



POSTGAME NOTES
ATLANTA HAWKS vs. MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES
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POSTGAME STATISTICS
FINAL SCORE: HAWKS 104, TIMBERWOLVES 96

UPDATED RECORDS:

- **Atlanta** is 23-18 on the season and 14-7 at home.
- **Minnesota** is 17-21 on the season and 6-15 on the road.

	HAWKS	TIMBERWOLVES
LEADING SCORER	Horford – 28	Williams – 17
LEADING REBOUNDER	Horford – 10	Kirilenko – 6
ASSIST LEADER	Teague – 10	Barea - 7
FG %	.577 (41-71)	.486 (36-74)
3-PT FG%	.625 (10-16)	.357 (5-14)
FT %	.571 (12-21)	.731 (19-26)
ASSISTS	32	24
TURNOVERS	22	20
REBOUNDS (O-D-T)	7-25-32	10-20-30

BEYOND THE BOX SCORE

HAWKS NOTES:

- The Hawks mounted their largest comeback of the season (18 points) to defeat the Timberwolves for the 10th consecutive time at Philips Arena ... Atlanta has beaten the Timberwolves in 12-of-their-last-13 matchups.
- The Hawks tied a season-best by shooting .577 (41-71) from the field ... The second half was critical for the Hawks as they shot .742 (23-31) from the field (a high for any half this season), .778 (7-9) from the three-point line and outscored Minnesota 60-38 in the third and fourth quarters ... Atlanta made 10-16 three's for a season-best .625 from behind the arc, their 13th time hitting 10-or-more.
- Atlanta's 32 assists are the third-most by the team this season ... Atlanta improved to 16-3 when recording at least 24 assists and 5-0 this season when recording at least 30 assists.
- Atlanta's bench had three players score in double-figures led by Jannero Pargo's 16, and outscored Minnesota's reserves 55-38 ... The Hawks also outpointed Minnesota 50-34 in the paint, 12-8 on second chance opportunities and 14-11 on fast breaks.
- Al Horford led the Hawks in scoring and rebounding on the way to his 21st double-double (eighth 20+ point/10+ rebound game) of the season ... Horford finished with a season-high 28 points (12-20 FGs, 4-7 FTs) and a game-high 10 rebounds in 38 minutes ... Horford is averaging 12.2 rebounds per game over his last five contests, grabbing at least 10 in each game.
- Jeff Teague notched his seventh game with double-digit assists this season with a game-high 10 and also added nine points and one steal in 35 minutes ... Teague is averaging 18.5 points and 9.8 assists over the last four contests, and has double-figures assists in three of those games.
- Kyle Korver came off the Hawks' bench for the second time this season and contributed 14 points (5-8 FGs, 3-6 3FGs) in 35 minutes ... Korver is averaging 13.8 points per game on .583 shooting from the field and .500 from beyond the arc over his last four contests.
- In Korver's 700th career game, his first quarter three-pointer extended a career-long streak of games with at least one three-pointer to 35 contests ... The streak is the second-longest in Hawks history behind Mookie Blaylock's string of 42 games ... Korver also passed Hersey Hawkins for 38th place in three-pointers made in NBA history (currently 1228 career 3FGM).
- Mike Scott set career-highs with 11 points (5-8 FGs, 1-4 FTs), seven rebounds and 22 minutes off the Atlanta bench.
- Pargo saw his first action as a Hawk this season and contributed 16 points (6-11 FGs, 4-5 3FGs) and four assists in 25 minutes off the Hawks bench ... Pargo scored 14 points in the fourth quarter alone.

ATLANTA HAWKS POSTGAME QUOTES

vs. Minnesota Timberwolves, January 21, 2013

Hawks Head Coach Larry Drew

(Opening statement)

“That was a good win for our ball club. The first half, we couldn’t do anything right. We couldn’t make a shot. We were sloppy with our passes. We didn’t chase down long rebounds. We didn’t contest shots the way we should. It was a very sloppy half. It took me giving them a wake-up call at halftime, and then they came out and responded. I was already prepared at the start of the third quarter to start yanking people early, because I was looking for energy. If the first group didn’t bring it, we were going to make some subs very quickly. But we did come out with energy in the third quarter. It started with Jeff Teague. He got us going. I think we had three baskets in our first three possessions of the third quarter.”

(On Jannero Pargo)

“I take my hat off to Jannero Pargo. The way he came in today...it was a really gutsy performance. I know he’s not in real basketball shape even though we worked him out yesterday. But he passed the test (today). I didn’t intend to play him that many minutes today, but he got into a groove and got into a rhythm. That’s what he’s capable of doing, and I thought he did a phenomenal job – not just making shots but his energy defensively. He was up on the ball. He was trying to make it tough on Rubio and Ridnour. It was just a heck of a game.”

(On the second half)

“Defensively, in the second half, I thought we played a lot more inspired. I don’t think we did anything different from a coaching standpoint, but we played much more inspired. When you play against a team like Minnesota, the head of the snake of that team to me, with Love and Pekovic being out, is their three guards (Rubio, Ridnour, Barea). They’re pretty good. They really break you down and put you in a tough situation, because they’re really good at probing in drives. In the second half, we did a better job of trying to contain all three guys, and got out to shooters.”

Al Horford

(On halftime)

“Coach got after us pretty good. He told us he expected better from us, and frankly, I did as well. I thought we needed to be better in the second half. We set the tone right away. Josh got a drive going to the basket, and I feel like that sort of jump-started everything and got us back in the game.”

(On Jannero Pargo)

“It’s a relief to be able to have a guy like that. He was working out, he was in shape. I’m happy that he’s back here. He was a great teammate last year, and I’m happy to have him back.”

(On Pargo helping with the scoring load)

“This type of game I knew I had to be aggressive. We were a little sluggish as a team, and I think it helped. I never feel any pressure (to do it alone), especially in the fourth. I feel like we have too many weapons in this locker room that can help and contribute at different times.”

Jannero Pargo

(On today’s game)

“I’ve been working really hard. I’ve been able to stay in decent enough shape to come out and have a decent game tonight.”

(Did you feel any pressure in your first game back in Atlanta?)

“Not at all. This is a great team all around. We have a lot of guys that can do a lot of different things. I don’t feel any pressure to come in and have to score the ball or do anything spectacular right away. That’s never been my game anyway. I just come in, be aggressive, and just try to help out any way I can.”

(On the fourth quarter)

“We just picked up our energy and our effort. Defensively, we got stops and we got out and ran and got easy buckets in the open court.”

MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES POSTGAME QUOTES
at Atlanta Hawks, January 21, 2013

Timberwolves Assistant Coach Terry Porter

(Opening statement)

"I thought tonight we had some stretches where we just didn't get quality shots. That's on me, as I have to do a better job of getting us in the right positions. I thought turnovers hurt us as well. (The Hawks) love to run, especially at home, and we fed into that. They turned things up in terms of intensity, and forced us into long shots with little time on the shot clock, as well as turnovers. They did some switching and played some zone too, and we just didn't do a good enough job of getting into our sets. Again, that's on me."

(On the performance of Jannero Pargo)

"He hit some big three's for them. He was in a good rhythm, and he also caused havoc defensively."

Luke Ridnour

(On losing a big lead)

"The Hawks hit some big three's to get back in the game, and we just didn't do enough on both ends to stop them. (Jannero Pargo) came in and really changed the game with the shots that he hit to give them some momentum. Our defense has really sustained us this season, but today they got some easy buckets, and that really hurt us. It's hard to find open shooters in transition, because you have to stop the ball, and then find the shooter. Turnovers put us in that position."

Derrick Williams

(On a game like this getting away from them)

"It's tough. I think we were up about 18 at one point in the first half. The way we played in the second half, it was like we were a totally different team. (The Hawks) turned up the intensity in the second half, and we just didn't respond. Al Horford played great and gave them a lot of scoring. He's one of the best centers in the NBA. The third quarter has been the most difficult for us all year, and it was again tonight. We just have to pick it up and play better coming out of the locker room, and I believe we can win some more games if we do that."