



POSTGAME QUOTES

GRIZZLIES 93, TIMBERWOLVES 71

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GRIZZLIES HEAD COACH DAVID FIZDALE

Opening Statement:

"It was a team win. It was nice to see us come back after a late night. We had a flight delay last night. We got in really late and with going back-to-back, I was really impressed."

On the Grizzlies defense the past couple of games:

"The guys are fully committing to the system. They have been healthy and understanding. Seeing our rotation and the guys aren't really hesitating to make that next effort. They are really working hard at it and this team really wants to be considered one of the elite teams in the conference. I told them we have a lot of work to do to get into that category. We are really working at it."

On guarding Andrew Wiggins:

"Battle, fight him, and try to make everything impossible for him. He missed some shots tonight that he normally makes. That's where having a guy like Tony Allen and a vet like Vince (Carter) that are totally disciplined to the game really helps. I know Marc's (Gasol) number really didn't show it but he did a lot of plugging in the paint. That made it tough for the guys in the paint and at the rim. He and DD (Deyonta Davis) both really helped our rim protection. That was a rare night for that kid. He's an animal, a big time scorer. I was really happy with the way that we competed against him."

On the surprising development of Andrew Harrison:

"It's not surprising for me. I think it's just young guys, at some point they start to get it. I think playing in the D-League really helped him. Went through Summer League with me and had a really good training camp. He understood what I was going to ask of him, whether it was playing on the ball or off the ball, offensively and defensively. He went from one minute guarding the point guard to the next minute, he was chasing Zach LaVine. He gives us a lot of luxury because of his size. The kid is 6'4 or 6'5 and he plays physical. He's really starting to understand his role - keep it simple. All I need him to do is defend, keep us organized but at the same time stay aggressive about what he's good at. He's really buying into that."

On JaMychal (Green) over the first few weeks:

"The kid is a big time defender. No matter how you slice it, this kid takes the challenge. Whether it's Anthony Davis or (Harrison) Barnes the other night, and tonight he had Big Kat (Karl-Anthony Towns), he takes that challenge. He had the ability to switch stuff, change to different coverages; he helps our pace by running the floor. He really gives us a lot of versatility. It's not in any way disrupting Z-Bo's (Zach Randolph) game. Z-Bo is still playing at an incredible level. If he's not the leading vote getter for Sixth Man of the Year award, I don't know who else is. Most guys are playing into their roles that I am expecting of them. Some nights, it's different minutes than others but I just like the commitment to what we are trying to accomplish."