



POSTGAME QUOTES

Minnesota Timberwolves vs. Los Angeles Clippers – Nov. 12, 2016

Timberwolves Head Coach Tom Thibodeau

On the Clippers defense...

“We struggled in the first quarter. I thought in the second quarter we played well. We had a chance to cut into their lead. Third quarter was not very good. Fourth quarter... there were some good things, but to beat a team that’s rolling like that, we have to obviously play a lot better than we did.”

On the challenges the Clippers present...

“Not only that, but just the way they’re playing right now. They’re playing so well on both sides of the ball. They’re sharing the ball offensively. They’re playing together and then defensively, they’re together and make you work for everything. They put pressure on you. Chris Paul is a master at running the team. I thought JJ (Redick) got going, moving without the ball and we gave him too much space. Those are the things... the big thing is the discipline. We gifted Chris (Paul) eight free throws. He’s clever side to side with the ball, shot fake, forcing switches, shot fake off the dribble. Redick... air space, defensive transition. Those things hurt us. They’re a team that’s really big and they’re in the paint. I thought that was one thing we did do better, was get into the paint. We gave more help. That might have hurt us some from three, but I thought that that was an improvement. I liked the way we shared the ball. When we got going offensively a little bit, we had good penetration and then we had good passing to create some good shots. That’s how we got back into it. Right now we’re not consistent enough. We have to build the right habits and defensively, it’s hard to win when you’re giving up 119 points.”

