



POSTGAME QUOTES

DENVER NUGGETS VS. MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES

MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2014

Denver Nuggets Head Brian Shaw:

On the free throws and digging themselves in a hole early:

"In spite of the 64 free throw attempts that we gave up, which has to be a record of some kind [and] I think an NBA season high, we dug a hole for ourselves in the first quarter [by] getting ourselves down 15 points right off the bat."

On free throws and points in the paint:

"You give a team 52 points at the free throw line and another 54 points in the paint, it is going to be tough to beat [them]."

On if the team finally clicked when Ty Lawson began playing:

"That's a part of it too because he had been out for so long. Everybody [was] getting adjusted to him being back out there on the floor. I think that we kind of sat around thinking that because he was coming back, that he was going to save the day and we were going to ride his cape and everyone was kind of sitting around waiting for something to happen ... but it doesn't matter, if we don't play any defense, we don't give ourselves a chance to win."

On Ty Lawson getting aggressive:

"I thought Ty was kind of feeling his way through the first half [and] still was a little hesitant but [he] came out a lot more aggressive. He got over that mental hump in the second half."

Denver Nuggets Forward Kenneth Faried:

On giving up 40 points in the first quarter:

"It was a tough first quarter—a tough game. Everybody fought, Ty [Lawson] returned—he played his heart out tonight. That last group of guys that was in there were in foul trouble but we kept fighting, scratching and clawing but it was too much of a hole to dig ourselves out of."

On if they can take something from tonight's game after almost coming back to win:

"If we take out the first quarter and look at the rest of the game I think we win by 20. We have to be focused, we have to lock in and be together. Right now, some people are in and want to get that win and get that monkey off our back, and some people are just scared but we have to all come in together and push each other. When the starters come out, the second unit has to come up and really do something because we can't have first quarters like that—that was just bad."

Denver Nuggets Guard Randy Foye:

On playing from behind most of the game:

"First quarter, simple as that—in the first quarter they beat us by 15. That's something that coach told us, they're the best team in the NBA scoring in the first quarter and the second-best team in the third quarter. We just didn't handle our business. Other than that we did pretty well—we gave up too many free throws, but even with all of the free throws we gave up we had a chance to win the game if we would have guarded in the first quarter."

On still having a chance to win despite a poor start to the game:

"Yeah, and with all of that we fought back and made it interesting, but it shouldn't have been there if we had done what we needed to do early on."



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Denver Nuggets Guard Ty Lawson:

On tonight's game:

"We gave up too many points in the first quarter and when we play uphill like that it's tough to come back and get the win. We have to start off early and bring intensity in all of the quarters not just the end. They shot a lot of free-throws, it got out of hand. We need to work on our defense and we will tomorrow in practice."

On the second half:

"I was being more aggressive because I wasn't worried about my ribs. I just thought I needed to go all out. I felt alright just toward the end of the game my ribs started to get a little sore but other than that I was good."



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Minnesota Timberwolves Head Coach Rick Adelman:

On being 52 of 64 from the line:

“Really big numbers. It was a big difference at halftime. We felt if we moved the ball [the Nuggets] were going to have a hard time guarding us. They do get after it and foul. We wanted to be sure that they had to guard us and I think we did a pretty good job of that.”

On the Nuggets run in the fourth:

“We won. That is the bottom line. We won the game, we did enough, and we had a big enough lead that even with the run they had we were able to keep them away. Like I told the team, we won four out of five on this trip. Now you are going home. We know what it is all about. We have to come in with big efforts when we get home.”

On if he thought coming into the season that the team could be this good of a free throw shooting team:

“Well, we added guys. I know Kevin Martin is a 90 percent free throw shooter. Kevin Love is a good free throw shooter and Ricky [Rubio] is a good free throw shooter. We had guys. The important thing is you have the two Kevin’s, who both get to the line frequently. That makes a big difference. We knew we had a good free throw shooting team.”

On the impact Corey Brewer has:

“He makes a big difference. He just can run all day. He is amazing. He had a nice game. He guarded [Wilson] Chandler pretty good until the end there when he hit those two threes. But I think all the guys that played tonight contributed.”

Minnesota Timberwolves Forward Kevin Love:

On finishing road trip 4-1:

“It’s big. It sounds a lot better than 3-2. Obviously we wish we could’ve been undefeated. The Portland game was tough but we’re happy with the way we responded in the games after that ... We go back home and we’re looking at everybody like they’re a great team; we have to at this point. We go back home for I think four games and hopefully we can say 4-0 is a lot better than 3-1 but I don’t want to get too far ahead of myself. We really have to focus on what’s in the present right now and that’s New York on Wednesday.”

On free-throws shooting:

“That was unbelievable. There were a lot of things that went on in that game that was just nuts, particularly the free-throw situation. Even more so the three-pointers at the end were just unbelievable. [Kevin Martin] made some big plays and hit big free-throws and that’s what ultimately gave us separation.”

On the end of the game:

“I kept walking to the bench like ‘this is crazy.’ I really didn’t have any words for it. I guess it doesn’t matter how you do it, all that matters is if you win and we won tonight.”



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Minnesota Timberwolves Forward Corey Brewer:

On finishing road trip 4-1:

“We needed a win. Like I’ve said, every game counts from now on for us to get in the playoffs. For us to go 4-1 on this road trip means a lot. Now we get to go home, four games at home, we need all those games also ... We couldn’t lose tonight. If we lost tonight it’d be tough. Now we’re one game above .500 and we just need to keep going above .500. We need to keep moving because teams aren’t losing right now so we need to keep winning until they start losing.”

On the end of the game taking so long:

“It took forever. They were making everything. They were throwing stuff up, banking stuff in. But it’s all about getting the win. No matter how you get the win, no matter how ugly or pretty it is, a win is a win.”

On playing against Ty Lawson:

“Ty [Lawson] is the man. Ty’s tough to stop. Tonight he was doing his thing. He was making his shots. When he’s in the mid-range he’s almost unguardable.”