



# POSTGAME NOTES

Dallas Mavericks (19-22) vs. Phoenix Suns (10-33)

Wednesday, January 9, 2019

**Mavericks 104, Suns 94**

## 2018-19 Season Series Info:

Date	Site	Result
10/17/18	Phoenix	L, 100-121
12/13/18	Phoenix	L, 89-99
1/9/19	Dallas	W, 104-94
4/9/19	Dallas	

## All-Time Regular Season Series Info:

	Mavs Wins	Suns Wins
<b>Overall:</b>	72	85
<b>at Dallas:</b>	46	33
<b>at Phoenix:</b>	26	52

- **TONIGHT'S KEY RUN:** The Mavericks used a 16-2 run (from the 9:37-mark of the third quarter through the 5:31-mark of the period) to turn a seven-point deficit (55-48) into a seven-point advantage (64-57). Dallas then led for the duration of the game.

## NOTES

- Mavericks guard/forward Luka Dončić, the No. 3 overall pick in this past year's draft who entered tonight leading all rookies in scoring (19.6 ppg), tallied a game-high 30 points (8-14 FGs, 4-9 3FGs, 10-16 FTs) to go along with six rebounds, a team-high-tying five assists and a game-high-tying three steals in 36 minutes. He posted his fourth 30-point effort of the season. It's already the fourth-most 30-point outings by a Mavericks rookie in team history. Jay Vincent (15 in 1981-82), Jamal Mashburn (7 in 1993-94) and Mark Aguirre (5 in 1981-82) are the only Dallas rookies to record more.
- Dončić (4) is the only rookie with multiple 30-point games this season. Phoenix's Deandre Ayton, Atlanta's Trae Young and Memphis' Jaren Jackson each have recorded one.
- Mavericks forward Maxi Kleber made his fourth start of the season (39<sup>th</sup> career) and recorded season highs of 13 points (4-7 FGs, 2-4 3FGs, 3-3 FTs) and nine rebounds to go along with one assist, one steal and a game-high-tying two blocks in 34 minutes. His previous high point total was 12 (vs. Chicago 10/22) and his previous high rebounding effort was 8 (at Toronto 10/26). It was Kleber's eighth double-figure scoring effort of the season (Dallas improved to 5-3 in such games). The Mavericks improved to 3-1 this season with Kleber in the starting lineup.
- Mavericks forward Harrison Barnes went a perfect 10-of-10 from the foul line en route to tallying 17 points, four boards, three assists and two steals in 35 minutes. It marked the third time in his career that Barnes made at least 10 free throws in a game without a miss. He went 10-of-10 from the stripe at Milwaukee (4/2/17) and 10-of-10 from the line vs. Boston (11/20/17).
- The Mavericks attempted a season-high 45 free throws on the night (32-of-45, .711). Their previous high in a game this year was 43 vs. Atlanta on 12/12 (32-of-43, .744).
- With the win, Dallas improved to 16-4 (.800) at home this season.
- With the win, Dallas reached the midway point of the season with a 19-22 (.463) record. The Mavericks were 13-28 (.317) at the halfway point in 2017-18.
- Mavericks forward T.J. Warren had 20 points and seven boards in 39 minutes. He posted his 23<sup>rd</sup> 20-point game of the season.
- Suns center Deandre Ayton, the No. 1 overall pick in this past year's draft who entered tonight ranked second among rookies in scoring (16.7 ppg), managed six points (1-7 FGs, 4-4 FTs), five rebounds, one steal and one block in 20 minutes.
- The Mavericks were within two (32-30) midway through the second quarter, but the Suns used an 8-2 spurt to extend their lead to eight (40-32) with 4:25 left in the period. Phoenix held a four-point edge (50-46) at the half.
- The Mavericks used a 16-2 run (from the 9:37-mark of the third quarter through the 5:31-mark of the period) to turn a seven-point deficit (55-48) into a seven-point advantage (64-57).
- Dallas closed the third period on a 30-14 run and took a nine-point lead (78-69) into the fourth.
- Dennis Smith Jr. (mid back tightness) and Dirk Nowitzki (illness) both missed the game for Dallas due to injury/illness. Ray Spalding, Daryl Macon and Kostas Antetokounmpo remained on assignment with the Mavericks' G-League affiliate, the Texas Legends. Devin Booker missed the game for Phoenix due to back spasms. Jawun Evans and George King were on assignment with Phoenix's G-League team, the Northern Arizona Suns.
- The attendance for tonight's game was 19,596. The Mavericks have now sold out 698 consecutive regular-season home games, which is an NBA-best sellout streak. The streak began on 12/15/01 and Dallas has sold out an additional 67 playoff games during that same stretch.

**The Mavericks' next game is at Minnesota on Jan. 11 at 7:00 p.m. CT**

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