -8 | 17 | 25 | -8 |
| TOR | 25 | 25 | 0 | 27 | 22 | 5 | 24 | 29 | -5 | 21 | 21 | 0 |
| NYK | 20 | 24 | -4 | 22 | 23 | -1 | 20 | 30 | -10 | 27 | 17 | 10 |
| MEM | 20 | 25 | -5 | 27 | 31 | -4 | 27 | 26 | 1 | 22 | 26 | -4 |
| LAC | 21 | 28 | -7 | 26 | 31 | -5 | 26 | 22 | 4 | 16 | 32 | -16 |
| POR | 23 | 22 | 1 | 28 | 31 | -3 | 32 | 31 | 1 | 32 | 21 | 11 |
| IND | 20 | 27 | -7 | 24 | 31 | -7 | 27 | 17 | 10 | 20 | 22 | -2 |
| MIL | 20 | 32 | -12 | 26 | 32 | -6 | 29 | 25 | 4 | 20 | 22 | -2 |
| CHI | 28 | 32 | -4 | 25 | 22 | 3 | 25 | 30 | -5 | 18 | 30 | -12 |
| MIL | 21 | 28 | -7 | 25 | 24 | 1 | 20 | 30 | -10 | 18 | 28 | -10 |
| WAS | 24 | 25 | -1 | 20 | 30 | -10 | 20 | 30 | -10 | 25 | 20 | 5 |
| BOS | 25 | 21 | 4 | 28 | 25 | 3 | 21 | 29 | -8 | 17 | 25 | -8 |
| BKN | 25 | 21 | 4 | 28 | 25 | 3 | 21 | 29 | -8 | 17 | 25 | -8 |

| Team | Suns | Opp | Diff | Suns | Opp | Diff | W/L |
|------|------|-----|------|------|-----|------|-----|
| ORL | 194 | 122 | 72 | 102 | 101 | 1 | L |
| MIA | 89 | 100 | -11 | 113 | 120 | -7 | L |
| CHA | 107 | 107 | 0 | 7 | 7 | 0 | W |
| UTA | 81 | 94 | -13 | -6 | -13 | 7 | L |
| SAS | 102 | 114 | -12 | -7 | -10 | 3 | L |
| PHI | 101 | 100 | 1 | 2 | 3 | -1 | L |
| CLE | 95 | 96 | -1 | 8 | 10 | -2 | W |
| DET | 107 | 117 | -10 | -9 | -16 | 7 | L |
| TOR | 97 | 100 | -3 | -4 | -4 | 0 | L |
| NYK | 99 | 100 | -1 | -7 | -7 | 0 | L |
| MEM | 98 | 109 | -11 | -8 | -10 | 2 | L |
| LAC | 99 | 127 | -28 | -10 | -10 | 0 | L |
| POR | 93 | 96 | -3 | -12 | -3 | 9 | L |
| IND | 92 | 97 | -5 | 6 | 6 | 0 | L |
| MIL | 107 | 111 | -4 | 2 | 4 | -2 | L |
| CHI | 96 | 104 | -8 | -17 | -10 | 7 | L |
| MIL | 99 | 100 | -1 | -9 | -9 | 0 | L |
| WAS | 79 | 80 | -1 | 4 | 8 | -4 | L |
| BOS | 79 | 89 | -10 | 4 | 10 | -6 | L |
| BKN | 79 | 89 | -10 | 4 | 10 | -6 | L |

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