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Q. What did you see specifically late in that third and fourth quarter that you guys were able to catch the momentum?

BRIAN KEEFE: The first thing, tough back-to-back, short numbers. Not surprised by the resiliency of our group. A little sluggish to start, cut the lead, and then we played pretty well there in the third and obviously we took the lead going into the fourth. Give them some credit; they made some shots late. But I loved our guys' resiliency tonight.

Q. We ask about it a lot, but Will Riley, back-to-back 30-plus games for himself. What have you seen from him and how rare it is for a young guy to be able to finish the way he does and be as efficient as he is? What have you seen from him in the past 10 games that the consistency is now building upon itself?

BRIAN KEEFE: I mean, he's really done this for a while now. Not maybe 30 every night, but back-to-back 30 is impressive. But you see his confidence growing, his skill set, his ability to make shots, tough shots, get to the free-throw line. He's just grown. He's playing really well.

Q. What did you like from Jamir? What was he able to give you tonight, especially on the offensive end?

BRIAN KEEFE: You know, just a secondary play maker. The guy can get downhill. Obviously made a big three there, and then obviously what he gives us on the defensive end every night.

Q. You mentioned being short on numbers. How great was it to get the performance from Juju Reese on the glass?

BRIAN KEEFE: He's done it every game he's played for us, right? I just told him in the locker room, he's still learning our system and all that stuff, and he just produces out there on the boards, obviously, finishing around the

rim. He's just a physical presence. He's been really good in his minutes for us.

Q. What led to the turnovers, 23 of them? Obviously you mentioned the adversity you guys are facing, but what led to those?

BRIAN KEEFE: Give them credit; some of what they do. They turn teams over a little bit. But we always get in trouble when we play in a little bit of crowds. But got to give them some credit. They had some good ball pressure tonight.

Q. Going back to Jamir for a second, what do you like about his offensive game this season so far, whether he's scoring or anything else?

BRIAN KEEFE: I think he's a really good secondary play maker off of drive-and-kick, short rolls. I think we've talked about his rim finishing, how good he is finishing around the rim. We have two rookies that are really good finishing around the rim, him and Will. He just has a good feel for the game as a secondary play maker, and then the shooting obviously has improved.

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