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Hawks Blog



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By [Chris Vivlamore](#)

BOSTON – Al Horford and Devin Harris are game-time decisions for tonight’s contest against the Celtics.

Horford is dealing with a stomach illness and is doubtful. He did not participate in Friday morning’s shootaround. According to coach Larry Drew, he only attended the practice to get out of his hotel room after spending all day Thursday in bed with the illness.

Harris, who missed the past two games with a sore left foot, took part in the shootaround. He said he would complete his in normal pre-game warm-up and will play if he is able to make all his cuts without pain. Harris said he has been experiencing pain in his foot, something that has bothered him much of the season, prior to re-injuring it Sunday against the Bucks. The Hawks expected to rest Harris for some of this current stretch of five games in seven days prior to the injury.

“We really want to keep a close eye on him and monitor him these last 10 games,” Drew said. “I just feel it’s more important to have him in the postseason than these remaining ball games. The last thing we want is to have a setback.”

Harris said he would play if it was the playoffs.

* Johan Petro will start at center if Horford does not play.

* Much like winning in Brooklyn earlier this month gave the Hawks a mental boost, Drew said the same might be true in Boston. The Hawks have lost three straight in Boston, including a 107-102 overtime defeat March 8. While the Nets are a more likely playoff opponent rather than the Celtics, winning at TD Garden would help the team’s confidence.

“Anytime you come to this building and you come out with a win, I don’t care how you get it, there is something special about winning in the Garden,” Drew said. “It’s not a very easy thing to do. You really have to play solid basketball. This team is a team that is going to play hard. I don’t care who plays and who doesn’t play for them, they are going to play hard. If you are going to come out with a win, you are going to earn it.”

* Kevin Garnett is out with left ankle inflammation. It will be the fourth straight game the Celtics center has missed. He recently had an MRI exam and the team plans to rest him for up to two weeks.