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(Colo.) - Lawson leads short-handed Nuggets over Spurs

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SAN ANTONIO (AP) - Ty Lawson had 22 points and 11 assists and sank the game-sealing jumper with 11.9 seconds left, and the injury-laden Denver Nuggets overshadowed the return of Manu Ginobili to beat the San Antonio Spurs 99-94 on Sunday night.

Still without leading scorer Danilo Gallinari and Nene, the Nuggets won their third in a row with a short-handed cast that became just the third team to beat San Antonio at home.

Tony Parker led the Spurs with 25 points. Ginobili scored eight in 24 minutes, playing his first game in two weeks after straining a stomach muscle. He missed a month earlier with a broken hand.

Gary Neal had a chance to tie in the closing seconds but his 3-pointer rimmed out.

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