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Q. Kyshawn, can you talk about your play, your mentality on the court tonight?

KYSHAWN GEORGE: Just trying to make the right play down the floor every time. Same thing as at the beginning of the year. I think the ball is moving well, teammates are just moving the ball and finding me in the best positions possible.

Q. What could you say about Marcus Smart and Khris Middleton since they've been with this team, what they've done for you as a player?

KYSHAWN GEORGE: They just have a whole bunch of knowledge and they're willing to share, and I think that's a big part I'm super grateful for them. Some people have knowledge and decide not to share, and I think them, they want to spread it to the young guys, so I appreciate that.

Q. Kyshawn, how did the jaw feel? What was it like kind of overcoming that to play?

KYSHAWN GEORGE: Oh, it was all right. I got obviously elbowed a couple days ago and medical staff made sure it was all right, and I just came out and played. That was it.

Q. You're showing up really well in hustle stats, loose balls recovered and the amount of ground you cover in a game. Can you explain your mindset and your approach to the game in that regard?

KYSHAWN GEORGE: Just trying to set the tone for what's coming. Obviously we're not where we want to be win-wise, and I think we're building for something bigger in the future. I think it starts where it has to start, which is now, and there's no reason to wait for next year or wait for two years. I think the earlier you set the foundations, the better it is.

Q. One of those stats is your average speed on the court. It's the same as Corey's, and he's known for

moving a lot without the ball. What have you noticed from him, and what do you attribute that to that you're kind of on the same level as him in that stat?

KYSHAWN GEORGE: I'm just trying to pick up and put myself in the right position constantly, whether it's on offense or defense, trying to get open, make the right pass, the right cut to free up something. Even if I don't get the ball, I cut, somebody is going to get a wide-open shot. Or on defense, trying to rotate early, also be active with my hands, a whole bunch of stuff. I try to be active on the court, because again, set the foundations.

Q. Kyshawn, you, Alex and Bub were all huge parts of the win tonight. How good does it feel to see all three of you guys perform so well at the same time, and especially since how much you've grown together over the year?

KYSHAWN GEORGE: Yeah, just super fun. You just see the evolution day-to-day. We work together every single day. We're getting better together every single day. It's just super promising for the future.

Q. In terms of your shooting, do you feel like you've gotten better at threes over the course of the season? Obviously that's one of the biggest parts of your game. Do you feel like you still have some room for improvement for this season, as well?

KYSHAWN GEORGE: There's definitely room for improvement, but the numbers say I got better. But I think there's so much more I could show and be way more efficient at that part. But I trust my work, and I'm confident with my shot, and if I'm open, I'm going to let it fly.

Q. What are the steps you want to take to become more efficient from three?

KYSHAWN GEORGE: Just my discipline, shooting the ball every single time the same way. Just little details. But again, I know I'm going to put the reps in. I know I'm going to be disciplined, and it's just going to come.

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Q. How comfortable do you feel shooting off motion?

KYSHAWN GEORGE: I feel good. I feel good. I can shoot off the dribble, off motion, catch-and-shoot, whatever. Just put the ball in the rim.

Q. You've done a lot more pick-and-rolls of late. How do you feel that progression has gone? What are you starting to learn? What are you starting to pick up?

KYSHAWN GEORGE: I'm comfortable. I'm comfortable. I've played point guard most of my life, and it's just cool to be able to get back to that in some sort of way, and again, I'm just trying to make the right play and the right read every single time. Yeah, I like it.

Q. It feels like there's a couple of times where you are trying to fit some passes into tight windows. What are you learning from those moments even when it's a negative play, when it turns into a turnover?

KYSHAWN GEORGE: The goal when we play offense is to put the ball in the rim, and sometimes you try to make the right play, but sometimes the right play is just to go score. I think it's a read that we have to make and just get better at consistently.

Q. You played quite aggressive today. I want to know if it's Coach's plan or just you wanted to?

KYSHAWN GEORGE: It's just I wanted to. Just setting the tone.

Q. You played really well.

KYSHAWN GEORGE: Yeah, thank you.

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