



Hawks notes: Al Horford sits with back injury

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WASHINGTON -- Center **Al Horford** sat out Saturday night's game against Washington with a lower back injury sustained in the team's Friday victory over the Los Angeles Clippers. Horford said he would be ready to play in the Hawks' next game against the Philadelphia 76ers on Tuesday.

After arriving at the Verizon Center on Saturday evening, Horford tested his back, which he injured after getting knocked to the floor on a hard foul by the Clippers' **Blake Griffin** on a last-second drive to the basket. He was still sore.

"It just didn't feel good enough to play," Horford said.

Horford was OK with the foul, which was called a flagrant foul 1. It gave Horford two technical foul shots and the Hawks the ball after the shots.

"It wasn't a dirty play or anything," Horford said. "He was making a play on the ball, so you can't fault him for that."

Center **Zaza Pachulia** started in Horford's place, his second start of the season and third in the past two seasons.

Three of a kind

Guard **Jamal Crawford**'s 34-point game Friday was his third 30-point game of the season off the bench. According to the Elias Sports Bureau, no other player has had more than one such game this season through Friday's games. Entering Saturday, Crawford led the NBA in bench scoring at 16.1 points per game.

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The Hawks' lineup of Pachulia, forwards **Marvin Williams** and **Josh Smith** and guards **Joe Johnson** and **Mike Bibby** was the eighth different lineup that coach **Larry Drew** has used. ... Hawks general manager **Rick Sund** traveled with the team to scout the Georgetown-Providence game played earlier in the day at the Verizon Center. Two prospects in the game were Providence's **Marshon Brooks**, who scored 43 points, and Georgetown's **Austin Freeman**. ... The Wizards' game production had a feature not so surprising for the nation's capital. **Wolf Blitzer** of CNN's "The Situation Room" gave a pregame "situation" report on the arena video boards.

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