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Q. What shifted in the second half from the way that you guys started that first half and then the start in the third quarter?

BRIAN KEEFE: Eight turnovers in the first quarter. That kind of allowed them to get out in transition, too many easy baskets. I thought we made a good change the second half.

Our defense started to pick up, our physicality. But hard to come back when you give up 46 in the first quarter, but I was happy with what short numbers with what the guys did in the second half.

Q. At halftime Adam said that it was some of the coverages just weren't there, we were a half step slow on them. Did you feel like that was a bit of the change in that second half, especially defensively?

BRIAN KEEFE: We were sharper. We were communicating better and in stances better, in the right spots in terms of positioning, and that led to us getting stops and getting out and getting easy baskets in transition.

Q. Justin had a really great game, and I know he had a big crowd of friends and family here, as well. What did he give you, especially in that first half? He was able to get some momentum as the first half came to a close.

BRIAN KEEFE: He got a lot of free throws tonight. He attacked the rim, was putting pressure on the rim, just out in transition, cutting, stuff that he does all the time. He always plays well when he plays with that type of thrust to the rim, and he really did that tonight.

Q. Will, another career night, able to mix it up here. What have you seen from him, not just today but in the last five games from him that he's been able to

seemingly figure things out in real time and in the moment to give you guys something?

BRIAN KEEFE: He's got such a unique skill set, size, built to read the defense. I think he's just getting more comfortable within our offense where he can pick his spots. He's pretty gifted in the way he processes the game and sees angles, and he's got great footwork and pivoting.

He's just growing, getting more comfortable with everything we're doing, getting better defensively, using his size, using his length. We've been pleased with him.

Q. We know that Jamir is quite an athlete player, but I have to ask about that punch of a dunk he had that late in the game. It was a little bit of momentum swing. What was your thought, because it got everybody in the building on their feet.

BRIAN KEEFE: Yeah, Jamir is a dynamic in a lot of ways, and obviously you saw him express that in that play. But it was one of the keys to the second half was his physicality and his defense. He's one of the guys getting better also.

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