



POSTGAME QUOTES

Minnesota Timberwolves vs. Charlotte Hornets – Nov. 15, 2016

Hornets Head Coach Steve Clifford

On the team's best half of basketball this season...

"That's the best half we've played, obviously, all year. On the road, down, we played good in the Pacers game too, but let's put it this way: it would be hard for us to play better than we played in the second half on both ends of the floor.

On the team's bench concerns...

I thought they were good, we got a little bit messed up there a couple times – it's hard sometimes because we're trying to keep Mike a lot of times on primary scorers – Nic does it, I don't mind two or three minutes a half but we're asking so much of him offensively, I don't like him to both have to guard – although you had LaVine anyway who's also a primary scorer – so sometimes there's two, three groups in there and that's one thing we're going to have to figure out.

On being satisfied with a road split...

Absolutely, it's five in eight days with the teams that we've played – I think five very good teams to go three and three, I think our guys did a real good job.

On the keys to third quarter success...

One of the things that happens every night is we made a bunch of threes... a lot of times, frankly, when you watch games a lot of times that's what happens – you hit a stretch where one guy – like tonight Nic hit a bunch of shots in the third – and when you make those threes it changes the game. For them, I thought they got going in the first half with LaVine's threes and they're offensive rebounding, but so much of the game is making shots. We always talk about these other things – in the third we made a bunch of shots.

