

Game Preview: Dallas Mavericks (19-27) at Phoenix Suns (16-30)

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A win tonight by the Phoenix Suns would put them at 4-2 under Lindsey Hunter. Sure, three of those wins would be against losing teams, but you have to play the schedule in front of you.

But tonight won't be easy. In fact, it's not even likely.

The [Dallas Mavericks](#) have the Suns number. They just beat the [Phoenix Suns](#) last Sunday night in Dallas (110-95) as well as in Phoenix in December (97-94) and have won 10 of the past 11 meetings overall.

Any way you slice it, the Suns have not played well enough against the Mavericks lately. They just haven't.

Could tonight be any different?

Well, it's possible that Dirk Nowitzki won't play due a strained right adductor muscle.

"It's just Father Time, bro," [Nowitzki said](#) . "Stuff happens. I never pulled a muscle in my whole career. There's always a first one."

O.J. Mayo is still the Mavericks' leading scorer at 17 points per game.

Shawn Marion is reprising his old self lately by going for 18 and 17 in last night's last-second loss to Golden State.

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Dallas is coming off a back to back, so they might be tired.

Check out the Mavericks stats here.

FG		3PT		FT		Rebounds		Pct
G		M		M		A		
O.J. Mayo	41		35.8		6.4		14.0	
Dirk Nowitzki	14		29.1		5.1		12.4	
Darren Collison	40		31.3		4.6		9.6	
Chris Kaman	39		24.3		5.6		11.1	
Vince Carter	41		24.8		4.2		10.1	
Shawn Marion	34		29.8		4.4		9.2	
Elton Brand	37		21.8		3.2		6.6	
Brandan Wright	26		15.9		3.3		5.2	
Jae Crowder	37		17.5		2.0		5.2	
Dominique Jones	24		12.8		1.4		4.1	
Dahntay Jones	41		13.6		1.0		3.0	
Bernard James	21		10.9		1.3		2.7	
Mike James	6		10.5		1.2		3.8	
Rodrigue Beaubois	30		11.7		1.1		3.5	
Jared Cunningham	8		3.1		0.8		1.8	

And check out the Suns stats:

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FG	3PT	FT	Rebounds	
G	M	M	A	Pct
Goran Dragic 39		32.2	5.0	11.2
Luis Scola 41		27.6	5.6	11.8
Shannon Brown 41		27.2	4.8	11.3
Jared Dudley 39		30.8	4.4	9.0
Marcin Gortat 41		32.2	5.0	9.4
Michael Beasley 37		21.5	3.7	9.9
Markieff Morris 41		20.2	3.2	7.8
Jermaine O`Neal 32		15.6	2.5	5.4
Sebastian Telfair 40		18.1	2.2	5.7
P.J. Tucker 39		20.6	2.0	4.4
Wesley Johnson 16		7.4	0.9	3.0
Luke Zeller 11		3.3	0.6	1.6
Diante Garrett 6		5.0	0.3	0.8
Kendall Marshall 11		4.6	0.3	1.0

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