

# NBA Finals: Thunder vs. Pacers

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Indiana Pacers

**T.J. McConnell**

Game 5: Postgame



Oklahoma City Thunder 120, Indiana Pacers 109

**Q. Turnovers again really the difference tonight?**

T.J. MCCONNELL: Yeah, and they outrebounded us. Just the turnovers were tough at a timely point in the game. We fought back, though, through all the turnovers and extra possessions we gave them and showed a lot of fight. But no moral victories. We got to go out and protect home court.

**Q. Take us through your third quarter. When you get in that groove, do you just want to keep shooting?**

T.J. MCCONNELL: I found a rhythm and my teammates kept finding me, so I've got to give credit to them. Just trying to put some energy in the game like I always do and get us jump-started.

**Q. What do you think kind of opened up the offense for you guys in the third quarter compared to just how things were going in the first half?**

T.J. MCCONNELL: I think just our relentless will to get downhill and move the ball and get it side to side. I think we played a little slow in the first half. We were getting the ball up the court and just getting it moving.

**Q. What's message to this group? Obviously you guys know what you have to do.**

T.J. MCCONNELL: Protect home court. It's really that simple.

**Q. How do you describe the energy after this game?**

T.J. MCCONNELL: It's disappointing. We're disappointed obviously. But we've got to flush it and, like I said, we've got to protect home court. Our backs up against the wall. I know our fans will be fired up. We've got to go out there and play and give everything we have.

