

POST GAME QUOTES

LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS VS. MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES

3/9/15

CLIPPERS HEAD COACH DOC RIVERS

RE: Thoughts on upcoming road trip

“This next road trip will be hard. We have to be great defensively. On the last road trip we beat Memphis and Chicago with our defense. It is hard to score 120 points in games when your main guys are sitting on the bench. We need to play like we played today or how we played in Chicago. The problem is that we are playing against two great offensive teams. It will be a great challenge.”

CLIPPERS HEAD COACH DOC RIVERS

RE: Blake Griffin’s return

“Jamal [Crawford] will probably be out for this trip. Blake [Griffin] is a maybe. He has a shot at coming. He is doing better.”

CLIPPERS HEAD COACH DOC RIVERS

RE: Golden State winning the division

“I am more worried about health. We probably will not catch Golden State unless something crazy happens. That is fine with us. We rather be number one, but we are not going to be. When the Playoffs start we are all even. That is the way we look at it.”

CLIPPERS GUARD CHRIS PAUL

RE: Ability to play tonight

“There was a chance [that I was not going to play tonight]. I came to the game not expecting to. I got treatment all day today and last night even, after our game. Our trainers just found a way to get me through it.”

CLIPPERS GUARD CHRIS PAUL

RE: Managing injury

“I think I just have to be smart about it. The one thing that I don’t want to do, is that I don’t want to hurt the team. If I feel like I can get out there and contribute [then I will play]. We need all of the bodies that we can get.”

CLIPPERS GUARD CHRIS PAUL

RE: Ability to play through injury

“I don’t know if I can play. I did today, but that just shows you how well D.J. [DeAndre Jordan] can dunk and how well J.J. [Redick] can shoot.”

CLIPPERS CENTER DEANDRE JORDAN

RE: Thoughts on J.J. Redick’s position on team

“J.J. [Redick] has been great all season. He has been shooting the heck out of the ball and drives a lot of double teams. The big guys get a lot of our shots because of him. The other team always has to have more guys cover him [J.J. Redick], which clears the floor up for us and our guys are able to make more shots.”

CLIPPERS CENTER DEANDRE JORDAN

RE: Thoughts on Chris Paul playing tonight

“He [Chris Paul] probably could have sat this one out tonight. He got pretty banged up in the game on Sunday against Golden State, but he really wanted to be out there with us. That just shows how much of a leader he is, and how much will he has to get out there and play and help us anyway that he could. He was not able to get to the basket like he normal does, but he had 10 assists so he was still pretty effective and played very good defense. Hopefully he can get some treatment tonight and tomorrow and be ready to go on Wednesday.”

TIMBERWOLVES HEAD COACH FLIP SAUNDERS

RE: Struggles on defense

“We were not at the right coverages. Our coverages on the weak side were not where they were supposed to be, and if you make mistakes against good teams, they’re going to make you pay.”

TIMBERWOLVES HEAD COACH FLIP SAUNDERS

RE: Lack of team physicality

“There’s no question, [Adreian Payne] was the one guy that was aggressive. He was physical, and didn’t back down. Some of our guys backed down when they [the Clippers] got handsy with us. Usually when I have to beg the ref for a call, it means we’re not being physical and we’re letting the other team have their way with us. That’s what was frustrating.”

TIMBERWOLVES HEAD COACH FLIP SAUNDERS

RE: Play of Andrew Wiggins and Zach LaVine

“I thought that [Andrew] Wiggins and [Zach] LaVine, those guys, they looked tired. Whether it’s the amount of minutes they played prior that’s catching up to them or what, but they didn’t seem to have the same energy that they’ve had.”

TIMBERWOLVES GUARD RICKY RUBIO

RE: Overall thoughts on tonight’s game

“Today we didn’t play well. We didn’t have energy, we didn’t move the ball, and we played a little selfish. Against a team like [the Clippers], you pay for it. On defense, we made some stops, but they had too many easy baskets with DeAndre [Jordan]. So there are things we have to improve, have to control. We played against them a week ago and the game was totally different. We had more energy and almost beat them. Tonight we didn’t have a chance because we played selfish.”

TIMBERWOLVES GUARD RICKY RUBIO

RE: Kevin Garnett’s effect on the team

“Every detail [Kevin Garnett] does is amazing. He’s always thinking about winning, always thinking about the team. [Kevin Garnett] is the most unselfish player I’ve ever seen in terms of sharing his time, always trying to help his teammates, and everything else.”

TIMBERWOLVES FORWARD ANDREW WIGGINS

RE: Overall thoughts on tonight’s game

“We just have to come out aggressive. When they were up we got six or seven stops in a row, but we couldn’t really finish around the rim either.”

TIMBERWOLVES FORWARD ANDREW WIGGINS

RE: Kevin Garnett’s effect on the team

“[Kevin Garnett] brings a lot to the team. I feel like he changes everyone’s mindset. The energy he brings rubs off on all of us.”

TIMBERWOLVES FORWARD ADREIAN PAYNE

RE: Matchup with DeAndre Jordan

“[DeAndre Jordan] was really physical. We both play physical. His game is physicality, so you just have to come out and play, box out. [DeAndre Jordan] is a great player, so it’s always good to play against him.”

TIMBERWOLVES FORWARD ADREIAN PAYNE

RE: Third-quarter dunk

“I was laying it up, and I told myself that I have to be more aggressive. I saw how they were playing me, so that [the dunk] is what happened.”