

Mavs Finding Ways to Win

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When is it good to be playing poorly? Well, when you are winning. Look at the Mavericks. The Mavs are not playing to their potential right now. Not at all. But they are winning.

The Mavericks are 6-2. The team is scoring 96.3 points per game. The team is giving up 96.3 points per game. The Mavericks are shooting 45% from the field and just 35% from 3 point range…I think that those numbers are going to improve as the team and Avery gel.

Despite some poor performances, the Mavs continue to put W’s on the board. One of the key reasons the team has won 6 games is their defensive play. Teams that play good defense can survive when the jump shots aren’t falling.

The Mavericks also have another big thing going for them. And that is a spectacular bench. The Mavs 2nd team is a potent unit. They may have the best 2nd unit in the NBA behind San Antonio. This bench allows Avery Johnson the luxury of depth. Depth at every position.

You can’t expect teams to be very very sharp as the season starts . Coaches realize how long the season is and they tend to just coax their teams into the flow of the season. So, it is great that the Mavs are winning during this process. They are winning games against good teams and they are winning in situations that wouldn’t ordinarily produce victories.

If you are a Maverick fan you should be very encouraged by the team’s ability to win when they are not playing at their best. The NBA is a long long season. It’s a marathon and the Mavs are off to a solid start. This club is going to win 50+ basketball games this season. But this team will measure its success based on playoff victories. Playoff position is important and wins in November produce a better playoff seed in April