

# Hawks dribble for special assistant

## Creative chef keeps players fed at Philips

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The most important man in the Hawks' locker room before and after practices and games is not who you think.

Sure, 6-foot-9, 240-pound Al Harrington is the vocal leader and laid-back Joe Johnson has a lock on the best piece of real estate, the corner locker closest to the showers.



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Hawks team chef **Bradley Rouse** feeds players twice a day.

And no one can ignore coach Mike Woodson, whose voice can be heard throughout

the building.

But the real MVP is the slender, 5-9 guy in the white

chef's coat tucked away in the alcove of the Hawks' players lounge.

That's where the Hawks' private chef, Bradley Rouse, dishes out finger-licking assists to players, coaches and staffers who dine on his culinary delights. He feeds the players two meals a day — breakfast and lunch on practice days, lunch and dinner on game days — and also whips up game-day fare for the 30-70 folks who show up in the wives' lounge.

The 29-year-old classically

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