

NBA Finals: Thunder vs. Pacers

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Indiana Pacers

Myles Turner

Practice Day



Q. What's the feeling here today after practice as you approach the last home game of the season?

MYLES TURNER: That's just it. Regardless of the situation, this is our last chance to play in front of our home fans. Want to send them out the right way. They've been looking forward to this for a long time. The opportunity has presented itself for us to keep playing, so keep rolling.

Q. If Tyrese doesn't play, how much confidence do you have in T.J. McConnell and whatever role he has to taken on?

MYLES TURNER: Yeah, I have confidence in the full squad, not just T.J., all our backup guys. Someone like Johnny Furphy can step up and play some minutes. I think everybody is prepared for the moment.

Again, the moment is as big as it's going to get. I think everybody will be ready.

Q. How are things different if Tyrese isn't 100% and doesn't play a whole lot?

MYLES TURNER: I mean, obviously he's the head engine behind our offense. He makes a lot of things go. Again, I'm still very confident in our guys that can come in and fill the role.

Q. OKC has gone back to the Holmgren-Hartenstein starting frontcourt the last two games. What has it been like adjusting to that?

MYLES TURNER: I mean, even the first couple games, they did the same thing. They just did it at a later time. I think they do a good job of mixing up their lineups. You're not going to see the same lineup at the same times every game. No different than we've seen the first couple games.

Q. Last home game of the season. You've been here 10 years. What do you expect that environment to be?

MYLES TURNER: Yeah, I expect it to be the best crowd we've had all season and honestly just in my years here. With the moment, what it is, it's not every day you get to go to an NBA Finals game. Something you can tell your kids about one day. History literally in the making. I expect a great environment. It's going to be a lot of fun.

Q. How are you feeling health-wise? Are you over the cold?

MYLES TURNER: It doesn't matter. Yeah, that's the best I can put it.

Q. This is the first time in the series you've been behind. How do you guys deal with that in this moment?

MYLES TURNER: You got to play like you're always behind. That's what I like to tell people. Even when we were ahead, we had the mentality we were behind. That doesn't change.

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