

# Washington Wizards Media Conference

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## Coach Brian Keefe

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**Q. Where do you think the game got away from you guys?**

BRIAN KEEFE: A little bit in that second quarter. They were attacking us; we gave them some free throws. That created a little bit of a discrepancy.

Then the start of the third we didn't have that same pop. Offensively I thought we were okay to start the third, but our defense wasn't where it should be, and then we really never got back in the game after that.

**Q. The defense, which had been a point of pride, especially in the second half of the season, has seemed to drop a little bit. What are you noticing? What are the areas --**

BRIAN KEEFE: Just inconsistency. They still had good pockets of it, but just not as consistent as we are.

**Q. What did you think of Alex's rim protection, especially against Vucevic?**

BRIAN KEEFE: Just okay. But that was the whole team. We didn't have a lot of force to our game tonight. We weren't protecting, flying around as much as we have.

Need to be better.

**Q. What have you made of Justin's version of his leadership this season with the way he's played consistently for you off the bench in the starting lineup?**

BRIAN KEEFE: He brings winning characteristics to the game. Obviously seeing the rebounding here in the last three games, but it's the intangible things that he does: guarding the best players, cutting, offensive rebounding. And then simple offensive game. When he's open he shoots it. If not, he's going to make it -- pass.

But all those intangible things is good leadership style, and that's his right now. It's really good.

**Q. Seems to not even focus on whatever the score is, good, bad, or indifferent; continues to play hard. What do you make was that for such a young player?**

BRIAN KEEFE: He's a winning player. Wants to do winning things. Just keeps playing on the next possession. I thought even for us as the game went we ended up having -- I called a timeout there late, but our guys made a nice push at the end.

Even those moments you can learn stuff from, and I thought our guys did a good job finishing it out right.

**Q. Mentioned the offense picking it back up in the third quarter. I asked (indiscernible) at halftime what needed to happen; he just said the ball movement seemed like it was sticking again. Did you feel the same way, and is that what shifted for you in the third?**

BRIAN KEEFE: I thought we just didn't have enough force. We weren't getting to the rim. Even though we did have a decent amount of rim attempts, we just didn't seem to have that attack mentality that we had as much.

Sometimes the games goes that way.

**Q. Justin strong game from three. He's been good there all season. What has allowed him to make that jump?**

BRIAN KEEFE: Just the work. It's always the work. He puts a tremendous amount in and that's the reason he's been successful.

**Q. (Indiscernible.)**

BRIAN KEEFE: No, the consistency of it. The amount he puts in. That's always key.

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