

VISIT WATKINS SPINE.COM

Rockets guard Sura sidelined after back surgery

Sept. 21, 2004 SportsLine.com wire reports

HOUSTON -- Houston Rockets guard Bob Sura had surgery Tuesday to repair a herniated disc in his lower back.

Sura, who signed with the Rockets in August, was injured during an offseason workout three weeks ago. The surgery was performed by Dr. Robert Watkins of the Los Angeles Spine Surgery Institute.

His rehabilitation is expected to last at least eight weeks, about two weeks after the Rockets' season opener against Sacramento on Nov. 6.

A nine-year veteran who can play either guard spot, Sura averaged 7.5 points, 4.1 rebounds and 2.9 assists in 80 games with Detroit and Atlanta last season. He came one rebound away from having three straight triple-doubles in April with the Hawks.

AP NEWS

The Associated Press News Service

Copyright 2004, The Associated Press, All Rights Reserved

© MMVIII, CBS Interactive Inc. All Rights Reserved. CBS Sports is a registered trademark of CBS Broadcasting Inc. SportsLine is a registered service mark of SportsLine.com, Inc. CBS "eye device" is a registered trademark of CBS Broadcasting Inc.