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Q. How would you describe the offensive approach that you guys had tonight and the results that followed?

KYSHAWN GEORGE: I think overall the process was pretty good. I think we shared the ball pretty well, got the shots that we wanted. Obviously we wish that we had a little better percentage, but I trust our work, I trust our process, that we're going to get there.

Q. It was another game where we saw Jamir Watkins get an opportunity not only to play but to guard a really good player. What did you see from him?

KYSHAWN GEORGE: I mean, I played against him in college at FSU. Kind of known for that, that defense, the deflections, the physicality, and I think he's doing a great job of going out there and bringing that to the game. Also on offense I think he's finding where he can get his own threes, his own offensive rebounds and just bring that grit and physicality to the game.

Q. I wanted to ask you about your shirt. Today is Kobe's 20th anniversary of the 81-point game. How has he influenced you as a basketball player?

KYSHAWN GEORGE: To be honest, that's a total coincidence. One of my friends in Switzerland actually made the shirt for me, so I just wanted to wear it.

I think Kobe, I was seeing that -- like you said, 81 points. I think it's never been done before except for once in recent history. Yeah, he just pushed back the borders of basketball. He showed what it's possible to do in this sport.

Q. How would you compare the team defensively today as opposed to the first time you played Denver when you think you gave up 53 percent shooting to them?

KYSHAWN GEORGE: I mean, obviously when you play a team twice in a close period of time, you kind of know what they do. I mean, Peyton Watson had a great game. He shot a very, very good percentage. I think there's days where people are going to make shots and going to miss shots, and I think at the end of the day it's how you try to force them into taking a type of shots, and I think we did a pretty good job of that.

Like we said, our bench, Jamir Watkins and them came in there and really upped the physicality, which really helped us a lot.

Q. How would you evaluate where the Wizards' rebuilding process is at right now?

KYSHAWN GEORGE: So you're basically telling me that me, Alex and Bub are doing a good job? Basically that's the gist of the question?

No, I think we're good. I think we're starting to figure stuff out. We've been in a couple close games. I think we keep our heads level as the game is going on, and we're able to fight back after other teams go on runs and respond with runs of our own.

I think we're trending in the right direction. I hope and I think people see the progress, and yeah, the best is yet to come.

Q. Tonight was game number, I think, 102 for you in your career, so you've crossed the 100-game mark. What would you say the biggest difference is between Game 1 Kyshawn and Game 100 Kyshawn?

KYSHAWN GEORGE: Definitely his confidence and knowing what he's actually capable of doing and just the physicality also is a big part that is different from game 1, offensive physicality because I was looking pretty good (indiscernible).

Q. How has the increased confidence manifested itself on the court, just more shots attempts?



KYSHAWN GEORGE: I think it comes from more paint touches and how to get my teammates to the ball. I obviously work on getting my personal shot off a lot, and I think I'm doing a decent job of making shots. But yeah, really just reading the game, knowing where the ball needs to go and when, and yeah, just keeping my eye on that.

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