

NBA Finals: Thunder vs. Pacers

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Indiana Pacers

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Practice Day

Q. Obi, in terms of the road success, you guys have had that in several series. How are you looking to replicate that now?

OBI TOPPIN: Just continue what we've been doing all season, be resilient and locking into the mistakes we've had in previous games and getting better from them.

Q. Is there a feeling that the series has started all over again now that you each have won a road game and it's a best-of-three?

OBI TOPPIN: We are going into Game 5 2-2. Like you said, it's 0-0 to us right now. The first to two wins. We are just going to look at the mistakes from the last game and get better.

Q. Myles said there were a lot of little things in the fourth quarter that got you guys. What were those corrections?

OBI TOPPIN: I ain't going to give out all the sauce, but we definitely had to correct the things that we did in that past game in the fourth quarter. We weren't playing the same, but like I said, we watched film on it and we know what we have to fix.

Q. What does it feel like in the fourth quarter where every possession is magnified and you're trying not to make a mistake?

OBI TOPPIN: You're trying not to make a mistake the whole time, but the fourth quarter especially because it's crunch time. It's when you want to play your best basketball. We slowed down a little bit and we didn't play how we usually play, but we'll get better from it and be ready for the next game.

Q. Are you guys mirror images of each other, the way you play so hard, play defense and fight for loose balls?



OBI TOPPIN: It's two young teams going out there playing like dogs. We are going out there, a lot of us have not been in the Finals, so this is the first Finals for most of us. We are just going out there and playing our hearts out trying to get a win for the team.

Q. You mentioned that slowdown. Every time you come in, your guys' pace picks up. Is that you being fast and athletic? What about you in the series has made that pace click?

OBI TOPPIN: I feel like it's no surprise what I do. I try to come in every game and bring a lot of energy. Exciting dunks, defensive stops, blocks. Whatever I can do to bring energy into the game, I try to do. But it's not only me. We got a bunch of guys on our team in T.J., Ben, both of them, all of us come into the game and we know what we've got to do when we come in.

Q. You guys have talked about your ability to respond to losses, but this is the most extreme version of it with how hard that one was. What will it take to do that again?

OBI TOPPIN: Just do what we've been doing all season, being resilient and learning from our mistakes and getting better from it.

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