



# PREGAME QUOTES

## Minnesota Timberwolves vs. Denver Nuggets

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### Minnesota head coach Tom Thibodeau

*On his team getting off to quick starts...*

"I think readiness to play is important, but you have to sustain it for 48 minutes and that's what we're working towards. The start of the game is important. Obviously the end of each quarter, the end of each half and the at the end of the game, you want to be at your best."

*On what he likes about Kris Dunn and what his expectations are for Dunn as a starter...*

"He needs to continue to improve, learn, study, prepare and understand what your responsibilities are, what your job is, organize the team from a leadership position. Obviously unite, inspire the team, play unselfishly, organize us, play well defensively. Just a few things."

*Going against Denver head coach Michael Malone...*

"Michael is terrific. We worked together in New York . . . (The coaching staff) has done a great a great job. They are building their foundation. Rebuilding is never easy to go through, but they've have done a great job and they have done it very quickly."

### Denver Nuggets coach Mike Malone

*On getting team ready for game...*

"I'm going to give them my halftime speech before the game starts tonight, see if that works . . . We talked about it after the last two games we've lost to good teams, but games we've had the lead in the fourth quarter in both, against Portland at home and at Toronto. The challenge in this league, on the road against a good team, you've got to play a full 48 (minutes)."

*What are you expecting from Darrell Arthur?*

"Well, the toughest part of my job is figuring out who to play. We have great depth, but that's also a challenge at times. He's gone through one practice. He's cleared to play limited minutes tonight, whether or not I'm able to get him in the game tonight, we'll see how the game unfolds."

*On Jamal Murray...*

"Just to play his game. I really like the minutes he gave us in Toronto. He didn't try to do too much which says a lot about his poise as a 19 year old playing in front of all his family and friends. He just went out there and played. He played good defense."

