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## Coach Brian Keefe

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**Q. End of the first quarter you talked about the ball movement. Did you feel like it got where you wanted it or could it have gotten to a different level in the second half?**

BRIAN KEEFE: I thought there were some times -- we couldn't get into our pace. We didn't have our normal pace that we play with. We weren't getting stops. Started not getting stops and we were taking the ball to the net way too much, but we weren't getting into our actions with thrust to get to the next action.

The passes, the paint touches, we didn't have that tonight.

**Q. After the last couple games, the last one on the road trip and the win against Atlanta, what kind of shifted here tonight? The first quarter seemed like you guys were coming along. What kind of faltered for tonight?**

BRIAN KEEFE: I thought we battled back in the mid-part of that first quarter on. I think we had a stretch there in the seconds quarter where we got it down two, and they built that start to end the second, start the third and we could just never get ourselves a foot in the game.

Too many points in the paint, easy kick-out threes, and then we didn't have our necessary pace and thrust on offense tonight.

**Q. Did it seem on the defensive end that the guys almost kind of looked like they were maybe trying to defend as if they were playing through mud a bit? It seemed like the rotations there were but not at the time that you wanted and needed them to be?**

BRIAN KEEFE: We weren't sharp, we weren't on pointe, we're flying around that we're capable of. We need to be better than that.

**Q. Did you feel overall that team's energy was down today?**

BRIAN KEEFE: I think we were trying to get ourselves going and we didn't. Couldn't find the necessary juice to do the multiple efforts that you need to do on both ends of the ball tonight. That's playing with pace, touching the paint, the next action is the ball movement. You need energy and movement to do that, and the same thing defensively.

We been showing capabilities of flying around. Showed it in two- or three-minute stretches, but we never got it consistent tonight and that's what happens when you do that.

**Q. Why do you think that juice wasn't there tonight?**

BRIAN KEEFE: All I know is we got a nice home stand coming up mixed in with a back-to-back at Philly. Looking forward to getting back in the gym tomorrow and get our habits going again.

**Q. This is the second time you guys have played a team close to you guys in standings this year, and both times it's been pretty lopsided. Do you feel like there is a lack of urgency going up against a team with a similar record?**

BRIAN KEEFE: No.

All right, everybody, thank you.

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