



# POSTGAME QUOTES

Minnesota Timberwolves 112, Utah Jazz 97  
January 21, 2014

**Notes:** This is the Jazz's first loss to the Timberwolves at home since 12/14/09 ... Utah had previously won seven in a row ... Rudy Gobert had a career-high with three blocks and 27 minutes ... Gordon Hayward returned to the lineup after missing the last five contests, scoring 27 points ... In Hayward's last five games played, he has averaged 25.4 points a game ... The Jazz was 2-3 during his five-game absence ... Alec Burks had 18 points tonight off the bench and is averaging 18.7 points per game over his last six games.

## Tyrone Corbin – Head Coach

On the game

"I thought they had a little more pop in the beginning of the game. We settled for a lot of jump shots early in the game. That first quarter really hurt us. You give up 34 points and only score 16 in the quarter, it's tough fighting uphill from there. They are a team that can score in bunches. I thought we weathered the storm. We got it down to eight and then they go on a 10-0 run in the third quarter. So we just couldn't get over the hump."

On Derrick Favors missing the game

"We miss all our guys. Defensively, he's just huge what he does for us at the basket. He protects the rim for us and typically he doesn't get fouls protecting the rim for us. We missed that in him. I thought Rudy (Gobert) came in had some good minutes in there early and was able to effect some shots, but it was a little bit too late."

## Jeremy Evans – Forward (10 points, 5 rebounds)

On losing two games in a row to the Timberwolves

"It just seems like they wanted it a little more and we just need to work a little harder, both games."

On having their run stopped in the 3rd quarter

"Yeah, those transition buckets take away a lot of energy."

## Gordon Hayward – Forward (27 points, 5 rebounds)

On the play tonight

"It was a slow start, but I made some shots and it felt good out there. It felt good to be back out there."

On making runs in the second half

"There were several times where I felt like we were making a run, and then they hit a big shot. (J.J.) Barea hit a few dagger threes, and got an and-one layup one time as well. We just didn't get stops tonight. They were too effective offensively and little things we have been working on, we just didn't do."

On not having Derrick Favors

"It's a huge loss. He's our anchor down there defensively, and extremely important to us as a team on both ends of the floor."

Additional quotes on back...

## **Trey Burke – Guard (9 points, 5 assists)**

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### **On the loss**

“Minnesota came out again tonight with a really good game plan. We still didn’t shoot the way that we were capable of shooting. We had a lot of breakdowns on the defensive end, including myself, and we just have to continue to get better from it and learn from our mistakes.”

### **On not having Derrick Favors**

“He’s one of our really important defensive presences down there. Without him playing, with them having two really good bigs in Kevin Love and (Nikola) Pekovic, it’s really tough to stop those guys down there. They are really talented.”

### **On losing back-to-back games to the same team**

“It’s frustrating. But at the end of the day we understand it’s a learning process and we can get better from this game, just like we could have gotten better from the last game. We’ll watch film on it and try and move forward.”



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## **Rick Adelman – Head Coach**

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### On the game

“It was a solid game for us. The first three quarters especially, I thought we defended them pretty well. The first half we defended them very well. They got a third of their points on fast breaks, which is really due to our offense. I was pleased with the way we came out and controlled the game from the beginning to the end.”

“I thought (the Jazz) would come out with so much energy at the start of the game. One thing we did at the start is we controlled the first quarter. We got off to a good start. We got into the game early. So it’s one of those things where you never know what’s going to happen or how much energy they’re going to have, but I certainly liked the way we had it.”

### On Kevin Love’s 4,000th rebound

“He’s a great rebounder, got a great nose for the ball. He tracks the ball so well on both ends of the court. His effort is there. Pek (Nikola Pekovic) has been doing the same thing recently. Those two guys, we knew we had an advantage with them inside. After last game, we wanted to keep doing that. I think we had a nice balance of looking at those two guys, plus getting some open looks for the other guys.”

### On the injuries

“I told Alex (Alexey Shved), he’s got to learn how to draw a foul. He really got hit, and Kevin (Martin), too, but hopefully they’ll both be okay.”

## **J.J. Barea - Guard (15 points, 3 assists)**

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### On beating Utah in two straight games

“I think we needed that win (on Saturday), and I think we had a great team effort defensively. I think it carried on tonight. I think the first three quarters defensively were great. They got it going a little bit there in the fourth quarter, but it was too late. Our offense was clicking. I think the team knew that these were two games that we really needed. I think we put a good team effort two (games) in a row against Utah.”

### On the matchup versus Utah

“I think matchup wise Pek (Nikola Pekovic) does a really good job down there. That’s our advantage.”

## **Kevin Love – Forward (19 points, 13 rebounds, 8 assists)**

### On the matchup with the Jazz

“Having seen them on Saturday, we felt like we knew them pretty well. We came in here and had a good shootaround and had a good game plan and ended up winning both games. We were happy with how we played against the Jazz.”

### On winning back-to-back games against Utah

“They have a great fan base here. They always play hard and play well here. They have a good homecourt advantage. We just wanted to come out and give a sustained energy. I feel like we were well balanced throughout our entire lineup tonight.”

### On his eight assists

“I’ve been passing the ball all season long. Guys were converting. We got a couple of outlets, a couple of backdoor passes. Pek (Nikola Pekovic) is always my main target. I didn’t get too many looks and didn’t convert too many from the three-point line, so I had to figure other ways to be effective.”