

NBA Finals: Knicks vs. Spurs

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New York Knicks

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Q. Sometimes people say that it's easier to bounce back after a loss than it is to double down after a win. You guys have 12 straight wins in the Playoffs; how are you doing this, and how are you keeping each other every day going forward?

OG ANUNOBY: Just going into each game with an edge, not worrying about the previous game. Going in with the same intensity and focusing on just doing what it takes to win.

Q. How are you guys in the locker room, because I'm sure there would be high moments when you guys have like 12 straight wins because it's really legendary. What are the conversations in the locker room like? KAT mentions so much about 0-0 mentality. How do you stay poised during the rest days and even with all of these media availabilities? How do you stay focused?

OG ANUNOBY: Just after the game is over, just the next day, just reset, prepare for the next game, watch the film, try to clean up the things that you messed up on or adjust whichever way is needed, and just come into the game with a 0-0 mindset like KAT said. Just focus on the next game.

Q. Can you take us through that shot over Wembanyama from the corner? Didn't look like you had all that much room to work, but you somehow found enough space to hit that three-pointer. Can you take us through that play and how you found the room?

OG ANUNOBY: Whenever I get the ball, I'm always just looking, trying to create some space. Whenever I feel I have any space, I'm always ready to shoot. Just like any other.

Q. You take a lot of pride on defense, of course, and you've been defending the best players on every team during the season and during your career. Where

would you rank Victor Wembanyama on this? And also, he said that they didn't play normal. That was the word that many of the players from the Spurs said, that they just have to play normal. Do you think you guys did something that made them not play normal to their standards?

OG ANUNOBY: I don't know. I think we just tried to be physical and be aggressive defensively. We try to make anyone we're playing uncomfortable. We don't want people to be comfortable. So just taking up space when we can, making sure we always contest, fly around, communicate on defense. It's a collective effort as a team.

Q. Victor gets the lion's share of the discussion and spotlight in this situation, but with Karl, as his counterpart for you guys, what generally or now specifically do you see in him that makes you guys confident that he can handle that positional comparison?

OG ANUNOBY: Oh, I mean, we know Karl is an amazing player. We know that he can do it against anyone. He's a great player. He always finds a way to impact the game, whether it's his shooting, scoring in the post, passing, rebounding, defense, whatever way. He finds a way to impact the game. We're always confident in him.

Q. I want to ask you about the mental part of the game when you guys came down by double digits. You guys came down against Cleveland, 22-point deficit. Last night you came down by 14 points, but you guys kept fighting, doing everything to come out with a W. How did you stick together and come out with a W?

OG ANUNOBY: Just knowing that basketball is a game of runs. A team might go on a run early in the game or midway through the game. Just knowing, just staying with it, playing the way we play, focusing on taking good shots and playing good defense and finishing possessions out, rebounds, and just knowing that we're going to go on our own run, as well. So staying with it throughout the game. It's a 48-minute game.

Q. You had the strong fourth quarter. How do you walk a line between your desire to impact the game in

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those key minutes and taking what the game and the opponent is giving you? Where is that line?

OG ANUNOBY: Yeah, like as the game starts, I think everyone is trying to -- not ease into the game, but figure out how the game is going to go. As the game goes on, you find spots and you pick and choose when to be aggressive and then sometimes you just go and take it. So just reading the game, reading how to defend it or the shots that are there for me and just being aggressive, whatever comes my way.

Q. There's a saying that is becoming famous the last days that everyone is better than Jalen Brunson until you have to play against Jalen Brunson and win against Jalen Brunson. What do you think about that saying?

OG ANUNOBY: I mean, Jalen, just whoever he plays against, he's a great player. No matter who he's playing against, he always has the same confidence in himself, and he just does what he does.

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