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Q. Brian, I know he's been around you three weeks, four weeks or so, but what have you learned about Juju in that time?

BRIAN KEEFE: He's adapted really quickly to what we're doing first of all, so credit to him. A lot of other guys who joined our team have come up through our system and stuff and he's fit in seamlessly.

You see what he does with the rebounding and offensive boards. He's finishing around the rim. He's been a pretty good anchor defensively for just learning our stuff on the fly a little bit.

He's been productive in every game he's played.

Q. What makes him a good rebounder? Technique? Effort?

BRIAN KEEFE: That's all him. He's probably had that his whole life I'm guessing. We can't take credit for that. He's just got instinct how to go get the ball and he's really good at it.

Q. Brian, they went on an extended run; you guys responded. Sharife told me that mindset coming into this was pouring into the (indiscernible) every game. Tonight probably wasn't the best showing of that, but we fought through. What did you see from the guys character-wise and mindset-wise when they were making that run to kind of stick with it?

BRIAN KEEFE: Yeah, every team is going to make a run in the NBA. I think our guys, they kind of gathered themselves, steadied the ship. Started getting some stops and then getting the shots we wanted on offensive.

Those things are going to happen in the game. I thought those guys responded well to it.

Q. How good of a learning experience, especially for how young this team is was that up 37, they cut it to I think the closest was 13, and then you guys responded again the way that you did?

BRIAN KEEFE: These are long games. I think that's what's one thing you realize is that there is a lot of possessions and you got to play the full 48. I thought we just a lot a little bit of a stretch there, three or four minutes, but then the guys righted the ship at the end and finished it well.

Q. How is Will? He went back to get looked at, right? Is Will Riley okay?

BRIAN KEEFE: He's okay. As far as I know. I haven't checked in myself but I think he's okay.

Q. And is Justin -- was he clear to play tonight? Did he have any injury concern?

BRIAN KEEFE: No, he was clear to play.

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