

Report: Phoenix Suns trade Caron Butler to Milwaukee

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Racine Journal Times writer Gery Woelfel is [reporting](#) the [Phoenix Suns](#) and [Milwaukee Bucks](#) are in trade talks centering around sending veteran small forward and new Sun [Caron Butler](#) to Wisconsin.

I [wrote](#) three weeks ago about Butler's role on the Suns and spelled out the reason why it might be a good idea for the Suns to keep him in Phoenix for the entire season. Is Dave's reverse-foresight spreading throughout the Bright Side staff? I guess we'll find out.

As of yet, Woelfel is the only person I've seen to report this news. He claims multiple sources, yet his report has not been confirmed by any other media members.

The Bucks do seem set on fighting for a playoff berth this season, and a veteran like Butler could help them do so. Summer free agent acquisition and presumed starter [Carlos Delfino](#) has a broken bone in his foot and might not be ready for the start of the season, according to Woelfel.

Butler was also born in Racine (part of the Milwaukee metro area) and was a Bucks fan growing up, so there could be motivation from both the Bucks and Butler to make this deal happen.

But what about the Suns? What might motivate them to do this deal? As of yet, Woelfel has not given any details about any other parts that might be involved in this deal (be it player or draft pick). The Bucks are currently about \$7 million below the cap, so they need only send back a smaller contract to make the deal work under the cap.

I'll leave it to you Bright Siders to speculate which players might be involved. But first, do you

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believe there is any truth to this rumor?

UPDATE

Butler himself either knows something we don't or he saw Woelfel's report. Either way, this thing might have some legs after all.

Much respect for the organization of the Phx Suns#staytuned

— Caron Butler (@realtuffjuice) [August 29, 2013](#)

****UPDATE 2****

ESPN's Marc Stein corroborated the report.

Source w/knowledge of talks confirms [@GeryWoelfel](#) report that Bucks trying to trade for Wisconsin native Caron Butler. Deal "still in works"

— Marc Stein (@ESPNSteinLine) [August 29, 2013](#)

*****Update 3*****

Stein says it's going down. Just waiting to get the details sorted out.

One source close to talks tells ESPN that Caron Butler has been informed that he will indeed wind up with Bucks. Teams hashing out details

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****Update 4****

Coro finally gives us the details.

A [#Suns](#) trade of Caron Butler to the Bucks for Ish Smith & Slava Kravtsov (no pick) should be finalized Thursday. Suns add \$5.65M cap space.

— Paul Coro (@paulcoro) [August 29, 2013](#)

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