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Q. BK, you guys seemed to be (indiscernible) really well in the first half. Shots just didn't...

BRIAN KEEFE: Yep.

Q. What did you (indiscernible) to keep yourselves position?

BRIAN KEEFE: Yeah, thought our process was right in the first half, just not making some of them. And then that started to shift. I think one of the big things we got to do is control the ball. We turned ball over quite a bit at home versus them; I think we only ended up with 11 turnovers.

So that allowed us to get shots on the rim, and then our shots turned and we kept playing the right way and trusting the pass. Give our guys credit tonight. Really good.

Q. What shifted in the fourth quarter late? Seemed like you guys were figuring it out, much like we saw against Utah. What were they able to do to retake the lead, and I don't know, just pull away with it?

BRIAN KEEFE: Yeah, execution. They've been through this things before. This a championship team. A lot guys playing some big games out there. They executed their stuff down the stretch pretty good.

Q. Defensively what did you like, especially with Alex fouling out early in the third quarter, taking away that rim protection, which you guys still found ways to try to defend without the size at least.

BRIAN KEEFE: Yeah, I thought our guys battled. That was the biggest things, obviously Alex goes down like that I thought our guys did a terrific job.

Q. Why didn't you go back to Bub and Bilal?

BRIAN KEEFE: Minutes cap. They hit it.

Q. For each of them?

BRIAN KEEFE: Yeah.

Q. What was Bilal...

BRIAN KEEFE: Just got some lingering stuff been bothering him here. Both hit their cap.

Q. (Regarding Alex.) What happened? That's not usual for him.

BRIAN KEEFE: No, got a couple cheap ones there. I think you got two or three right there in the third. Yeah, I thought he was good. A little rusty to start the game, but after he shook that off I thought he played well, was rebounding well, started getting to the paint. Always gives us the rim protection. Nice to have him back on the court.

Q. Is it possible a little bit more aggressive knowing he was probably out there?

BRIAN KEEFE: He was, yes, definitely was. The fouls weren't going to be an issue anyway, that's why kept him out there.

Q. If those guys are under a minutes restriction, why not just extend them out so they can play to the end of the game?

BRIAN KEEFE: Well, first of all, health. This is something we've done all year with all our players. Our health of our players is our No. 1 thing. We follow to protocols. We want to keep the rotations, similar rotations that they're used to playing together, and when they hit that that's kind of it.

Mostly health is the No. 1 thing. We have occasionally gone over, but only like maybe in an overtime situation. We did this with Khris Middleton all year; nothing changes.

Q. With Will and AG, their efficiency in what they were able to do tonight with their shot selection, what did

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you like from both of them? They give you something different but both necessary.

BRIAN KEEFE: Yeah, we were able to play our offense through Anthony. During his minutes we were playing through him. He was finding cutters. They were hitting him on the roll. Will has been efficient here for the last month and a half, so like putting the ball in his hands, making decisions, those guys pretty really well during that stretch.

Q. (Indiscernible.)

BRIAN KEEFE: Yeah, he has a knack -- I think we talked about this, he has a knack for scoring. He has done this a few teams where we needed him out there to score, and we can produce almost instantaneously. It's quite impressive to be able to do that.

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