

NBA Finals: Thunder vs. Pacers

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Indiana Pacers

Tyrese Haliburton

Practice Day

Q. Some interest in your calf. Do you have any update for us there?

TYRESE HALIBURTON: Nothing more than you've already seen. I practiced today, did what I could. I know Coach told you guys what the process will be tomorrow for me to play. Yeah, we're just taking it from there.

Q. Are you dealing with a strain?

TYRESE HALIBURTON: Yeah.

Q. Obviously you want to play. It is the Finals. How smart do you have to be in this situation? Are you not even thinking in those terms at this point?

TYRESE HALIBURTON: I think it depends on who you ask. You're asking me. I think I have to be as smart as I want to be. Have to understand the risks, ask the right questions.

I'm a competitor; I want to play. I'm going to do everything in my power to play. That's just what it is.

I think the answer to that is depending on who you ask.

Q. Can you give us an idea of what the treatment is like? What do you do for a strained calf?

TYRESE HALIBURTON: I think just around-the-clock stuff as much as I can. Massage, needles, hyperbaric, H waves. Everything you can do to get as comfortable as you can going into it. The right tape and stuff while I am performing.

I'm sure there's a bunch of medical professionals who could give you a better answer. Just doing everything I'm told. Trying to do everything I can.

Q. I would like to ask about your teammate Andrew Nembhard. He had in the last quarter a few minutes -- turnover, missed shots. Have you talked to him to



keep his confidence high?

TYRESE HALIBURTON: I think through the course of the game, we all make mistakes. Nobody is tripping off it. Understand who he is, how big a part of our group he is.

I think last game came down to much more things than just a couple turnovers or a couple missed shots here and there. There are so many things we can do better as a group.

I think that doesn't need to be a conversation about it. We're moving on to Game 6. We feel everybody has an ability to be better in different areas. Everybody has to be prepared for that.

Q. The timeline, was it an ankle after Game 2, a calf after Game 5? Two separate injuries? Had you been dealing with the calf at all before Game 5?

TYRESE HALIBURTON: Yeah, that sounds about right.

Q. You've talked before about the situation when the staff kind of saves you from yourself. What have those conversations been like over time when you've dealt with various injuries? How much trust have you gained in the medical staff taking care of you, making sure you don't go beyond what you can do?

TYRESE HALIBURTON: Yeah, I have a lot of trust in our medical staff. I have a lot of trust in our organization to make the right decision.

I think there's been many situations through the course of my career where they've trusted me on my body. You're here more than anybody. You know I'm questionable from time to time throughout the course of season. They trust me to make the right decision on my body when the power is in my hands. I'm trying to try my best to do that.

I mean, you understand that. I want to be out there. That's the plan.

Q. Goes without saying maybe, but if this was the regular season, would you even think about playing? Keep you out for a week, two weeks? How does it feel

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in that context?

TYRESE HALIBURTON: Yeah, probably. I mean, it would probably be the case. We're not in the regular season, so... It is what it is.

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