

## **POST GAME QUOTES**

### **LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS VS. MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES**

12/1/14

#### **CLIPPERS HEAD COACH DOC RIVERS**

##### **RE: J.J. Redick contributing to the offense**

“J.J. [Redick] is a great shooter. He has not forgotten how to shoot. Eventually the ball is going to go in. When he scores, like he did tonight with our starting unit, and Jamal [Crawford] comes in scoring, we become a great offensive team.”

#### **CLIPPERS HEAD COACH DOC RIVERS**

##### **RE: Clippers making open shots**

“In previous games, we were missing open shots. Now we are making open shots. Once you start making open shots the defense has to react to that. That allows other things to happen in the offense.”

#### **CLIPPERS HEAD COACH DOC RIVERS**

##### **RE: Getting good shots off of ball movement**

“When J.J. [Redick] is getting shots, it means we are getting good ball movement. When he is not getting shots, it means that we are not moving the ball around. Jamal [Crawford] can get his own shot. J.J. [Redick] is dependent on ball movement.”

#### **CLIPPERS GUARD CHRIS PAUL**

##### **RE: Overall progress of the team**

“J.J. [Redick] and I were talking about it right down to the fourth quarter; our defense is sort of starting to find itself. The last three or four games on our road trip, we really started to build our trust and that’s when we are our best, when we start to get out in transition and moving the ball. Early in the season, the ball was sticking. Blake [Griffin] and I were talking about it too towards the end of the game and we’re just moving the ball and making the right plays right now.”

#### **CLIPPERS GUARD CHRIS PAUL**

##### **RE: The turning point during the road trip**

“I think somebody said before we went on the road, that the teams either find themselves or lose themselves and we had no choice but to start playing better on the road. Obviously, we spend a lot of time together, with each other and when we go on the road, you really have to be together.”

#### **CLIPPERS FORWARD BLAKE GRIFFIN**

##### **RE: Importance of first home game after good road trip**

“Well it’s important. We have already dropped three games at home so we obviously need to get off to a better start than that. Throughout this whole beginning stretch of the season, I think the biggest thing for us to do is just relax and stay calm, we are going to be ok, and we are going to win games. I much rather be playing at our best come March and April stretch than right now. As far as the home court thing, it has to be a tough place to play and teams have to know when they come in here they are going to be up for a fight.”

#### **CLIPPERS GUARD J.J. REDICK**

##### **RE: Momentum of the game**

“We were missing a little bit of edge in the first half. We gave up 30 plus points in the first quarter, but once we got our edge back, we moved the ball, got some stops and got out and ran. We played some good basketball tonight.”

#### **CLIPPERS GUARD J.J. REDICK**

##### **RE: Overall team performance**

“We were not happy, we felt like we should have been up more at half time, given by how well we were playing offensively. So we talked during half time on how we need to come out with a great start in the third and not let them hang around. That was the danger tonight, letting them hang around.”

## **CLIPPERS GUARD J.J. REDICK**

### **RE: Impressions of the young Minnesota team**

“I think they all have their moments. We talked about it before the game, with their team, you never know who is going to be the guy that night. They are all young, they are trying to find themselves in the league and I don’t know who will emerge as the most consistent guy but they all show flashes of talent and great play. [Zach Lavine] is incredibly athletic and [Shabazz Muhammad] for the second straight night played really well. I was impressed by him.”

## **CLIPPERS CENTER DEANDRE JORDAN**

### **RE: Seven game road trip**

“It was tough earlier in the first quarter. We gave up a lot of points and we were a little sluggish coming out. After we gave up 31 points in the first quarter, we picked ourselves back up, got some stops and converted.”

## **CLIPPERS CENTER DEANDRE JORDAN**

### **RE: Overall thoughts on tonight’s performance**

“I just had some good stops by making them set up for one shot and just converting. Anyway that I can help.”

## **TIMBERWOLVES HEAD COACH FLIP SAUNDERS**

### **RE: Difference between the first and second quarters**

“Our bench came in and we took ill-advised shots. Five one-pass shots and we changed the whole tempo of the game, and once they got things going, they’re a tough team to catch up from behind.”

## **TIMBERWOLVES HEAD COACH FLIP SAUNDERS**

### **RE: Struggles in team development**

“We have tried to work with them. We are going to either have to shorten our bench, or ... we have talked so much about the development of young players. When you are not playing the right way, that’s not developing. I think we didn’t play the right way. We just played for the sake of just playing.”

## **TIMBERWOLVES HEAD COACH FLIP SAUNDERS**

### **RE: Team adjustments with injuries**

“Your roles change. Our bench was one of our strengths earlier in the year, and that changed. We have eleven guys averaging over seven points a game. That’s a lot. Then what has to happen is we’ve either got to slow the game down, because when your bench is your starters and when your guys that were your inactive players are your guys that are playing off your bench, you can’t just come out and think you are going to play how good teams in this league play.”

## **TIMBERWOLVES GUARD ZACH LAVINE**

### **RE: Personal mindset**

“Whenever you step on the court you want to prove yourself. You’re not going to have a performance like that [against the Los Angeles Lakers] every time. I shot 12-for-14. You’re not going to do that every time. You strive for it, but I went out there with the same demeanor. I want to go out there and put out a show to do the best for my team.”

## **TIMBERWOLVES GUARD ZACH LAVINE**

### **RE: Learning points from a blowout loss**

“Shoot. It gets going fast. Those dudes out there, they were throwing haymakers and trying to knock us out. That’s what happens. We’ve just got to keep fighting and be prepared. We missed some easy shots, made some mental mistakes, and we can’t be doing that.”

**TIMBERWOLVES FORWARD SHABAZZ MUHAMMAD**

**RE: Overall thoughts on tonight's game**

"They were really moving the ball. We tried to mix it up and play some zone, some man. They were just really moving the ball really well. We made them shoot a lot of threes and that was our game-plan going in and they were just hitting them."

**TIMBERWOLVES FORWARD SHABAZZ MUHAMMAD**

**RE: Personal success in last two games**

"Tonight I was doing a lot of stuff -- passing it and rebounding it. Last night was more of a scoring night for me. I thought tonight I played really productive and played better than last night. But we lost pretty bad."

**TIMBERWOLVES GUARD MO WILLIAMS**

**RE: Recent team struggles**

"We're playing against good teams. You want to give yourself a chance to win down the stretch, but when it gets out of hand, it gets out of hand. It's a snowball effect. We are young and are learning how to play basketball, really, and we are playing against teams that are playing for something bigger than the game."