

Full Game Coverage: Phoenix Suns at San Antonio Spurs

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Tonight, the Suns will take on their rival and arch nemesis, the San Antonio Spurs deep in enemy territory. Will the Suns be able to dig deep and come away with an upset victory in Texas?

What: [Phoenix Suns](#) (18-40) vs. [San Antonio Spurs](#) (45-13)

When: Wednesday, February 27nd, 2013, 6:30 PM local time/8:30 EST

Where: AT&T Center in San Antonio, TX

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After losing Sunday night's game to the Spurs at home, 87-97, in a game that wasn't nearly as close as the score may indicate, the lowly Suns will once again take on the top ranked evil empire...but this time on a back-to-back while the Spurs have had two days of rest. Doesn't seem fair, does it?

In any case, the Suns, who are currently dead last in the Western Conference, will be taking on the Spurs who currently have the best record in the entire league. That's basically what this game boils down to, all excuses aside. But still, just like in any other sport, the underdog always has a puncher's chance. Maybe the stars will align for the good guys tonight?

The Weigh In:

Points/Game: Suns 94.4 (23rd), **Spurs** 104.3 (4th)

Rebounds/Game: **Suns** 41.5 (18st), Spurs 40.9 (25th)

Assists/Game: Suns 22.2 (15th), **Spurs** 24.9 (1st)

Steals/Game: Suns 7.7 (17th), **Spurs** 8.7 (4th)

Blocks/Game: **Suns** 5.5 (9th), Spurs 5.2 (15th)

Fouls/Game: Suns 20.7 (9th), **Spurs** 17.6 (30th)

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Turnovers/Game: Suns 14.9 (14th), **Spurs** 14.6 (19th)

Field Goal %: Suns 44.2% (17th), **Spurs** 48.6% (2nd)

3pt. Field Goal %: Suns 32.6% (29th), **Spurs** 37.9 (5th)

Free Throw %: Suns 74.6% (19th), **Spurs** 79.0 (4th)

Stats:

FG		3PT		FT		Rebounds		M
G		M		M		A		Pct
Goran Dragic	56		32.9		5.0		11.5	
Luis Scola	58		27.1		5.4		11.4	
Marcin Gortat	58		31.1		4.9		9.3	
Jared Dudley	56		29.4		4.1		8.9	
Shannon Brown	53		25.2		4.3		10.3	
Michael Beasley	54		21.6		4.1		10.5	
Marcus Morris	57		20.8		3.1		7.2	
Markieff Morris	58		20.6		3.0		7.6	
Jermaine O'Neal	42		16.9		2.9		5.8	
P.J. Tucker	56		23.1		2.3		5.0	
Wesley Johnson	26		9.8		1.4		4.0	
Kendall Marshall	24		11.1		0.8		2.1	
Hamed Haddadi	13		6.6		0.5		1.6	
Diante Garrett	9		5.7		0.3		1.3	

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FG		3PT		FT		Rebounds	
G		M		M		A	
Tony Parker	54		33.0		8.3		15.5
Tim Duncan	48		29.5		6.7		13.5
Manu Ginobili	45		23.2		4.0		9.0
Kawhi Leonard	38		29.6		3.9		8.1
Danny Green	56		27.6		3.8		8.3
Tiago Splitter	58		23.8		3.9		6.6
Gary Neal	51		22.4		3.6		8.8
Stephen Jackson	38		20.7		2.3		6.2
Boris Diaw	58		23.4		2.4		4.3
DeJuan Blair	43		13.3		2.2		4.3
Patty Mills	47		10.1		1.7		3.7
Matt Bonner	50		12.6		1.6		3.3
Nando De Colo	50		11.9		1.3		3.0
Cory Joseph	10		6.7		0.8		1.9
Aron Baynes	8		5.6		0.8		1.5

Starting Line-Ups:

PG - [Goran Dragic](#) v. [Tony Parker](#)

SG - [Jared Dudley](#) v. [Danny Green](#)

SF - [P.J. Tucker](#) v. [Kawhi Leonard](#)

PF - [Luis Scola](#) v. [Tim Duncan](#)

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C - [Marcin Gortat](#) v. [Tiago Splitter](#)

Key Match-Up:

Goran Dragic vs. Tony Parker.

Although the Spurs have already shown they are more than capable of beating the Suns even without their all-star starting point guard, there's no question they are a much better team with Parker at the helm. Likewise, the Suns live and die by Goran Dragic, who just so happens to play the same position. When Dragic is on his game he is one of the most electric and exciting point guards to watch in the league. However, he has had trouble stopping opposing star players including Parker in the past, and has let his frustrations take him out of the game offensively as well. If the Suns are going to have any chance of stealing a victory in San Antonio tonight, Dragic will need to step up big and not only take over offensively, but control Parker on defense as well.

Final Thoughts:

Whether or not the Suns can actually win this game is almost beside the point at this stage of the season. What really matters is seeing the continued development of the young players, and finding some semblance of chemistry and consistency from this team. Don't get me wrong, I'd like nothing more than to see David take down the mighty Goliath tonight, but I think most of us would be content to see the Suns play with some heart and hustle, and put forth a respectable effort above all else. Besides, even with a loss the Suns just get that many more lottery balls...It's a win-win!