

NBA Finals: Knicks vs. Spurs

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San Antonio Spurs

Mitch Johnson

Game 5: Pregame



Q. How does Luke look for tonight? Was he ill during Game 4? Can you tell us what the illness might be?

MITCH JOHNSON: I didn't hear about it in Game 4. He's been sick. He's getting better. He'll be available tonight.

Q. You've been through a hundred games with this group. Do you get a sense today is as close to a regular day as can be? Did they seem as you would expect? Guys seem normal? Tight?

MITCH JOHNSON: Yeah, what we'd expect. We went through shootaround and our normal prep for the game tonight. Tonight is the most important game of our season. We're playing the same opponent now for the fifth straight time. Hopefully we can continue to improve in terms of our execution and finishing out games, and playing more to our standard for the 48 minutes tonight.

Q. There's been some discussion about Victor and the U.S. national anthem. He crossed his arms during Game 1. Didn't appear to be on the court during Games 3 and 4. Is that something the team has talked to him about? Does he plan to be on the floor for the anthem tonight?

MITCH JOHNSON: Not at all. I think there are plenty of players that are not on the floor during the anthem. I don't know if that's habit, superstition, bathroom, whatever it may be. I don't foresee anything looking into that at all.

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