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## 76ers, SuperSonics win opening-round contests in NBA playoff action

United Press International Philadelphia supporters must have wished Darryl Dawkins good luck before the 76ers began in the playoffs.

"I owe thanks to the Lord for letting me shoot like that," Dawkins said Wednesday night after hitting 12 of 17 shots in leading the Philadelphia 76ers to a 111-76 laughter over the Atlanta Hawks in the opening game of their Eastern Conference miniseries. "I haven't shot the jumper like that since high school."

The 76ers can wrap up the best-of-three series Friday night in Atlanta. A third game, if necessary, will be played Sunday in Philadelphia.

Dawkins, who returned to the lineup last month after breaking his leg in January, scored 27 points. His 10 first-quarter points keyed Philadelphia's 28-20 first period lead.

"I've seen Darryl play as well or better," said 76ers' Coach Bil-

ly Cunningham. "In the last two games, he's made a lot of progress. He helps us at both ends, especially when he goes after the ball like he did tonight."

Julius Erving scored 12 of his 20 points in the second quarter, but the 76ers took control by holding Atlanta without a field goal for the first 5:20 of the quarter, and limited the Hawks to 16 points on 22 percent shooting from the field en route to a 53-36 halftime lead.

"It was awesome, the best defense we've played all year," said Erving.

The Hawks were led by John Drew with 18 and Dan Roundfield added 13.

"I thought they (the 76ers) were great," said Atlanta Coach Kevin Loughery. "They were as aggressive as I've ever seen them. They took us out of our offense."

In the Western Conference, Seattle stopped Houston, 102-

87, to take a 1-0 lead. At Seattle, Gus scored 23 of his 27 points in the second half and the Hawks took command in the quarter to take a 1-0 lead.

Game 2 of the series is scheduled for Friday night in Houston. Williams, the leading scorer for Seattle during the season, came alive in the quarter after hitting 10 of 12 from the field in the second quarter.

The Washington Bulls, the New Jersey Nets, and other Eastern Conference miniseries. Game 2 is scheduled for Friday night at Landover, Md. winner takes on the Bulls.

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