

# Evenly matched



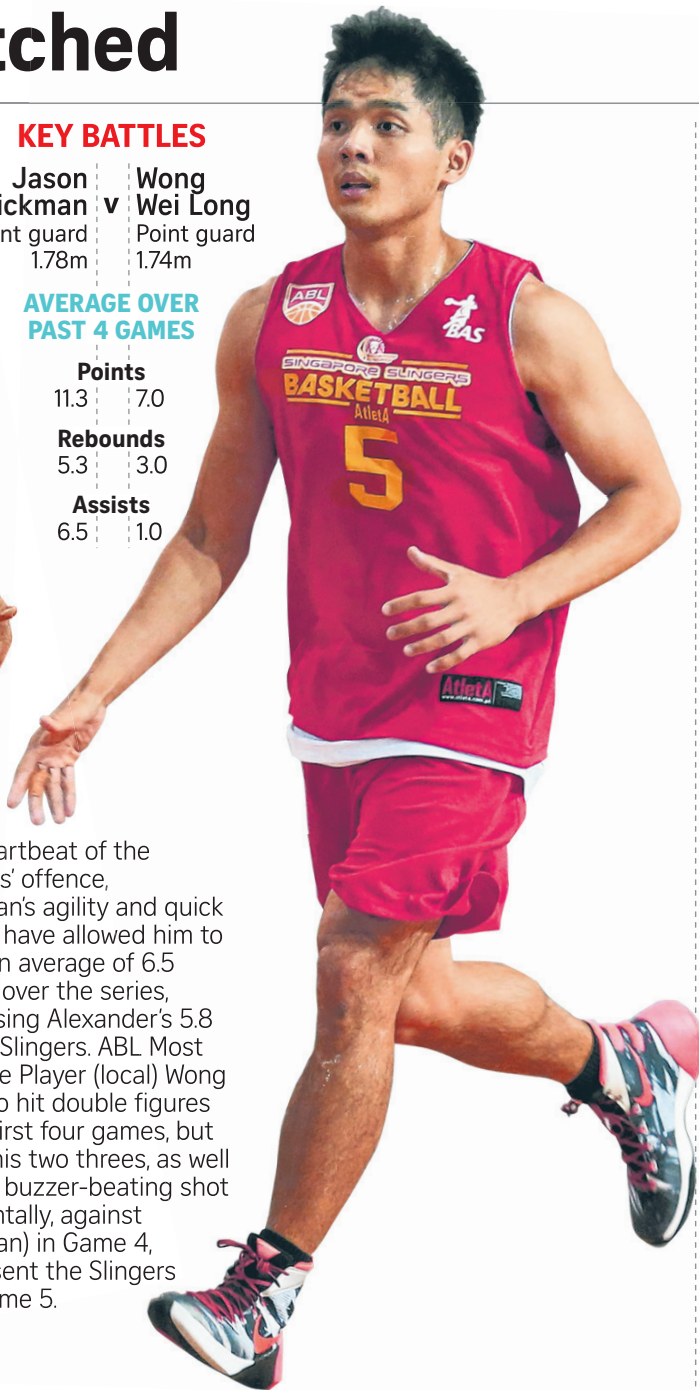
## KEY BATTLES

**Jason Brickman** v **Wong Wei Long**  
Point guard 1.78m | Point guard 1.74m

## AVERAGE OVER PAST 4 GAMES

<b>Points</b>	11.3	7.0
<b>Rebounds</b>	5.3	3.0
<b>Assists</b>	6.5	1.0

The heartbeat of the Dragons' offence, Brickman's agility and quick passes have allowed him to claim an average of 6.5 assists over the series, surpassing Alexander's 5.8 for the Slingers. ABL Most Valuable Player (local) Wong failed to hit double figures in the first four games, but it was his two threes, as well as that buzzer-beating shot (incidentally, against Brickman) in Game 4, which sent the Slingers into Game 5.



**Reginald Johnson**  
Centre, 2.08m



**Justin Howard**  
Centre, 2.11m

## AVERAGE OVER PAST 4 GAMES

21.0	13.0	1.8	21.0	12.5	2.8
<b>pts</b>	<b>reb</b>	<b>assists</b>	<b>pts</b>	<b>reb</b>	<b>assists</b>

In the battle of the big men, MVP (world import) Johnson is more than just a wrecking ball in the paint, and is capable of scoring threes. Howard, the tallest player in the series, has proved more than a match for his stockier counterpart. He is, however, prone to the odd mediocre outing like in Game 3, where he shot just two-for-15 to finish with a measly five points.



**Calvin Godfrey**  
Forward, 2.03m



**Xavier Alexander**  
Swingman, 1.95m

## AVERAGE OVER PAST 4 GAMES

17.8	12.3	1.3	17.8	10.0	5.8
<b>pts</b>	<b>reb</b>	<b>assists</b>	<b>pts</b>	<b>reb</b>	<b>assists</b>

Known for his athleticism, Godfrey bounced back from a miserable Game 1 to be a thorn in the Slingers' side, most notably finishing off an alley-oop that silenced the Singapore crowd in Game 3. He will have his hands full guarding the penetrative runs of Alexander, who was outstanding in Game 1. The Slingers, however, cannot afford to lose their talisman to foul trouble again, after his fouling out in Game 3 led to the team's eventual collapse.

## SWING FACTORS

Rank **Dragons**

- Matthew Wright **23.1 ppg**
- Johnson **21.6 ppg**
- Godfrey **21.3 ppg**

## Best offence v best defence

**Slingers**

- Howard **20.8ppg**

Slingers  
**75.6**

The Dragons have the best offence, with three men in the top five for points per game (ppg) in the regular season. Howard is the Slingers' best with 20.8 ppg.

On the other hand, the Slingers have the best defence in the ABL, limiting their opponents to an average of 75.6 points in the regular season.

## Local flavour

Slingers' locals **25.8 ppg**  
Dragons' locals **13.3 ppg**

## Slow start

**Slingers**

Game 1: **14-23** | Game 3: **18-18**  
Game 2: **18-23** | Game 4: **17-18**

The Dragons are heavily reliant on their four imports (Wright, Brickman, Johnson and Godfrey)

The Slingers have never led at the end of the first quarter in all four games.

## Fouls

Slingers **3** | Dragons **1**

## All square in KL

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Foul trouble has been an issue for the Slingers in the Finals. Bar Game 1, they have had a player fouling out in each game. The Dragons have had only one foul-out.

The Dragons have won all but three of their 22 games at home this season. Yet the Slingers actually have a decent record in Kuala Lumpur, winning half of the four games played there.

## ROAD TO GAME 5

	Venue	Date	Result	Man of the Match
Game 1	KL	March 11	Slingers 84-80	Xavier Alexander (Slingers)
Game 2	KL	March 13	Dragons 83-67	Calvin Godfrey (Dragons)
Game 3	S'pore	March 18	Dragons 90-72	Reginald Johnson (Dragons)
Game 4	S'pore	March 20	Slingers 75-73	Wong Wei Long (Slingers)