PREGAME QUOTES

Minnesota Timberwolves vs. Memphis Grizzlies
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Minnesota head coach Tom Thibodeau

On playing at home . . .
"We're looking forward to that, but the important thing is not to get lost in what goes into winning. You can't get sidetracked, you have to put the work into it. Right now, for us, the challenge is to be a 48-minute team. So, hopefully we'll be able to do that."

On rookie point guard Kris Dunn . . .
"Well, for most rookies, there's a learning curve. There's been some good and some bad. He's got a long way to go. We like the progress he's making. He's putting the work into it. He's not afraid and that's a big part of this."

On playing such a strong and mature team like Memphis . . .
"When you look at their team with Gasol and Randolph, Vince Carter and Conley, those guys do have experience, a lot of it. For us, where our advantage lies is in our athleticism and our ability to run the floor. Hopefully our preparation having played there can help us."

Memphis head coach Dave Fizdale

On being physical with the Wolves . . .
"It's not like they are soft or small, these kids are strong. If you look at them and how they hit people, how they attack. I don't know if trying to wear them down with physicality is the way to beat them."

On Vince Carter against Andrew Wiggins in the first game . . .
"That's kind of been Vince all summer, since training camp. Since the season started, he has taken on different hats. The last gave he had 18 (points) and got it rolling. The game against Andrew, he made it tough. . . He's a tough old vet that comes prepared and understands strengths and weaknesses."

On Ray Allen retiring . . .
"You are talking about the epitome of professionalism. I probably wouldn't have this job as head coach if it wasn't for him. The obvious thing is his shot, but there was so many other things that he did for our organization (in Miami). . . If you had to cut out somebody and make a poster child for these young guys to look up to, that is a guy that I would put in front of them."