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ATLANTA – Just one night after Trae Young put up 42 points against the Bucks to put an end to their six-game losing streak, the rest of the Hawks offense came alive against the Orlando Magic on Monday night.

Young was the only Hawk to score more than 20 points against the Bucks, but he was not alone against the Magic. In fact, Kevin Huerter was the only starter that failed to meet the 20-point mark, scoring only four points. Young and John Collins each scored 23 points, while Clint Capela and Bogdan Bogdanovic put up 20 points each.

The Hawks only have two wins against teams with winning records, so they needed a statement win against the Magic, the worst performing team in the conference. After a close first half, the Hawks put a stamp on the game, taking the win 129-111. The Hawks have now won 12 home conference games in a row.

The Hawks (6-9) totaled 32 assists in the game, and Collins put a lot of the emphasis on how important moving the ball around is and gave a lot of credit to Young for that in a post-game interview.

“Obviously, it always starts with the head of the snake. [Young] started getting everybody involved,” Collins said. “It felt like that was contagious. When everybody is feeding the ball to each other, we play great basketball.”

Young almost demands your attention whenever he’s on the court, but Clint Capela may have been the most impactful Hawk on the night, coming up with 16 of the team’s 45 rebounds, in addition to his 20 points. Capela also collected three assists, three steals and two blocks.

The Hawks' bench played a pivotal role in the win as well. The duo of Lou Williams and Danilo Gallinari each put up double-digit points and combined for 10 rebounds and four assists. Cam Reddish got in on the fun with a pair of three-pointers late in the game, totaling 8 points and securing the victory.

Orlando (3-11) kept things close in the first half and even led by a point at the end of the first quarter 31-30. However, Coach Jamahl Mosely was not happy with his team's defense. This was the most points the Magic have given up in a game this season.

"We have to hang our hat on the defensive end," Mosely said. "129 is not what we're looking for. We want to make sure we sit down and guard, physically keep them off the glass."

Orlando's Cole Anthony played a large part in keeping the Magic in the game, scoring 29 points and 11 assists. Franz Wagner and Terrence Ross were also productive on offense, scoring 19 points each.

The game was in reach for the Magic early, but a 45 percent shot percentage and 16 turnovers, in addition to their defensive woes, really cost them in the later quarters.

The Hawks have three games left in their homestand, two of which are conference games. Their 12-game in-conference home win streak will be on the line, starting with the Boston Celtics on Tuesday night and then the Charlotte Hornets on Saturday.