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- The Houston Rockets defeated the Atlanta Hawks 95-84 on New Year's Eve. Four Rockets scored in double-figures led by shooting guard Kevin Martin with 27 points. Luis Scola, Chase Budinger, and Jordan Hill added 21,17, and 11 points each.

- Point Guard Kyle Lowry dished out a career-high 18 assists vs. the Atlanta Hawks.

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- Joe Johnson led Atlanta with 15 points. Former Houston Rockets Tracy McGrady and Josh Smith added 13 and 12 points each in the loss.

- Jordan Hill pulled down 15 rebounds in the game vs. Atlanta.

- Nick Van Exel works as an assistant coach with the Atlanta Hawks.

- The Rockets home opening crowd of 18,267 was a sellout vs. the San Antonio Spurs on Thursday, December 29th.

- The 2011-2012 season marks the 45th Anniversary for the Houston Rockets.

- Former Willowridge High School and University of Texas star T.J. Ford is now a lot closer to home being a member of the San Antonio Spurs. Ford, now in his 8th season played last year with the Indiana Pacers. He was originally selected by the Milwaukee Bucks in the first round of the 2003 NBA Draft with the eighth overall pick. He was signed by the Spurs on December 9, 2011.
- A consensus All-American 1st Team selection as a sophomore, Ford was named both the Naismith and Wooden Player of the Year Award winners and he earned 2003 1st team All-American honors. In his final two seasons at Willowridge, the Eagles posted a 75-1 record, capturing back-to-back Texas Class 5A State Championships.

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- Houston will travel to the West Coast this week to face the Los Angeles Lakers and the L.A. Clippers before returning back home to face Kevin Durant and the Oklahoma City Thunder at the Toyota Center on Saturday, January 7th.

- Former Kentucky star Patrick Patterson made his debut last week against the Memphis Grizzlies. Patterson played 15 minutes off the bench, his first playing time of the season.