



POSTGAME QUOTES

Minnesota Timberwolves 121, Utah Jazz 104
February 22, 2014

Notes: The Jazz is now 68-34 against the Timberwolves all time, and 39-12 here in Salt Lake City. In their last 10 games at home against the Wolves, the Jazz are 7-3. Enes Kanter tied his career high (for the second game in a row) with 25 points. Malcom Thomas scored his first points as a Jazzman with a dunk at 1:44 in the 4th Quarter. He finished the game with two dunks (four points).

Tyrone Corbin – Head Coach

On the transition game

“They are one of the better teams in the league on smart transition basketball. We talked about it. We just didn’t execute it very well. We were still looking a few times. You know they run on makes and misses. Kevin Love is tremendous at getting the ball out quick and throwing the advance pass. We knew he and Corey Brewer built something there, those two guys have created an identity. Brewer just does a great job of busting out and Love looks for him. To give up as many transition fast break points, I think they had 24 points tonight, is too many”

On the game

“We just didn’t play a great game tonight. We talked about some things before the game, taking away some of the things they are really good at, transition baskets and scoring in the paint. Even though Nikola Pekovic was out of the game we couldn’t afford to relax on it. They got both tonight. Give them credit, they played a better game.”

Jeremy Evans – Forward (9 points, 6 rebounds)

On defending and playing against Kevin Love

“He’s a great player. An All-Star. He’s a pretty good guy.”

On missing Favors in the lineup

“It’s tough. We need everybody. It takes a bigger role for everybody, so we just got to step up and fill in the pieces.”

On losing three in a row after the All Star Break.

“I think those games have humbled us and have showed us what we need to work on. I feel like it helps a lot to go in and practice what we need to work on.”

Marvin Williams – Forward (5 points, 2 rebounds)

On losing three games after winning three games going into the All Star Break

“It’s frustrating to play that hard one week, and then turn around and drop three games in a row. I feel like the Brooklyn game was a very winnable game for us, at Portland last night was a very winnable game for us. We were in great positions to win those games...it is kind of frustrating.”

On being 0-9 without Favors in the lineup

“I think everyone is confident in each other’s abilities, but what Derrick brings to the table, this team really misses when he is not here. He an anchor. He’s a great rebounder, he’s a great one-on-one defender, he’s also a great help-side defender. Derrick has always been there to save the day. But obviously when he’s not back there, it’s been difficult.

Additional quotes on back...

On the play of Enes Kanter

“He’s huge. He has been playing really well in Derrick’s absence. Obviously, everybody knows he can really score the basketball, so we are going to continue to go to him.”

Enes Kanter – Center (25 points, 7 rebounds)

On the three straight losses

“I think we started the game really well. But then they played pretty hard and we just couldn’t match them.”

On defending Kevin Love

“He’s a really good player. He’s an All-Star. In the end, he made some crazy shots. He plays with his heart, and he plays hard. He goes after rebounds, and he’s good at shooting the three pointers.



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Rick Adelman – Head Coach

On the game

“Kevin Love was unbelievable. He’s incredible. The third quarter was incredible. To get a triple-double in three quarters, that’s pretty darn good. But the guys off the bench, all the guys came in and they contributed. They had their moments, contributed. We had a plan to make (the Jazz) an outside shooting team and not give them easy baskets or points in the paint. We had some patience that we’d be able to score, and we did that.”

On Kevin Love

“I think (Kevin Love) really realizes now that he can go out there and not have that many points and then in a four-minute span just explode. That’s what he did. We needed that at the start of the third quarter. When he got off to that start, it really helped us.”

On the rookies’ play

“We just kept talking to them yesterday. They knew they were both going to play. (We told them) to just stay within themselves. Got to get better every game you play, go to your strengths and don’t try to do things you can’t do. G (Gorgui Dieng) just has to learn. He gets out of position sometimes and puts himself in tough positions and fouls, but he rebounded the ball well today. I’m glad he got an extended run in the fourth quarter, because that’s going to help him.”

Kevin Love - Forward (37 points, 12 rebounds, 10 assists)

On the game

“They came at us. There were a lot of foul calls, so we had to break that up as much as we could heading into the fourth (quarter). Everybody was distributing the ball well, knocking down shots. It was a big win for us, especially to start this five-game road trip.”

On his first career triple-double

“It just shows, at least for this year and through my first six years in the league, how my game has progressed. Being able to find different guys, I think it’s a product of these guys being out, we have to step out different ways.”

“We’ve been talking about it all year, that my parents never let me play football. It was my way of being quarterback out there. Tonight, they didn’t do a fantastic job of getting back, and I was able to hit Corey (Brewer) on a lot of outlets and some different guys on 3-on-2, 2-on-1 situations. It was a good win for us.”

Additional quotes on the back...

On the team's three injuries

"It's tough having these guys out, but G (Giorgui Dieng) stepped up, Dante (Cunningham) stepped up. We had other guys throughout our entire lineup play well. We're just going to try to stop the bleeding as much as we can until we get these guys back."

Ricky Rubio – (15 points, 7 assists)

On Kevin Love's play tonight

"It was awesome. He was on fire in the third quarter. During all of the game, he was doing a great job being in the game, looking for guys. He's great, he's one of the best."

"It's unbelievable because he does it all the time. He puts up video game numbers. It's just fun to play with him."

On the reserves' play

"Awesome. Players stepped up. G (Gorgui Dieng) and other players stepped up today and did a great job. "

Corey Brewer – (13 points, 4 rebounds)

On Kevin Love's play tonight

"He always makes such great passes to me. I'm glad he got the triple-double, finally. It felt really good (to be his 10th assist). I was messing with him because I missed a dunk. I told him 'you might not get a triple-double tonight' after that that missed dunk. But he ended up getting it, so it was good. I just had to put it in there. I made it. That's all that matters."

"(Kevin Love)'s a tough guard. He's one of the toughest guards in the NBA. He steps out, he shoots threes, he posts up, he can do it all."