



POSTGAME QUOTES

Utah Jazz 108, Minnesota Timberwolves 98
January 21, 2012

Notes: The Jazz now lead the all-time series against the Timberwolves 61-31, including 35-11 at home ... Paul Millsap led the Jazz with 26 points ... Utah ended Kevin Love's consecutive double-double streak at 15 games to start the season ... C.J. Miles (18 points, 5-13 FG) reached double figures for the third consecutive game while Raja Bell matched his season-high with 12 points (1/14 vs. NJN) ... The game featured 13 lead changes and 12 ties in the first half, but the Jazz led all but 27 seconds of the second half ... Utah outrebounded Minnesota 46 to 35 ... The Jazz are now 6-1 on the season when scoring at least 100 points ... Josh Howard missed his fourth game in a row with a strained left quad.

Tyrone Corbin – Head Coach (10-5 this season)

On Paul Millsap's play

"We really appreciate all his efforts and the way he just continues to work to get better. And as a result, we're better because he's so effective on the floor. He's been doing it all year. Once he got healthy... it doesn't matter who it is out there, he just goes out there and competes. He's a smart player that makes the right cuts, the right passes. He's doing a tremendous job for us."

On Utah's rebounding advantage

"It was a group effort. The entire group of guys for us did a great job, first of all, of staying between their man and the basket. Then going and retrieving the ball because they rebound out of the area."

C.J. Miles – Guard/Forward (18 points, 2 rebounds)

On Utah's fourth quarter play

"We better close it. We gave them too many opportunities to win the game. They are a good team, and they have continued to get better over the last couple of years, they have a great group of guys. Kevin Love does a good job, and Rubio is running the show great. But we got some shots when we needed, Paul made some big buckets, Earl was tremendous and Al gave us some big buckets and we were able to close it down."

On Paul Millsap's play

"He's hard to guard in his position because he can step out on the floor. It's hard for guys to stay in front of him and he can make shots. He can make jumps shots...and guys can't really figure out how to guard him and he is playing as good as anyone right now."

Paul Millsap – Forward (26 points, 9 rebounds)

On if this is the best basketball he's ever played

"I don't know. I don't really look back. I'm only as good as my last game, that's how I see it. I just try to continue to get better."

On Utah's fourth quarter play

"We took them out of their sets, out of what they wanted to do. We had a lot of deflections in the fourth quarter. We got out and guarded them. The effort wasn't really there the whole game, but we turned it on in the fourth quarter."

On the importance of this win after Thursday's loss to Dallas

"It was very important. Especially playing a younger team, to bounce back after a devastating loss like we did the other night, this was a big win for us, a big game for us, and we accepted the challenge."

Earl Watson – Guard (10 points, 7 assists)

On Utah's effort tonight

"Yeah, it was a big game for us. We had to come out and win. It was a tough team. Give them a lot of credit, they are a young team like us."

On being tough lately

"It just goes back to my college days at UCLA...whatever it takes to win. When you get older you start to realize that the game becomes slower, that things become more important, details become more important. I guess it's important."



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Notes: Tonight's game wraps up the sixth of 20 sets of back-to-back games for Minnesota this year ... Coming into tonight's game, Minnesota was riding a three game win streak, the longest win streak since putting together four in a row two years ago (Jan. 29-Feb. 6, 2012) ... Minnesota scored 30 of its 52 first half points in the paint and for the game scored 52 points in the paint ... Minnesota opened the third quarter allowing the Jazz to go on a 20-8 scoring run and fell behind by 14 points, they ended the quarter on a 10-2 run to pull within three points ... Kevin Love was held to eight rebounds and 15 points tonight ... The Jazz are now 0-4 when allowing opponents to score 100+ points.

Rick Adelman – Head Coach (7-9 this season)

On the game

"We played hard, we just didn't do enough things."

On if playing back-to-back games hurt them tonight

"We were right there it was a very physical game, that's the way they play. They came out and they're going to do a lot of grabbing, holding and bumping and we have to find a way if it's not called we gotta find a way to play through it and gotta find a way to play that type of game. And too many times tonight we let it affect us too much and you gotta learn how to do that, every night's different."

On if Kevin Love was tired

"Well maybe, playing last night and everything he's probably a little tired. Hopefully we'll have day off tomorrow and Monday we'll be a little bit refreshed."

Kevin Love – Forward (15 points, 8 rebounds)

On the reason Minnesota struggled in the game

"A little bit of everything. It was a hard fought game. They shot and executed down the stretch. They are a tough team at home."

On what he can take from the loss

"We need to bring it every single night. We felt like we came out well in the first half, it was a two-point game at halftime. It just came down to the last five minutes. We just didn't execute like we should have and gave up too many easy buckets and they hit shots. Plain and simple, they hit shots."

On the shooting struggles

"Tonight was a tough shooting night, even from the line. Most of my shots are right there – in and out. There will be a point in time in the season where I'm going to go on a hell of a run, I know I am. Because I feel so great shooting the ball and eventually those are going to drop for me. It was just one of those of those nights. It wasn't anything Millsap or Jefferson were doing, it was myself."

Additional quotes on back...

Ricky Rubio – Guard (17 points, 11 assists)

On the energy level on a back-to-back

“You feel your legs a lot, in the last part especially. But we don’t have to complain about that. Sometimes it’s the opposite – we rest the day before and we receive the team that had the back-to-back.”

On getting to a .500 record

“It is what we are looking for, but (we) aren’t obsessed. We just want to win as much as possible. We will try to win again at home.”