

## Phoenix Suns Players of the Week: Eric Bledsoe and Goran Dragic

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The Suns had a short, but impressive week going 2-0 against the Lakers on the road, and the Kings at home. Many players had a part in both of the wins, but there were two in particular that stood out from the rest. Rather than narrowing it down to just one player of the week this time around, it's only right to nominate the dynamic duo in the Suns' back-court who both helped carry the Suns to victory.

### The Players of the Week

**Eric Bledsoe**

#### Weekly Stat Averages:

**Points:** 23.0    **FG%:** .514    **Assists:** 8.5    **Steals:** 3.0    **Rebounds:** 4.5

In my opinion, Eric Bledsoe had the best week of his career thus far. Not only did he register a new career high in points against the Kings by scoring 28, he helped the team in a wide variety of ways this week as you can tell from his stat line. However, the most impressive thing of all in my opinion is how well he seemed to play along side of Dragic, and then make the transition to leading the team without Goran in the line-up as well.

**Goran Dragic**

#### Weekly Stat Averages:

**Points:** 30.0    **FG%:** .593    **Assists:** 4.0    **Steals:** 1.0    **Rebounds:** 3.0

There is no doubt that Goran Dragic has been the most consistent player on the Suns so far this season, and he's now becoming the Suns most lethal scoring threat as well. Dragic has had fewer assists in the last couple of weeks, but has significantly increased his scoring. Although it was only two games, he still managed to average 30 points this week...that's a pretty big deal. Not only that, he did so while shooting nearly 60% from the field, which includes hitting 6-11 from beyond the arc.

### The Slash Brothers

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This week, the Suns' starting back-court averaged a combined 53 points a game while shooting 55% from the field...tremendous! While Dragic led the tandem in both scoring and field goal percentage, Bledsoe had the most assists and steals...But they both contributed heavily in all aspects of the game. The most important thing is they really seem to be figuring out how to play together, now that they are both finally healthy at the same time.

However, they are also taking turns leading the team while the other one rests, which is just as, if not more important. This way the Suns are never without at least one of them on the floor...which should hopefully help them sustain leads and continue their winning ways.

Although the "Splash Brothers" of the Golden State Warriors are currently recognized as the premier back-court duo of the NBA, the "Slash Brothers" of the Suns are quickly building their case to be in that conversation. In fact, they may even have the upper hand if they can continue to perform at such a high level, since Dragic and Bledsoe possess so much more than just a lethal shooting game.

Time will tell...it's still far too early to draw any conclusions. But isn't it great just knowing that the Suns have a tandem that is even in the discussion?

### Poll Will Dragic and Bledsoe become the best back-court duo in the NBA this season?

- Yes, they are just beginning to develop their chemistry together, and will continue to improve as the season goes on
- No, they are playing well but will never be considered better than Stephan Curry and Klay Thompson

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