

NBA Finals: Thunder vs. Pacers

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Indiana Pacers

Aaron Nembhard

Practice Day



Q. What did you guys really like when you went back through the film and what are some things maybe you can do better in Game 7?

AARON NEMBHARD: I think we liked the connectivity of our group. We did a good job of extending this series and playing together, playing for 48 minutes.

Q. Anything you saw that maybe you can improve upon in Game 7?

AARON NEMBHARD: Anything to improve upon in Game 7? I think there's always little adjustments, little mistakes we made in coverages. Just got to clean those little things up.

Q. How much were you looking forward to this challenge of being the primary defender on Shai and being in the spotlight, and did you let yourself think of that and what's it been like?

AARON NEMBHARD: I knew it was going to be a very, very tough challenge. He's a guy who has been one of my toughest guards in the league. I'm always excited about those competitive matchups and these are the times when you get to show those types of things. It's been fun.

Q. When you talk about guys on 1A guys championship teams putting up giant numbers, and Pascal is leading in scoring and he's had some big games in your run, but just that ability to assert himself like he did in the first half versus other games where he's picked his spots, what does that say about him?

AARON NEMBHARD: I think it says that he's all about winning. He will put his personal agenda aside at any time to win the game and I think that's what he's shown ever since he got here and he's done a great job of shining as well as letting all of us shine together.

Q. Do you have a favorite Game 7 memory?

AARON NEMBHARD: Ours, against the Knicks at Madison Square Garden. That was an incredible atmosphere and a moment that I loved playing in.

Q. How do you feel going into Game 7 of the Finals? Does it feel normal?

AARON NEMBHARD: Feels good. Feels as normal as normal can be. Excited about the opportunity. I know it's going to be a big environment and a lot of emotions, but I think we're all just ready to hoop and enjoy the hoops.

Q. Last year's Game 7, how important is that experience?

AARON NEMBHARD: Definitely there's some rising emotions and just feelings towards a Game 7 like last year, and I think experience always helps in these situations.

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