

Phoenix Suns 2012-13 Player Review: Markieff Morris

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Judging Morris based on his peers

Six of the nine players taken directly after Morris appear to have long, successful careers ahead of them while Morris is looking more and more like a squandered draft pick.

2012-13 Statistics	AGE	MP	FG%	3PT%	FT%	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TOV	PTS	PER100
Markieff Morris (21)	21	1837	0.457	0.316	0.732	6.42	7.8	2.1	1.3	1.9	11.1	0.011
Kahlil Leonard (12)	21	1810	0.499	0.355	0.810	2.09	6.9	1.8	1.0	0.9	13.7	0.028
Walter Hazzard (16)	22	1076	0.510	N/A	0.681	0.109	0.04	2.0	0.0	1.1	1.0	0.080
Grant Thornton (22)	22	996	0.396	0.402	0.756	0.480	4.9	3.0	1.0	0.3	1.0	0.071
Julian Morris (19)	20	1299	0.402	0.315	0.752	0.480	8.0	1.9	0.0	1.2	1.8	0.067
Orlando McKinney (2)	22	508	0.402	0.289	0.627	0.532	6.2	2.1	0.0	0.7	2.5	0.046
Gregory Porter (22)	21	2248	0.542	N/A	0.813	0.552	11.8	5.2	1.3	1.0	1.8	0.028

[Stats via Basketball-Reference.com](#)

This doesn't even include players such as [Jimmy Butler](#) (#30 first round), who just had 21 points and 14 rebounds in the [Bulls'](#) game one win at Miami, or

[Chandler Parsons](#)

(#38 second round), who absolutely puts Markieff to shame. The 2011 NBA draft was actually rife with solid players middle first round and below. Many of these players project as, or already are, starters. There may even be some potential all-stars, such as Faried, from this group.

Can Markieff progress and catch some of his draft class? Possibly. But it doesn't bode well that he is the oldest player on the above chart...

This glaring example of the [Suns'](#) ineptitude with the draft isn't Markieff's fault, though, so maybe another metric would be more valuable in gauging his performance. Which means another chart. I like charts.

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Markieff Morris (22)	22	1227	0.399	0.347	0.717	0.448	8.2	1.9	1.2	2.1	13.7	0.044