

Phoenix Suns Weekly Player Rankings: February 24 - March 2

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1. Jermaine O'Neal:

Weekly Average: 14 points, 10 rebounds, 2 blocks in 27 minutes of play

Jermaine O'Neal gets the top spot this week after another incredible stretch of games, including a phenomenal game against San Antonio in which he racked up 22 points and 13 rebounds, most of which were in the crucial minutes of the 4th quarter and in OT that almost single-handedly gave Phoenix the victory. O'Neal was more productive per minute this week than any other player on the team, and the most efficient as well going 17/30 from the field, and 10/10 from the line.

2. [Goran Dragic](#)

Weekly Average: 14 points, 9 assists, 3 rebounds, 1 steals in 36 minutes of play

Dragic had another very good week statistically, and although he didn't quite average a double-double for points and assists as he had the prior couple, he was still right there. Dragic should be the best player on the team every week, and he would have been once again if not for an incredible showing from O'Neal.

3. Wesley Johnson

Weekly Average: 12 points, 6 rebounds, 2 steals, 1 assist in 27 minutes of play

Smilin' Wes has officially arrived! Johnson has emerged as the spot up three-point threat that the [Suns](#) have been missing all season. He has shown the scoring ability from deep and the defensive prowess that earned him the #4 pick in the draft just a few tears ago. Not only that, he has proven to be a very adept rebounder and has even scored some of his baskets by creating off the dribble; to the surprise of many who had witnessed him struggle with his ball-handling over the past few seasons. If Wes can keep this up, the Suns may want to offer him a brand new contract this off-season.

4. [Luis Scola](#)

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Weekly Average: 10 points, 4 rebounds, and 2 assist in 19 minutes of play

Scola seems to be adjusting to his new role on the team, which has been slightly reduced with the increased minutes for Markieff, as well as sharing some time with Beasley and Marcus as well. Still, Scola has been nothing if not consistent in what he brings to the team. Although his numbers were down slightly this week, he is one of the few players you can bank on night in and night out.

5. [Marcus Morris](#)

Weekly Average: 9 points, 3 rebounds in 17 minutes of play

Although Marcus barely knows the plays at this point, he has already stepped in and produced while registering significant minutes in the last two games. Marcus went 9/17 for the week including 5/8 from three and 4/6 from the line. Marcus outplayed Keef in terms of production and efficiency in his first full week as a Sun. Let's hope the brothers push each other to improve even more.

6. [Markieff Morris](#)

Weekly Average: 11 points, 4 rebounds, 2 assists in 27 minutes of play

Markieff has stepped up his game since the arrival of his twin, and is playing more productively as well. Keef went 14/30 from the field overall this week, which is much more efficient than he's been playing in the past. His three-point attempts are also down. he only registered five shots from beyond the arc this week and he made two of them, so hopefully this is a sign that he is becoming more aware of what his bread and butter should be. One area I would really like to see him improve upon though is his rebounding.

7. [Marcin Gortat](#)

Weekly Average: 8 points, 8 rebounds, 1 block in 26 minutes of play

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Gortat simply hasn't been himself lately. Despite posting respectable numbers from the week, his averages were inflated by one good game scoring wise (14 points against the T-Wolves), and one good game rebounding wise (15 rbs vs. the [Spurs](#)). But overall, he has been very inconsistent in both production and efficiency. Gortat went only 9/29 from the field for the week, and only 5/10 from the line as well. Marcin has been struggling despite getting plenty of minutes to find his rhythm, and at times just doesn't seem engaged in the game.

8. [P.J. Tucker](#)

Weekly Average: 4 points, 6 rebounds in 20 minutes of play

Tucker found his minutes reduced a bit this week with the emergence of Smilin' Wes at SG, and also the arrival of Marcus at SF. Still, Tucker finds a way to impact the game even without registering much on the stat sheet, which is why he has remained in the starting line-up to this point...although this could still certainly change in the future.

9. [Kendall Marshall](#)

Weekly Average: 3 points, 3 assists in 14 minutes of play

While Marshall certainly has a long way to go, he isn't doing things to hurt the team when he's out there and is proving to be more than capable of running an NBA offense. Not only that, for all of the concern over his lack of scoring, he did manage to shoot 4/10 from the field which certainly isn't the worst percentage on the team, and he seems to be getting more comfortable in taking the open shot when it presents itself.

10. Michael Beasley

Weekly Average: 3 points, 1 rebounds, 1 assists in 13 minutes of play

Beasley barely sneaks in to the top 10 list this week just edging out Jared Dudley who was slightly less productive and less efficient from the field despite playing more minutes. Beasley didn't have a good week at all, going 5/14 from the field...but it was still better than Dudz who shot a terrible 6/19 while doing little else to help the team despite averaging over 20 minutes this week. I wouldn't count on Dudley playing this poorly again, but unfortunately, it seems that Beas has regressed back into his earlier self with his poor shot selection and turnovers.

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Fortunately, [Lindsey Hunter](#) has plenty of wings to help take his minutes if he continues to slide.

So there you have it. Feel free to share your opinion in the comments below!