

# ★ SCENE ★



Ludacris came out to support the Hawks at the home opener.

"WE GOT SEAN MCGINNIS IN BLUE JEANS."

EVENT CO-CHAIR TONY CONWAY, REMARKING ON THE CASUAL ATTIRE OF THE NOTORIOUSLY WELL-SUITED ATLANTA MAGAZINE PUBLISHER AT THE CATTLE BARONS BALL



Dominique Wilkins poses with Spirit the Hawk at the home opener.

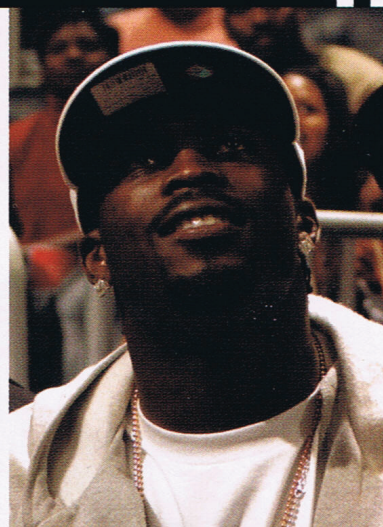


(L-R) Steve Welsh and Cattle Barons' co-chair Tony Conway

## HAVING A BALL

Guests donned their best boots and buckskin for the second annual **Cattle Barons Ball**, held again at the Georgia Freight Depot. Although live animals weren't part of the fun this year (the pig and duck races were cancelled after protests by local animal rights groups), the 500+ crowd enjoyed food from Outback Steakhouse, music by country act Restless Heart, casino games and a mechanical bull. The event raised more than \$500,000 for the American Cancer Society thanks to the live and silent auctions, which included a 2005 Mercedes-Benz SLK convertible and an overnight stay at Madame Clicquot's (of Veuve Clicquot) personal residence in France. Appropriately, each guest found a goody-filled Clava calfskin leather backpack, donated by jeweler Ken Goldwasser, waiting in their car. ★ New Management, new team. Restart. That was the theme for the **Hawks** home opener against LeBron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers. Just before the players took to the hardwood, the pregame VIP reception was in full swing at Philips Arena's Headlines Bar and Grill, with the likes of Atlanta rappers Bone Crusher and Ludacris (with young daughter in tow). The game opened with Snellville's own *American Idol* phenom Diana DeGarmo performing the national anthem. The Morehouse College drumline strutted its stuff in a spirited halftime performance. The star-studded season opener crowd included new Miami Heat member Shaquille O'Neal, Hawks VP Dominique Wilkins and Atlanta music industry royalty Usher, Bow Wow, Jermaine Dupri and rapper Lil' Jon.

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Michael Vick watches the Jumbotron at the Hawks home opener.

"I WAS CRAWLING UPSTAIRS ON MY KNEES WHEN I GOT HOME."

CARTER-BARNES' CAREY CARTER, REMINISCING ABOUT LAST YEAR'S CATTLE BARONS BALL



Carey Carter (left) chats with Sean and Martha McGinnis at the Cattle Barons Ball.



Usher and Jermaine Dupri sit courtside at the Hawks home opener.



Actors carried out the "Western Glitz" theme at the Cattle Barons Ball.



Meg Reggie and Cattle Barons' co-chair Carolyn O'Neil

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