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Q. Do you have an update on Bub?

BRIAN KEEFE: I don't, no, not yet.

Q. Do you know what part of the body --

BRIAN KEEFE: I don't even have that yet, to be honest.

Q. Do you have an update or anything further on Corey?

BRIAN KEEFE: Just some hamstring tightness. That was the only update I have for that.

Q. What happened on the play with Bub? Did you see?

BRIAN KEEFE: I actually didn't see. I was probably looking somewhere down the court and I just saw he was on the ground and obviously I took a time-out because he wasn't getting up. I'm not sure what happened on it. I'll probably take a look in a few minutes on the film, but I'm not sure.

Q. Going back to the starting lineup, what was the decision to move Bilal back into the first five?

BRIAN KEEFE: That's a group we have been starting before. I actually thought those guys did some positive things, so it was great to have him back. He was a force on the offensive boards, did a lot of positive stuff tonight. But we just wanted to see that group back together.

Q. Where do you feel things kind of got a little off kilter, especially in the fourth quarter? You guys only lost the third quarter by five and in the fourth quarter they punched first. Where did you feel it got out of hand?

BRIAN KEEFE: Two separate runs. I think they went up

either nine or ten there early to start the fourth, and then we cut it to four, and then I think they went on a run to end the game.

Give them credit; we didn't have enough probably physicality on defense. They were moving that ball pretty sharply and they were making shots, and then we got a little stagnant ourselves defensively, but that was really the game there in that fourth quarter.

Q. Can it be difficult when your team wants to move the ball as much as you guys do and as quickly as you all do, to also have to defend a team that does the exact same thing?

BRIAN KEEFE: That's the name of the game. That's the pressure. We talked about that pregame with you guys. They've got some good shooting. They play pretty quick. They move the ball well. You have to do it all when you play these type of teams. I thought we were sharp for good portions of the game, but just in that last part we were not.

Q. What did you see that led to the offensive (indiscernible) tonight?

BRIAN KEEFE: Well, we were taking the ball out of the net a lot. It usually starts with your defense. Then you're getting into stuff not fast, they were putting their hands on us a little bit, so just a combination of some things there.

Q. When Bilal is guarded by a center like they did tonight, what are the answers that you want to see him get to?

BRIAN KEEFE: I thought he was good. He was screening for guys. He got guys open shots. You saw the offensive rebounding. Then hitting timely shots when he's open. I thought he was aggressive. All positives with that stuff tonight. That wasn't our issue at all.

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