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Q. You were up by 17 at one point, down late, came back to tie it. What was going through your head in the last few minutes when you knew you needed to get a bucket?

COLBY JONES: Just trying to get the best shot possible, honestly, just trying to win the game, close the game out.

Q. What can you say about the contributions of not just you but the entire closing five, you, J.T., A.J. everybody in that lineup, and the confidence that it took for Brian Keefe to put you out there?

COLBY JONES: Yeah, I feel like everyone that was on the court at the end of the game, we were all ready for the moment. Just came up a little short. Yeah, BK having us all out there, I feel like that's a great opportunity for all of us. I feel like we haven't been in a moment like that in our career so far, so just to get that under our belt, I feel like that means a lot.

Q. Being in that environment for the first time, what was that like for you?

COLBY JONES: It was cool. It was a really good moment. I wish it could have ended out different. But yeah, it was a great moment, yeah, for sure to be out there.

Q. What have you learned about picking your spots and making the most of it?

COLBY JONES: Yeah, just trying to play the game the right way and just also being aggressive at the same time. I feel like the coaching staff gives me a lot of confidence just to be able to go out there and be myself and play my game. I feel like that's just the way I play the game, not trying to take bad shots, just take the open ones while being aggressive.

Q. How were you able to handle all that stamina playing all those minutes? How did you handle that?

COLBY JONES: Yeah, I just wanted to win the game, so whatever I have in the tank, that's what I'm going to use. I feel like that kind of fueled me just to push through. I was definitely tired after for sure, but we definitely wanted to win the game.

Q. In games like that where it's very close at the end, very tense, are you a vocal guy in the huddle or are you more listening?

COLBY JONES: Yeah, definitely vocal guy. Just try to be a voice for the younger guys. I feel like some of them, they don't have that under their belt yet, so just to --

Q. You've been doing this all year.

COLBY JONES: Yeah, just trying to be a voice for them, just try to extend down to the bench.

Q. After the way Thursday's game went, how nice was it to have a bounce-back performance for the entire team like this one?

COLBY JONES: Yeah, definitely a big bounce back. Big bounce back, especially on the defensive side. I feel like the last game wasn't up to our standards at all on defense, so for us to come back and refocus, I feel like that was a big goal for our team.

Q. How good were Bub and Justin tonight?

COLBY JONES: They were amazing, outstanding.

Q. Why do they call you Chick-Fil-a?

COLBY JONES: Because I sold -- when we played Philadelphia, I missed two free throws -- actually four straight. I think I fed the whole city of Philadelphia. I'm for the people, though. Some people weren't going to eat if I didn't do that.

Q. I asked A.J. who he looked up to growing up, who

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might have influenced, players he modeled his game after. Who would you say for you?

COLBY JONES: He's actually in the locker room, Malcolm Brogdon. I watched him coming out of high school, a little bit in college. Just to have him on my team, that's big. He's definitely someone. Josh Hart was another player I looked at in college.

Q. Why Malcolm Brogdon and how did that come about? How did you take notice of him?

COLBY JONES: Actually my AAU told me to watch him when I was in high school, just the way he plays with pace, his finishing in the paint, his floaters. So I feel like I kind of added that to my bag, as well.

Q. Have you told him that?

COLBY JONES: No, I haven't, actually. He actually said something about floaters tonight, and I wasn't going to say anything then, but I'll have to say something to him.

Q. What did you learn in your previous journey in the NBA before coming here that kind of helped you be ready for this moment?

COLBY JONES: Just staying ready at all times. I feel like in Sac the opportunities were near and far, so just always trying to stay ready and just trying to stay ready when my number is called here.

Q. You were locker buddies with Anthony Gill and he's obviously a vet. He's had staying power in the NBA because of being a voice for guys. Have you noticed that being next to him? Has he shared anything with you?

COLBY JONES: Yeah, for sure, not even just what he tells me, just his presence felt within the organization. He's a great guy. We have the same agent, actually, so just talking to my agent about him, he's a great guy, a great person, amazing human being, as well.

Q. What are the top things you want to work on over the summer?

COLBY JONES: I would just say just on-ball skills, ball handling, being able to bring the ball up the court under pressure, and just off-the-movement shooting. I feel like I'm pretty good with my feet set, but just being able to relocate and still rise up and knock them down.

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