

NBA Finals: Thunder vs. Pacers

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Indiana Pacers

Aaron Nesmith

Media Day



Q. Can you talk about the way you guys have played through the playoffs? What has been working best for you guys?

AARON NESMITH: Just playing Pacers basketball. Playing 15 men deep, playing fast, playing free, playing our brand of ball.

Q. What are you going to take on to the Finals? Just doing the same thing?

AARON NESMITH: Continue to play Pacers basketball. That's what got us here. I think that's what's going to help us succeed in the Finals. That's what we're going to have to do.

Q. What did you learn from last year to take into this season?

AARON NESMITH: I think we just learned how hard it is to get here and not taking being in this position for granted. Understanding most guys don't play this long into the season, into the year. Just having our bodies right, our legs underneath us. I think it's very helpful.

Q. You guys have gotten to the Finals with your balanced attack. How critical will that be for you guys beginning tomorrow in the series against the Thunder?

AARON NESMITH: That's who we are, our identity, playing Pacers basketball. That's a big part of it. It's going to be on us to make sure we continue to do that here.

Q. What is the big difference in the approach you are having for the Finals rather than the first rounds of the playoffs?

AARON NESMITH: I would say just playing Pacers basketball. We're going to play our brand of basketball. We're worried about us and we're going to play our game let that carry us through.

Q. On his ankle injury from the previous series.

AARON NESMITH: It took a lot, man. Pretty much rehab every minute of that day, so... It was cold tub, game-ready, hyperbaric chambers, it was red-light therapy, shock wave, anything you can name, we threw it at the ankle. There was no chance I was missing that game.

Q. How good were these few days to allow it to get better?

AARON NESMITH: I needed them. I was looking forward to these days off. I took them. I'll be ready.

Q. Pascal had that great run with the Raptors in 2019. What advice has he relayed to you about how this week is different, how to approach it?

AARON NESMITH: He's been a constant presence in our locker room, a constant leader in our locker room. He's done a good job of just keeping us all levelheaded and our eyes on the prize.

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