



POSTGAME QUOTES

Utah Jazz 111, Minnesota Timberwolves 105 (OT)

March 15, 2012

Notes: The Jazz win the season series with the Timberwolves 2-1 ... Utah had six players score in double figures, led by Gordon Hayward with a season-high 26 points on 9-17 from the field ... Alec Burks tied a career high with 15 points and set a career high with 31 minutes ... Utah featured three players in double figures in rebounding, including Derrick Favors who notched a career-high 16 boards (eight offensive) ... Paul Millsap set a career high with eight steals, the most by a starting forward since Jason Richardson had eight on April 15, 2008 ... The franchise record for steals in a game is nine (John Stockton and Rickey Green) The Jazz record in overtime games this season is 1-2 ... Utah now leads the overall series with Minnesota 62-32, including 36-11 at home.

Tyrone Corbin – Head Coach (21-22 this season)

On Paul Millsap's play in overtime

"He showed true professionalism and toughness. It was a tough break in missing the shot (at the end of regulation). It was a point-blank shot for him. But the overtime performance... getting his hands on balls, making the big shot right there at the end at the free throw line... he just showed who he is. He's a tough competitor."

On Gordon Hayward's play

"Gordon did a great job. He didn't hang his head. He continued to fight. He missed the rebound at the end of the game, but he didn't feel sorry for himself. He came back and made some big plays for us down the stretch."

On the Timberwolves late run to send the game to overtime

"They made shots. They made a couple three point shots. Our rotation was there. Our guys just continued to fight. Teams in this league are going to make shots on you. You just have to make sure you stay poised. We were fortunate enough to get a win tonight."

Alec Burks – Guard (15 points, 2 assists)

On playing 31 minutes tonight

"It's crazy, right? I feel like he (Corbin) saw me out there get in a rhythm, making shots and he let me ride. I thank him for that. I had a good game."

On the up and down emotions of the game

"My emotions weren't like that. I'm a smooth, laid-back dude. But the emotions were crazy, because of that one at the end. Paul missed it, but we came back to win the game."

On Paul Millsap

"He's an animal, a monster. I respect everything he does. I feel like he's very underrated for what he does. He's a great player."

Additional quotes on back...

Paul Millsap – Forward (16 points, 11 rebounds, 8 steals)

On bouncing back from missing the layup at the end of the 4th quarter

“It’s all in the mindset. We couldn’t lose that game. My team fought too hard to get to the end and not win. We fought. It’s a great team effort for us.”

Gordon Hayward – Forward (26 points, 3 assists)

On the game

“I wish it wouldn’t have gone to overtime. We kind of lost it down the stretch, but we pulled it out. That’s something we’re trying to figure out how to do, we needed this win badly.”

On the game plan for tonight

“To be physical and match their intensity. They’ve got some bangers down there. Come out with a lot of energy. Derrick Favors was a beast on the rebounds, our whole team was, so it was a good win.”

Derrick Favors – Forward (4 points, 16 rebounds)

On this game being a must-win

“It’s a playoff race. We’ve got to come out ready to play every time, because it’s pretty close right now. Every win is important, so we definitely needed this one.”

On this game mimicking the last game in Minnesota

“We got a little nervous there at the end, but we knew what to do. We knew we what had, come overtime, and try to get a win.”

On grabbing a career-high 16 rebounds

“I was just going after every rebound because I couldn’t hit a shot today, so I had to do something.”



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Notes: The Wolves have dropped their last four visits to Utah and are now 2-11 in their last 13 games in Salt Lake City ... Tonight's game continues a seven-game, 12-night Western Conference road trip for Minnesota ... Tonight's game also begins the 15th set of back-to-back games (20 total) for the Wolves this year ... The Wolves are 3-12 in the second game of a back-to-back this season ... In his last five games, Love has averaged 34.2 points on 50.4 percent shooting and finished tonight with 25 points on 9-23 shooting ... The Wolves shot 40 percent from the field and are now 11-20 when shooting less than 45 percent ... The Wolves are now 6-13 when being outrebounded, after being outrebounded by the Jazz 55-47.

Rick Adelman – Head Coach (22-22 this season)

On the close finishes against Utah this season

"We had a chance. We got lucky there at the end. I think twice we had chances with a two-point lead to get the ball and we gave up offensive rebounds both times. That was the story all night long."

On Millsap's eight steals

"They do a lot of reaching...a lot of stuff out there. He's got very quick hands."

On the Minnesota's defense

"We didn't play a lot of these people very well. They did everything we said they were going to at the start of the game and I didn't think we responded very well to it."

Kevin Love – Forward (25 points, 16 rebounds)

On the game

"We just couldn't get a rebound when it mattered. That's really all it was. Played them tough, they played tough and they prevailed in the end. They made the plays."

On his thumb

"I fell on it and it seems to be fine. At first it scared me a little bit because I have broken this thumb before a couple times, but it is fine. It is just jammed."

Nikola Pekovic – Center (20 points, 9 rebounds)

On the game

"I thought we were going to win the game after they missed the shot but we didn't have luck tonight."

On if they felt lucky to force overtime

"Yeah, I mean, that's why I said we really feel lucky to be in overtime. I thought we were going to win the game."