



POSTGAME NOTES
ATLANTA HAWKS vs. MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2014
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POSTGAME STATISTICS
FINAL SCORE: HAWKS 120, TIMBERWOLVES 113

SEASON RECORDS:

- Atlanta 25-21 (Home: 16-7)
- Minnesota 23-24 (Road: 10-15)

	HAWKS	TIMBERWOLVES
LEADING SCORER	Korver – 24	Love – 43
LEADING REBOUNDER	Millsap – 13	Love – 19
ASSIST LEADER	Teague – 8	Rubio – 11
FG%	.467 (43-92)	.440 (37-84)
3-PT FG%	.391 (9-23)	.375 (6-16)
FT%	.833 (25-30)	.846 (33-39)
ASSISTS	30	25
TURNOVERS	16	17
REBOUNDS (O-D-T)	15-33-48	14-32-46

BEYOND THE BOX SCORE

HAWKS NOTES:

- The Hawks improved to 7-3 against the Western Conference at Philips Arena and defeated Minnesota for the 11th straight time at home.
- Ranked first in assists (25.6 per game entering the contest), Atlanta recorded 30 helpers tonight, marking its 10th game (second consecutive) with at least 30 this season (9-1 in those contests).
- The Hawks' 120 points tonight marked the first time since 4/12/04 and 4/14/04 that they scored at least 120 points in consecutive contests (125 last game) ... Atlanta has scored at least 100 points in eight of the last nine games.
- For the second consecutive contest, Atlanta tied its highest third quarter scoring output of the season with 38 points (set last night in Philadelphia) ... In their last two third quarters, the Hawks have outscored their opponents 76-44.
- The Hawks entered the game seventh in turnovers forced per game (15.0) and created 17 Minnesota miscues ... Atlanta converted the turnovers into 28 points, falling one short of a season-high.
- Entering the contest ranked third in steals (8.9 per game), Atlanta's 12 steals marked its 19th game, and fifth in the last six, with at least 10 thefts.
- Paul Millsap tallied 20 points and a team-high 13 rebounds to record his team-leading 17th double-double (ninth game with 20+points/10+rebounds) of the season ... He added three steals, two assists and a block in 32 minutes ... Millsap entered tonight ninth in the league in steals per game (1.8), has nine steals over his last two games and has at least one steal in a career-high 18 straight contests.
- Kyle Korver scored a team-high 24 points (7-9 FGs, 3-5 3FGs, 7-8 FTs) and added four rebounds, three assists and a block in 36 minutes ... He extended his NBA record of consecutive games with at least one 3FGM made to 115 ... Tonight Korver converted his 300th three-pointer as a member of the Hawks (currently at 302) ... He scored 12 points in the third quarter, shooting a perfect 4-4 FGs, 3-3 3FGs, 1-1 FTs ... Atlanta improved to 5-1 when Korver scores at least 20 points this season.
- DeMarre Carroll contributed 19 points, five rebounds, a season-high tying four assists and three steals in 31 minutes ... He has scored in double-figures in a career-best seven straight games, averaging 15.7 per contest over the span.
- Jeff Teague scored 19 points, including 6-6 FTs, and added a team-high eight assists, three rebounds, three steals and a block in 22 minutes.
- Mike Scott led Atlanta's reserves with 14 points (5-9 FGs, 1-2 3FGs, 3-4 FTs) adding six rebounds and three assists in 22 minutes ... Scott has scored at least 10 points in a career-high 11 straight games (14.1 points, .537 FG%, .875 FT%, .367% over the span).

TIMBERWOLVES NOTES:

- Minnesota hit a season-high 33 free-throws and outscored the Hawks 54-52 in the paint.
- Kevin Love notched his 40th double-double of the season, tallying game-highs of 43 points (12-22 FGs, 2-3 3FGs, 17-18 FTs) and 19 rebounds ... He added one assist and one steal in 38 minutes.
- Ricky Rubio handed out a game-high 11 assists and added five points, five steals and four rebounds in 32 minutes.

ATLANTA HAWKS POSTGAME QUOTES

vs. Minnesota Timberwolves, February 1, 2014

Hawks Head Coach Mike Budenholzer

(On the game)

"I think the third quarter tonight was something we can reference going forward on how we want to play, particularly defensively, to hold them to 21 points in a quarter, with the way they score the ball. Then obviously we turned defense into offense, kind of getting a hold of the game. I thought DeMarre Carroll responded well after halftime. The whole group responded. DeMarre sets a defensive tone for us. I think everybody else follows that. There are a lot of guys that stepped up and did different things when it got close late. Mike Scott came off the bench when Paul Millsap gets his sixth foul and makes a big three-pointer. Jeff Teague makes a big three-pointer, Gustavo makes a layup, and DeMarre steps up and makes five out of six free throws. Some of those were loose ball situations where he (Carroll) just wanted it."

(On Carroll's offense)

"I think the great thing for DeMarre is he missed a few shots in the first half, and that was part of him coming back in the second half. I don't know for sure what he had at halftime, but he really had a great second half. The last two weeks, give or take, he's really been shooting the ball well and he's really confident. I think our spacing and ball movement is good. We're working daily with the entire team about spacing and maintaining our discipline. DeMarre is getting better about spacing and being ready to catch and shoot. He's knocking down shots."

(On the three-point shots falling in the second half)

"You can argue that the percentages are about to flip on you. If you're 2-for-11 (in the first half), you should shoot more because you're going to make them. Sometimes that happens, sometimes that doesn't. I really think there's a system and a style and a way that we want to play. We want to build those habits. That includes spacing the court, and attacking and penetrating. If we have the rim, we'll take the rim. If we have three's, we'll take three's. We just want to take what the game gives us. I always want our guys to be confident in shooting."

Kyle Korver

(On the third quarter)

"I got some good screens. We were really playing with pace, the ball was skipping around. We were just doing what we do, but doing it with pace. Eventually I was able to get shots."

(On the message at halftime)

"Coach laid into us at halftime. He really did. I thought the guys responded. Obviously it was a great third quarter for us. Hopefully he doesn't have to talk to us like that all the time. It worked tonight."

(On closing out the game)

"We got a couple of offensive rebounds, a couple of scrappy plays, and we were able to get good looks at the basket. We got to the free throw line a bunch. It was great. You have to give Kevin Love a lot of credit. He just kept on coming. He's relentless down there. He got off the boards, hit a couple of three's, and he really kept them in the game."

Jeff Teague

(On Mike Scott)

"Mike's a capable player. A million times I've said it. He should've been in the Rising Stars challenge. He's played well. I can't say enough about him. Coming from not playing at all last year, he's giving us great minutes this year."

(On Ayon's late layup)

"He's being consistent and playing hard. He took his opportunity and made the most of it."

MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES POSTGAME QUOTES

at Atlanta Hawks, February 1, 2014

Timberwolves Head Coach Rick Adelman

(Opening statement)

"We turned the ball over (in the second half) and (the Hawks) got it going. (Giving up) 72 points (in the second half) is not going to do it. The first five minutes (of the third quarter) set the tone for the whole half."

(On Hawks 5-0 run to end first half turning game around)

"Very poor possessions. We were 11 up with 30 seconds to go and didn't take care of it at the end. We turned it over and fouled a guy shooting a three. You have to finish halves and you have to finish quarters. I think Corey (Brewer) got a little too aggressive. He was right next to (Kyle Korver) and he's shooting a prayer. You just have to let it go. If he makes it, he makes it."

(On Kevin Love's performance)

"He played his tail off and he kept battling. But we have to look at the defensive end in the second half. We were not very good."

Kevin Love

(On the game)

"I thought how we finished the first half and how we started the second were pretty telling. That was just a big momentum shift for us. To not have (Nikola Pekovic) for the last two games is really tough, because you're having to make up for 20 points and 10 rebounds. I didn't even know I had (43 points) until after the game. I was just trying to get us back in the game by any means. My teammates set me up with a lot of good shots, but a loss, especially right now, is tough. We need (Pekovic) back."

(On if losing is becoming discouraging)

"It's tough. We all went out there and fought. It's just that in that second half we had a little bit of a letdown. We had to fight back and got close, but (the Hawks) hit some big shots."