

## Reign On Phoenix Suns Weekly Heat Check: Archie Goodwin

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The Suns had an ugly week, going 1-2 overall, but punctuated by a big win on national TV to end it on a high note. Several players made their mark this week, including Mr. 40 points, but one player is really starting to come into his own and could soon become another play maker on both sides of the court.

The NBA is all about which player and team can rule the court in the most epic fashion and Bright Side of the Sun has teamed up with Crown Royal to rank the best of the best [Phoenix Suns](#)

players each and every week. Which player(s) ruled the court this week? #ReignOn

[Archie Goodwin](#) aka "The Mongoose"

### Weekly Stat Averages:

**Minutes:** 17    **Points:** 8.6    **FG%:** .385    **Rebounds:** 4.3    **Steals:** 1.0

Although this week will be remembered for the way that [Goran Dragic](#) played, and how he dominated the [New Orleans Pelicans](#)

on a sore ankle to score 40 points, there was another player who also turned some heads.

Archie Goodwin, the 29th draft pick in the 2013 draft, has always been considered an investment for the future since he was first picked by the Suns. The Suns' front office believed that the then 18 year-old Goodwin had blue-chip talent and would have been a lottery pick in the 2014 draft if he had stayed at Kentucky another year.

Knowing that it would take time to develop Archie's skill set and polish his game was part of the plan. The Suns have been bringing him along very slowly this season, without expectations or

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pressure, giving him mostly spot minutes on the court and sending him to the D-League on a couple of assignments to give him extra playing time.

However, in the last few games, the Suns have begun to give Goodwin a few more minutes, and his improvement over when he first began playing this season has been apparent.

Looking at the stats above, nothing seems spectacular about his play based solely on the numbers alone. However, when you watch him play, you can't help but notice the raw talent and immense potential.

Archie had his break out game against Utah this week, in one of the worst overall games the Suns played this season.

In that game, Goodwin played 27 minutes and scored 16 points on 6-10 shooting. He also grabbed 7 rebounds, 2 steals, and registered a block as well.

Goodwin also scored 10 points in the game before against the [Timberwolves](#), where he went 5-9 from the field in his 16 minutes of play.

Although Archie only played 8 minutes last night and failed to score against the Pelicans, this has definitely been his best week as a Sun. If nothing else, it is giving him valuable experience competing against NBA talent, and will help him continue to develop into the player the front office envisioned him becoming when they drafted him.

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### Poll **How will Eric Bledsoe's eventual return impact Archie Goodwin's development this season?**

- Bledsoe will help mentor him on the court. Goodwin will still get minutes as Smith and Barbosa see less time on the court.
- With Bledsoe back in the line-up, Goodwin's minutes will be reduced once more. He will play only sparsely.

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