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Q. I know you never make excuses when it comes to the schedule. You have had an overload of games and minutes on the bodies. What kind of went left for you guys when the game started?

BRIAN KEEFE: Yeah, we'll never use the games or the density that we've played. That's never been anything we've ever talked about here. The schedule is the schedule.

Liked our start, but we didn't sustain. Turnovers, offensive rebounds; when you have a possession game like that, it's hard to win. That really bit us in the second quarter, and that continued into the third.

Those are the things that aren't sustainable to being consistent in the game, and we didn't have that tonight.

Q. I know both kind of happened mid-game and you might not have too much information, but do you have any insight on how Kyshawn and Bilal are doing?

BRIAN KEEFE: I don't have anything right now, yeah.

Q. The rebounding battle, how important do you think that was in the outcome of the game?

BRIAN KEEFE: Yeah, the possession game is huge. We've been doing a really good job of that lately, turning people over and offensive rebounding ourselves. It went the other way tonight, and like I just said, it's hard to keep yourself in the game when you're losing by those type of numbers and that battle. Those are things big. Something we've been focusing on. Obviously we didn't have it in that area tonight.

Q. Bub Carrington had 13 points tonight, shot 6 of 13 from the field. What have you been seeing from him throughout the season that you've liked and then things that he can improve on in his role within this

young core that you guys have?

BRIAN KEEFE: He's grown daily. We've liked how he's been playing. He sets the tempo for us on offense. He really pushes the pace. Obviously you can see the shooting. When he shoots from three, off the catch, off the dribble.

Like a lot of our guys, they're learning and developing in this league and learning what it takes on a night in, night out basis. But he sets a good standard for us bringing a level of intensity and a joy to the game that we love.

Q. I know you always look for the lessons in games, whether the result is in your favor or not, and you want to take time to look at the film, but a quick reaction to what you feel the biggest lesson from tonight and even just this back to back as you get set to head to Cleveland?

BRIAN KEEFE: Yeah, got to value the ball. The ball is so important. That's what we had a problem with tonight was the turnovers and the offensive rebounds. When you lose those type of possession games, it's going to be hard to keep yourself in the game.

Like I said, we've actually been doing that pretty well here lately, but we've got to get back to that on Wednesday.

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