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Brian Keefe

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Q. What did you like from the bench tonight, they have been pretty consistent for you all season long.

BRIAN KEEFE: We got hurt on the boards tonight. But, yeah, I did love the competitiveness of that last group. Obviously their force, their defense in the fourth quarter, made them take a couple timeouts. But we didn't play that full 48 of the game. That 14 in the second quarter really hurt us. But after that the guys responded in the second half.

Q. What was it that you guys were able to make that run and, you know, Chris and Brendan were talking about it's a sign of respect from Joe that he had to keep his starters in because you guys were making that run.

BRIAN KEEFE: Defense. The start of our defensive physicality. They were having to take tough shots, end of the shot clock, contested. And then we started finishing those with rebounds. And then Jaden Hardy gave us a nice little punch there offensively. Tristan obviously had a huge game offensively, but JC, Jamir, Bub I thought really set the tone defensively there to start the fourth.

Q. Seemed like you were able to push the minute restrictions for a few guys a little bit more. Is that something that was just the flow of the game, didn't give you a whistle to get them out, or was that a conversation?

BRIAN KEEFE: No, those guys got to about where they needed to be about right on it, actually, to be honest. But, yeah, that was good, good to see 'em out there.

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