

# Visiting Team Quotes

## Oklahoma City Thunder vs. Minnesota Timberwolves

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### MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES HEAD COACH TOM THIBODEAU:

#### *On the Timberwolves' ball movement:*

"You have to make plays. You have to move the ball from side-to-side, and when we did that we got good looks at the basket. We did make some of those, but then where we got in trouble was trying to do too much individually. You have to hit the open man. When you hit the paint, the defense collapses and there's people open and you have to drop the ball off."

#### *On the team's re-occurring long scoring runs put on them:*

"It's a problem. The only thing we can do is take a look at the film. Try to get some work in. Try to make the corrections. You can't be stubborn. When the ball moves, and you hit the open man, the offense works fine. If we hold onto it, and you dance with the ball it's going to cause problems."

#### *On the Timberwolves defense tonight:*

"I didn't like the defensive tone in the beginning, but I thought the 2nd quarter was very good. To come back and get the lead, and then we didn't close out the last two minutes well. So, then we came in and talked about the things we would like to do in the 3rd quarter, but we didn't get it done. We've got to get it straightened out."

#### *On who needs to move the ball better:*

"That's on everyone. You need five people moving the ball. Knowing when to shoot, when to pass, that's an important part of winning."

### MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES CENTER KARL-ANTHONY TOWNS

#### *On how the team plans to prevent its poor start from dictating the attitude for the rest of the season:*

"For us, we have to worry about what we can control and that's making sure we come in as the most prepared team as we can possibly be and coming out here and executing, offensively, defensively and mentally and physically. The coaching staff has done a great job making sure we're prepared every single day, whether it be a practice, whether it be a workout or whether it be a game. We just have to continue to run the game plan, even through thick and thin."

#### *On how it feels having such a lopsided game:*

"It doesn't mean anything, it's the least of my worries. That's the least thing I care about. None of those stats matter without us getting the win. It's frustrating because we didn't win. I'd rather have zero points and one rebound and get a W than what I had tonight. Back to the drawing board. We have to get ready for Brooklyn and Orlando."

#### *On how the young guys on the team are fitting in:*

"I think that we're just all learning with each other, coaching staff and players included. This is a collective effort. We're all making great strides every single day. We're getting better. Tonight, that shows it, but we're making leaps and bounds every single day. We're going to come together very soon and when we do, it's going to be a very scary thing."

### MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES GUARD ANDREW WIGGINS

#### *On how the team played tonight:*

"We played good in the first half, but we had a bad second half."

#### *On any "common themes" from the game:*

"We just need to play harder."

#### *On the lack of ball movement:*

"I felt like that [happened] a lot. We all took some tough shots. We need to move the ball more."