

## Next Starts Soon? Phoenix Suns Salary Cap Status - this season and next

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Everyone's going to talk about the rotation now, which is a mishmash of disparate parts to be sure.

The [Suns](#) now have too many of the same kind of player, so basically its just up to head coach [Lindsey Hunter](#) to give people trials. That means playing some guys for a week or two, then moving onto someone else.

### Rotations

You can't look at today's roster (below) and project the same minutes for guys in each game the rest of the year. It's going to be a moving target on the lineup each night.

PG	Dragic	Marshall	Garrett
Wing	Dudley	Johnson	Brown
Wing	Tucker	Beasley	Mook Morris
PF/C	Scola	Kieff Morris	
C	Gortat	O'Neal	Haddadi

Notice I used the term 'wing' because I believe the wings are interchangeable, depending on who's on the floor together. They can switch on defense to match the opposition.

In fact, on the whole roster, there's only 3 guys ( [Kendall Marshall](#) , [Marcin Gortat](#) , [Hamed Haddadi](#) ) who can only really play one position, but even that gets muddled. O'Neal and Gortat have played time together - who knows who the center is at that point.

But everyone else can switch around: [Goran Dragic](#) and [Diante Garrett](#) can be PG or SG, all the wings can be either SG or SF, [Marcus Morris](#) and

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[Michael Beasley](#)

can both be SF or PF, and

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and

[Markieff Morris](#)

can be either PF or C.

That's what Hunter will have to do. Play 9 or 10 of the 14 guys each night, mixing and matching lineups for evaluation. I don't see anyone playing every single game from here on out. Even Dragic, Dudley and Gortat will be more and more likely to sit in the season's final weeks if Hunter really wants to see other guys.

### Summer

Let's look at summer.

The Suns have two first round picks, theirs and the [Lakers](#) (or maybe the [Heat's](#) ), plus Denver's second round pick. That's likely a top-5 pick and a #14 pick, plus one in the 40s.

Here's the guaranteed salaries.

Guaranteed Salaries	2013-14	Yrs left/comments
1 Gortat	7.73	expiring
2 Dragic	7.50	3, stretch
3 Frye	6.40	2
4 Beasley	6.00	2, stretch
5 Scola	4.50	2
6 Dudley	4.25	3
7 Brown	3.50	1, stretch
8 Morris	2.09	team option
9 Morris	1.98	team option
10 Marshall	2.00	team option
11 Rookie Cap Hold (Suns)	3.35	*Estimate 5th pick
12 Rookie Cap Hold (Lakers)	1.60	*Estimate 14th pick
13 Tucker	0	*no guar; .684 mil
14 Haddadi	0	*no guar; 1.4 mil
15 Garret	0	*QO; .988 mil

It adds up to:

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Total Guaranteed	50.90
Expected Cap	\$60.00 reported

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