



# POSTGAME NOTES

Dallas Mavericks (33-48) vs. Phoenix Suns (19-63)

Tuesday, April 9, 2019

**Mavericks 120, Suns 109**

## 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	W, 120-109

## All-Time Regular Season Series Info:

	Mavs Wins	Suns Wins
<b>Overall:</b>	73	85
<b>at Dallas:</b>	47	33
<b>at Phoenix:</b>	26	52

- **TONIGHT'S KEY RUN:** The Mavericks used an early 14-2 run to turn a one-point deficit (8-7) into an 11-point advantage (21-10). Dirk Nowitzki sparked the run with a 3-pointer at the 9:02-mark of the first quarter (it gave him 10 points for the game – he scored Dallas' first 10 points of the contest). After Nowitzki scored his 10<sup>th</sup> point of the contest (to put Dallas up 10-8), the Mavericks led for the duration of the game.

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- Mavericks forward Dirk Nowitzki tallied a team-high 30 points (11-31 FGs, 5-14 3FGs, 3-3 FTs), including Dallas' first 10 points of the game, to go along with eight rebounds, a season-high-tying three assists and one block in a season-high 33 minutes. It marked his 245<sup>th</sup> career 30-point effort and his first since 3/20/16 vs. Portland (40 points in an overtime game). It was also the first time he scored 30 in a regulation-length game since 3/12/16 vs. Indiana (30 points). The Mavericks improved to 186-59 (.759) all-time when Nowitzki scores 30. He attempted 31 field goals on the night, his most field goal attempts in a game since 11/3/10 at Denver (15-of-31, .484). Dallas improved to 8-3 all-time when Nowitzki attempts at least 30 field goals in a game.
- Mavericks rookie Luka Dončić recorded his eighth triple-double of the season with 21 points, a career-high (game-high) 16 rebounds, a game-high 11 assists and a game-high-tying three steals in 32 minutes. His previous high-rebounding effort was 15 vs. Houston on 3/10/19. Dončić passed Magic Johnson (seven in 1979-80) for the third-most triple-doubles by a rookie in NBA history. Only Oscar Robertson (26 in 1960-61) and Ben Simmons (12 in 2017-18) have produced more as a first-year player.
- Mavericks forward Dorian Finney-Smith notched his second straight double-double (third of the season, fourth career) with 15 points (7-9 FGs, 1-2 3FGs) and 10 boards in 20 minutes off the bench.
- Mavericks center Dwight Powell posted his sixth double-double of the season (16<sup>th</sup> career) with 11 points, 11 rebounds, three assists and a game-high three blocks in 27 minutes. In 23 games (21 starts) since the All-Star break, Powell is averaging 15.1 points, 7.3 rebounds and 2.5 assists in 30.6 minutes per game. He is shooting 62.5 percent (125-200 FGs) from the field, 39.6 percent (21-53 3FGs) from 3-point range and 79.4 percent (77-97 FTs) from the foul line in that span (2/22-4/9/19).
- Mavericks guard Devin Harris made his first start of the season (447<sup>th</sup> career) and recorded 14 points, including 11 in the first half, to go along with three boards, five assists and one block in 22 minutes. Dallas improved to 5-1 this season when Harris scores 14-plus points.
- Suns guard Jamal Crawford registered a season-high (game-high) 51 points (18-30 FGs, 7-13 3FGs, 8-9 FTs) in 38 minutes off the bench. The 51 points were one shy of his career-high (52 vs. Miami 1/26/07). It marked the fourth time he scored 50 in a game in his career and the first since 12/20/08 at Charlotte (50 points).
- Following tonight's game, a special ceremony was held honoring Dirk Nowitzki's historic 21<sup>st</sup> season. Mavericks owner Mark Cuban, Mavericks head coach Rick Carlisle, Maverick guards J.J. Barea and Devin Harris, and former NBA greats Larry Bird, Charles Barkley, Scottie Pippen, Shawn Kemp and Detlef Schrempf spoke on Nowitzki's behalf. Former Maverick greats Jason Terry and Shawn Marion, who were both a part of the Dallas' 2011 NBA championship team, were also a part of the ceremony.
- Courtney Lee (left hip contusion), Tim Hardaway Jr. (left tibia stress reaction), J.J. Barea (right Achilles surgery) and Kristaps Porzingis (left knee surgery) all missed the game for Dallas due to injury/recovery. Devin Booker (left ankle sprain), Deandre Ayton (left ankle sprain), Tyler Johnson (right knee injury), Kelly Oubre Jr. (left thumb injury), T.J. Warren (right ankle soreness) and Richaun Holmes (left ankle sprain) did not play for Phoenix.
- The attendance for tonight's game was 21,041. The Mavericks have now sold out 719 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.

**Dallas' final game of the 2018-19 season is at San Antonio on April 9 at 7 p.m. CT**

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