



**Postgame Quotes
Orlando Magic vs. Minnesota Timberwolves
November 9, 2016**

Minnesota Timberwolves Head Coach Tom Thibodeau

On expectations he has for the team:

"It was a good start. It's a win. Wins are hard to come by, particularly on the road. Back-to-back... But, again we've got to take a hard look at the film, and those areas that we have to shore up."

On the offense:

"Offense was great, particularly in the first half. I thought we had a good mentality of making the extra pass, sharing the ball, making quick decisions, put pressure on the rim. I thought Gorgui (Dieng) was phenomenal. He put pressure on the rim and he made plays, and you need that. Of course, Zach (LaVine) got going early, but the readiness to play the 1st quarter set the tone for the game."

On getting more than 10 3s for three games in a row:

"If the ball moves, and you have rhythm and you're making the defense collapse, I want them to shoot 3s. The game dictates what shots you're going to get. As long as we get the ball moving side to side, we get pressure on the rim, we're sharing the ball, good things will happen. You get free throws, you get layups, you get the open 3. The ball can't stick. When the ball sticks we have problems."

On his expectations of young legs from back-to-back games:

"Again, that's one of your advantages when you're young and athletic. The 2nd game of a back-to-back to come out with high energy is important, so I think that's a plus. And then we have to know what we're trying to do defensively and be able to sustain it throughout a game. In the NBA, there's a lot of shooting on the floor at all times. So a 10, 20-point lead, it's not safe and we should have learned that lesson by now. A team makes three 3s in a minute, there's 10 points."

On the game getting easier when you get a big lead:

"Well, you can never let your guard down. And that's the thing, our mentality is not right yet. You have to play tough with the lead. You have to build a lead. You have to have a mentality with the lead. You can't take hero shots. We've got to keep sharing the ball, moving the ball, taking the right shots. That's critical for us."

On whether this young team needed the win for their psyche:

"We need wins. Any team needs wins. The good things that you're doing, you'd like to have some wins to show for it. So, I think that's an important part of this. Having an understanding of what goes into winning, preparing the right way, practicing the right way, concentrating the right way, getting yourself ready to play, it's huge. You're building those habits each and every day. It can't be stated enough, because when you look back at these games, there's one or two plays and that's the difference between winning and losing. Hopefully you're building good habits."