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## Rangers rally falls short, 8-6

Chicago scored seven runs in the fourth and held on to beat Vicente Padilla and the Rangers, 8-6. **ICC**

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- Cowboys ask free agent Kyle Kosier to replace Larry Allen at left guard. **ICC**
- The FW Cats' Luke Hochevar has bright financial future. **ICC**
- Students who transfer from Mexico may lose athletic eligibility. **ICC**
- Garland beat Keller, 4-1, in 13 innings to win the Class 5A state softball title. **ICC**

METRO

### Hockaday student to chase fast dreams

Hockaday senior Lindsey Adams, 19, is deferring admission to Baylor after graduation to be a racecar driver. **Metro**

### Cowboys stadium right on schedule

Arlington officials said the work on the three-year, \$650 million construction of the Cowboys stadium is on schedule. **Metro**

DESPERADOS

### ArenaBowl XX berth on line today

The Desperados host Orlando today at AAC with an ArenaBowl XX berth on the line. (2 p.m., Ch. 5). **3C**

COLLEGES

### UCLA knocks out Longhorns, 2-0

Andrea Duran had an inside-the-park home run as UCLA eliminated Texas, 2-0, from the Women's College World Series. **5C**

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- Rafael Nadal extends clay streak at French Open. **3C**
- World Cup Group D preview. **4C**
- Oklahoma State sweeps NCAA men's golf meet. **6C**

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Boston.....2	Philadelphia....2
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Kansas City.....1	at Milwaukee....3
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	at Colorado.....0

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## NBA Western Conference finals, Game 6: Mavericks 102, Suns 93

Dallas wins series, 4-2. **UP NEXT:** NBA Finals vs. Miami Heat, 8 p.m. Thursday (Ch. 8; ESPN-FM 103.3, KFLC-AM 1270 in Spanish)

# Final frontier

## Recovery launches Mavs into uncharted territory



BRAD LOPER/Staff Photographer

After a 2-for-9 start, Dirk Nowitzki got the Mavs up and running. He scored 12 in a 17-6 run to close the third quarter, leading Dallas to its first NBA Finals.

## Nowitzki, Terry fuel rally from 18 down to end 26-year wait

By RACHEL COHEN  
Staff Writer

PHOENIX — They could have conceded and regrouped for Game 7, knowing they'd still be the favorites to advance with a crazed home crowd awaiting in Dallas.

But that's not how these Mavericks do it. And that's why they've done more than any group in franchise history.

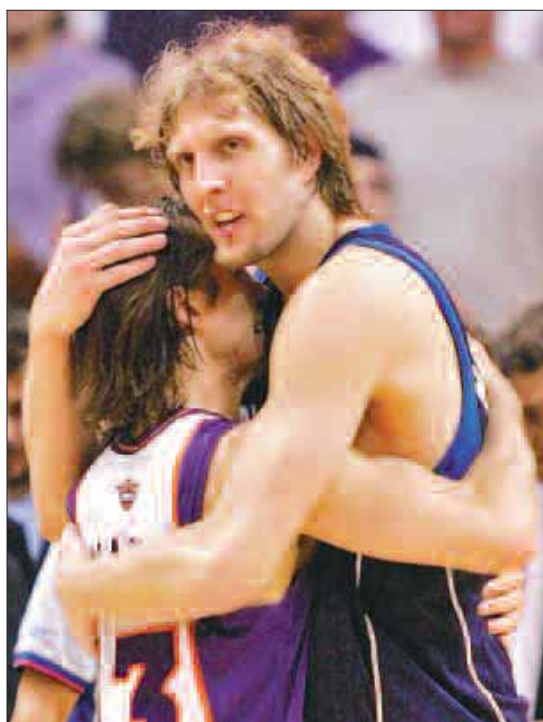
After a quarter-century of a few close calls and a lot of not-even-nears, the NBA Finals are coming to Dallas. The Mavericks fell behind big on the road Saturday night in Game 6 of the Western Conference finals at US Airways Center, yet they rallied for a 102-93 win over the Suns — and 4-2 series victory.

Dallas hosts Shaquille O'Neal, Dwyane Wade and the Miami Heat on Thursday in Game 1.

"This wasn't our goal," said veteran Jerry Stackhouse, one of several fourth-quarter stars. "Obviously, this feels good; this is a huge steppingstone to our final goal. But when we started in training camp, our goal was to win the championship, and so that requires us getting four more wins."

The Mavericks trailed by as many as 18 points in the first half. They came back for the same rea-

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📧 Mavs playoffs blog on DallasNews.com: Our team is blogging before, during and after the games. Check it out and join in the conversation.

Steve Nash and Dirk Nowitzki embrace after Dallas got payback for last year.

## Question now is, can Miami stand heat of Dallas' D?

PHOENIX — We should have known there would be a strangeness, a certain ugliness to Game 6 if the Mavericks were to prevail. After all, they were trying to do something that hadn't been done in the 26-year history of the franchise.

And so it was that Dallas played one of its worst playoff quarters ever and came back to knock off the Phoenix Suns, 102-93, to advance to its first NBA Finals.

Let it be stated one more time for all to hear: Dallas does defense.

Nobody goes to the Suns what the Mavericks did Saturday night at US Airways Center. Nobody.

Phoenix got it going early while Dallas slept through the first quarter (maybe the 5:30 local start time just seemed too weird for the Mavs). The Suns led 29-14 after one quarter.

Phoenix scored 64 points in the final three quarters and suffered a six-minute scoring drought in the second half that changed the game.

"I thought it was great the way we turned up our defense," Mavs coach Avery Johnson said.

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TICKETS ON SALE TODAY

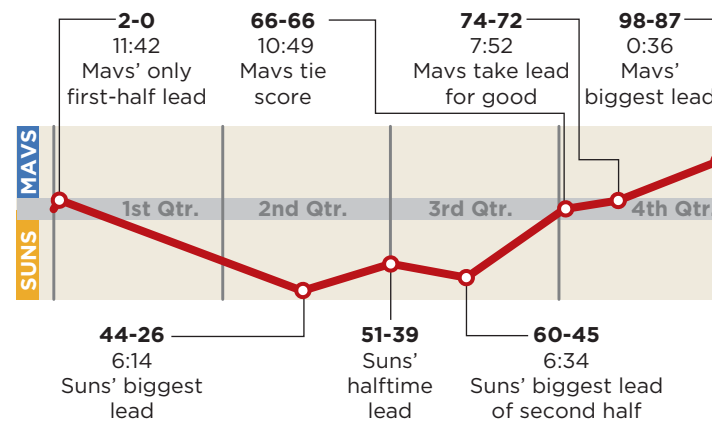
About 1,400 tickets for each of the first two NBA Finals games at American Airlines Center will go on sale at 10 a.m. today at mavs.com, at 214-747-6287, 800-462-2849 or via lottery (beginning at 7 a.m.) at AAC's north box office.

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- Josh Howard's defense on Steve Nash helped slow the Suns in the second half, **13C**
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CHANGE OF MOMENTUM

The Mavericks rallied from 18 points down in the second quarter to defeat Phoenix, 102-93, and advance to the NBA Finals.



## NBA FINALS: MAVERICKS VS. MIAMI HEAT

(\*If necessary; all games on Ch. 8; ESPN-FM 103.3, KFLC-AM 1270 in Spanish) **Coming Thursday: NBA Finals preview**



**GAME 1**  
8 p.m. Thursday at Dallas

**GAME 2**  
8 p.m. June 11 at Dallas

**GAME 3**  
8 p.m. June 13 at Miami

**GAME 4**  
8 p.m. June 15 at Miami

**GAME 5\***  
8 p.m. June 18 at Miami

**GAME 6\***  
8 p.m. June 20 at Dallas

**GAME 7\***  
8 p.m. June 22 at Dallas

