



POSTGAME QUOTES

GRIZZLIES 93, TIMBERWOLVES 71

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TIMBERWOLVES HEAD COACH TOM THIBODEAU:

On not finding a rhythm in the game:

"We struggled. Our intensity got us back on our heels. They out-rebounded us. Karl Anthony Towns getting in foul trouble didn't help."

On not having Karl Anthony Towns in the 3rd quarter:

"I just didn't like the way we played. From a discipline standpoint, the fouling crushed us. With 38 free throws, it's hard to win like that. With 19 turnovers we can't win on the road. This team is playing great basketball right now. They are going to make you pay for your mistakes and they did. Once we got in the hole, we couldn't get out."

On holding Grizzlies to 2-of-18 on threes:

"There are three things: your defense, your rebounding, and turnovers that puts you in a position to win. Two of those three we did not do well enough to win. If we had defended, which we did fairly well, but the fouls are mistakes. The turnovers are mistakes. That is beating yourself. That's what we did."

On Grizzlies holding Dallas to 63 points last night:

"Their defense was terrific. It's a tough veteran team. We like to think that we are a pretty good offensive team. We didn't move the ball the way we needed to."

On Andrew Wiggins being a focal point of Grizzlies' defense:

"You still play well without shooting well. There are a lot of other aspects to the game. There's defense, there's rebounding, and then there's playmaking. Anytime that you're trapped or you're double-teamed, moving the ball quickly out of the double-team, you're going to get a wide-open shot on the weak side if you make the play correctly. I thought if you miss some shots you can't allow that to take away from the other things you can do to help the team win. You can do well without shooting well. That's an area we have to grow in."

On not playing tough:

"You're on the road and you got to bring a toughness on the road. I didn't think we did that. Particularly, here with the guys that they have, it's a tough physical team and you got to have the mindset to deal with that. It's going to be a physical game. It's going to be a power game. You have to be willing to get in there and play hard without fouling. We didn't do that."