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| I don't even like talking about. It's just part of what I'm dealing with. No. Yeah, but it's hard. In my predicament, I'm only going to do myself further damage. Yeah, there's an impact, but it's something that we all need to do. If you can occupy your man, get the ball moving and get bodies moving, that's important for all of us. So when I do it, if I get a shot or not, somebody is going to get a shot. So it just has to be a team thing. Not in one game, no. Who knows what it is. Who knows what it is. I know I shoot as many as I can. When you get over the line, it's important to get comfortable and to get a rhythm. When you fall out of it, you fall out of it. You figure out ways to get back into it and create that good rhythm going forward. I made 100 in a row and stopped. Because I believe that if I had kept going, I could make 500 in a row. So unless somebody I'm doing it for a record or somebody is challenging me, it's like I'm like Forrest Gump, I just stopped running. The thing is I don't want to change my technique. I just have to continue to work on getting my lift. My technique has been solid for a very long time, and it's successful. Anybody who I know is a shooter, encourage them to shoot certain ways. So I'm never going to stop doing the way I prepare and how I shoot. It's just getting to it and just kind of you know, it's like I'm trying not to push myself in shooting and jumping higher, but I have to find a happy medium. |
| The whole game I felt good today. I had really no issues moving around the floor. Started this morning, and I was able to shoot the way I normally do. And tonight starting the game, you know, it's like for me a wait and see I take a wait and see approach. As the game went on, it was almost like if I forget about it, then it's a good thing, and I forgot about my foot, and eventually I just kept playing and I didn't have any issues. Even right now I feel pretty good. Me, it's a day to day situation. So from day to day it seems like it's different. It's just what I'm dealing with. Keyon just made a great play. We moved the ball around, and he got the ball underneath the basket. They don't leave me often, but they left me that time, because he's underneath the basket. So he made a great play there. But it was definitely on time. At that point it was winning time. We had been in a situation similar in Game 7 at our place, and Paul fouled out. We have the guys capable to win games. We just got to make sure we execute down the stretch. We were in a similar position. We got beat in transition, and we fouled down the stretch, our guys were out of position. They ended up making plays down the stretch. I believe we just made sure the big that came up in pick and rolls, we didn't just show in and get out. We made sure we had a huge presence on him with the ball and made other guys beat us. We paid more attention to what he was doing in pick and rolls. I think in the third quarter he made some shots where he isoed and shot over the top of us. We all thought he got hit. I'll say it. He did, but what can you do about it? Yeah, we feed off what he's doing now. So much going on out there, both offensively and defensively, that on the offensive end when he has a night like that going, we just it's like those football players when everybody has got to be in sync, where they're cutting and rebound, get the ball back out. At some point you get to watch him. I stayed space, my guy wasn't leaking in, and let him go. I'm not concerned at all. After the game I think that everybody was I say everybody was in good spirits, but at the same time we were disappointed, we were upset. We know moving forward that we got to go home and we got to maintain home court. So it's an overtime game. It's the Conference Finals. Everybody on the team wants to be out on the floor as much as they can. Obviously we're not going to play extended minutes where you're playing the whole game. Rondo did today. We have plenty of guys on the bench. If Doc needs us in there, if he needs us on the bench, it's his call. Whatever he decides for us we'll live with it. |
| I just think we have more of an awareness of what we need to do. It was a little surprise. Yeah, feeling pretty good. A little surprise. It was just one of those situations where we had played where we moved the ball around often. And you're so worried about the shooters, you're worried about Paul in the perimeter. Rondo got down the lane, because you're worried about getting out. I think it was an opportune time for me, because when I got to the paint, they were like, is he going to pass? We have to worry about the three point shot? I made it all the way. Anytime you have a scorer that gets to the free throw line easy, it gives you a rhythm, gets the ball in your hands, get your free throws, getting those easy lay ups in transition where you don't have to work as hard. Those are the things we have to work on early so they don't get in that offensive flow. It's really hard to say. We're prepared for whatever they do. We have a game plan to try to keep them from getting those easy buckets. It really changed because our lineup has been very untraditional. You know, when we go small, we can have four guys that are under 6'6" out there on the floor. So with that they go small, they have a shooting lineup in, it puts Rondo on Wade. Marquis was on him a little bit. It puts Keyon on him. So it just changes and we just have to adapt. For me personally, if I have to stop him, if I have to guard him, that's just what I have to do. The scoring aspect is I've always learned that you rest on offense. Defense is where you got to be there 100%. Right now the film work is important. Staying off your feet. You need what you're going to get from your guys in shoot arounds. I think the season prepared us, having such short time in between games. We really have had to focus in on getting stuff we need to get in with shoot around. Guys responded well to it. It's hard to say. It's a strategy. One thing I have learned over the course of my time is that I've been with plenty of coaches that never gave you any days off. You didn't do it was always coach always felt like you had to be in the gym. Sometimes it was at the detriment of players' bodies. At some point you just break down. Watching film and giving guys rest, you're going to with a veteran team, guys know how to get the work in they need. No. I've always felt that way with this crowd. I've always had great connection with these fans. I do believe that they think every shot I take is going to go in. I believe that. You don't want to wear him down. It's like trying to get him to it's like you get to the point where you use him to the point where almost he becomes a decoy. It's like you tip to the point where you know you're going to go to him, just like me on the perimeter, you know you're going to get to me, find me a good shot. But then somebody else gets the shot because the defense shades so heavily. So that's kind of what we do with him. If he has it, he has to take advantage of it. He got scores for us. Nothing. No. I don't attribute anything to this year from last year. I just know that they beat us last year and sent us home. So right now we know what the game plan is for this team. That's where my focus is. That he's been getting closer to the rim? Well, it's interesting, because Kevin, he's a jump shooter. But he's had such great match ups that we are getting him closer to the rim because we're staying so spaced on the perimeter. It's really it's a simple game that we play, and there's so many things, options we can run him through our offense. At the end of the day, it's just like you stay spaced, give him the ball and see how they guard him. Let him shoot over the top. That's what he's been doing. If you front him over the top, we're going to him. And that's what we've done a lot. And if you don't front him, give him the ball, and he still can shoot over the top of you. You contribute two guys. You have me, Paul, Rondo on the perimeter, then Brandon I think Brandon has helped a lot too. I don't think he understands his importance being able to shoot like he does. He's taken a lot of pressure off of him. It's a simple game. When we execute it, everybody is effective and everybody has an impact. |
| Just my legs, they've gotten considerably better. Actually, my leg, my ankle. Just going into the game, starting the game, having my legs underneath me is for me it's a huge deal now. How I feel now is a lot different from how I start the game. But that's what it's all about, like getting ourselves prepared, getting ourselves ready. So I feel like I have my lift starting the games. For me and for this team, that's huge. I try to keep myself ready. Off days you do what you can to stay off your feet. Well, at my lowest point I was ready to have surgery. I didn't think that I would get any better, because I was doing all the things I needed to do treatment wise and just staying off of it. It didn't seem like it was going to get any better. So I just stayed with it and stayed off of it and did what I had to do, and it just progressively got better over time. We'll see how I deal with it once the season is over. I would say there is a percentage of mind over matter. For me as aggressive as I run coming off screens, I have to almost be a little ginger going into certain directions, so I don't aggravate it too much more than it already is. I know what I'm dealing with, so I try to work through that. It was like chess, they took our queen, and we took their queen, so to speak. Paul went out, they both had five fouls. We always talk about getting it to the end of the game, and making sure we don't do anything where we get a call against us. And that was one of those situations. I told Paul before we came out of the timeout, be smart out there because you never know what can happen. That was just a bad situation we were in. We got plenty of guys. MP and Marquis and Keyon came in, and they did a great job defensively for us. Our guys were ready. I don't ever think I've seen that before, but Rondo was on the floor, I'm on the floor, Kevin is on the floor, Wade is on the floor. All the game has to be done all that has to happen is it has to be won. We don't care what it looks like. We just want to win the game. We have plenty from that point moving forward, we had an idea what we needed to do to close the game out. That was all that we cared about at that point. For me, the crowd has been great. It's as good as I've ever seen it. We all have friends in town, family, that's the one thing they commented on after Game 3, how amazing the building was, and how energetic they were. They got loud to some point where we couldn't even talk to each other standing next to each other on the floor. That's what you love about being home. And this building for me more than any building I've played in ever, it's my favorite building ever to play in. You got good eyesight. |
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| Yeah. We got into the locker room after the game and collectively everybody talked about being better. We talked about the things that we needed to do. There was a great sense of disappointment amongst everybody, anger. But I know my guys will be ready next game. Well, we'll watch the film and look at the things we did poorly on defense, and then offensively we'll do the same. There was a lot of situations that we would like back, but we'll look at it these situations you always realize when you're good, you're not far from being bad. And then when you're bad, you're not far from being good. Well, defensively LeBron, he had a game. He had a game. You have to tip your hat to him. He carried his team tonight. We have to attack him defensively better than what we did. We talked about ball movement going into the third quarter. We talked about it at halftime and starting the game, we didn't have great flow, great rhythm going into the first half. Going into the third quarter we didn't establish that. We moved the ball around. I thought we still got good looks, looks we'll take, but we didn't move the ball. I don't know how many assists we had, but we didn't have a good movement of the ball night. Well, even just with winning, it's very short lived. You don't carry it with you for a day and a half, two days. You look at film. Even when we watch the film, looking at it from last game, you still see all the things that you need to do to be better. You have to have a short memory, but at the same time, you have to have a long term memory, because you want to make sure that a situation like this don't linger. But at the same time you have to think about all the things you need to do to improve. That's what we've done all year. Now everybody knows that we need to focus in. It's one game. This was basically our Game 7 on our floor, to win here on our floor. We had an opportunity. We still knew we had two games to win one. Obviously, you know, your greatest chance you want to give yourself on your floor. So anytime you lose an opportunity like that, you are angry with yourselves. Like I said, they played well. We'll be ready to play on Saturday. It was there. It was definitely there. We didn't have things go our way, not the way we wanted it. We could have been better on offense. We could have been better on defense. Just the small little plays, all the small things. It was there. Everybody from the starting five, everybody coming off the bench, it was there. It just sometimes doesn't go your way. It's hard to say. It's hard to say. I know that you look at field goal percentage, they started the game the way they wanted to offensively; we didn't. Again, we make it easy on ourselves when we move the ball around. When we find the easy shot, get into the second and third option. At this point it's Game 6, they know everything we're running as well as we know what they're running. So the small little plays we've been getting and the things they're getting, you're grabbing, scratching and clawing for that guy not to get it. So at this point we have to get to the second and third option, and sometimes the fourth option. It's the difference of getting a rebound. It seems like we got the 50 50 ball in Game 5 at their place. And tonight we didn't get into our stuff. We didn't develop or build our own rhythm. Kevin was sitting next to me, and I said these are I know I'm biased, but they're the best fans I've ever played in front of or ever seen in my life. They understand the situation that is before us, and we understand it. And that was basically them sending us off, letting us know, hey, this is still well and alive. We need you guys to go down there and get a win for us. We all felt it on the bench. I know the game was going on. It seemed like that three minutes lasted forever. It was special. I'll talk about that forever, just knowing being down 20 and these people are still standing up, cheering us on, because they know we just have to win one game. |
| When you lose, it always feels like it's it. There's a conclusion. Last year it felt like it was it. The year before it felt the same way. It's probably the worst feeling that we feel in our lives, in our careers. There's nothing you can do about it. There's one game that you want there's one team that wins that last game. We want to be that team every year. If we don't we've been through a lot. We won a lot of games. At the end of every season, it always feels like it's it. Up to this point we fought hard to keep it together. So I think now there's so many emotions. This one hit me hard. We wanted it so bad. We just got stagnant. The ball stayed on one side. Yeah, you're going to miss shots, but the ball stayed on one side. Put them in transition. They went on a run, and we couldn't get that offense going again. No, that's my first priority, just going into surgery sometime. If I can do it tomorrow, I would do it tomorrow. That's probably my main concern right now, is taking care of that. My body feels good. That's been my only issue. After that, it's hard to say. Well, with no disrespect to Seattle and Milwaukee, when we first came together, it seemed like it was up to this point five years has gone quickly, but it seems like it has lasted forever. We've played in a lot of big games. We won a championship together. The things that we do off the floor together. It's just been a special time. It's been a special moment. We'll remember a lot. Even with Kevin and myself in our past situations, we bring so much wealth of experience into Boston. The young guys we played here with, man, it's been a privilege. I can definitely say that. It's always been somewhat intimidating. You walk into a building every day and you see the banners and the retired jerseys in the building. It just always makes you work a little bit harder. When Havlicek is in the building, when Cousy is around. Tommy is watching us every day. Bill Russell is at the games. Those are like our big brothers. So we know that we have a lot to some big shoes to fill and a lot that we need to do to try to compare to what they've done. We have definitely fallen short, but we've gone out trying to play as hard as we can every night. I think a lot of people forget how we started the season. It was so helter skelter trying to put together a team. We went through a lot of adversity this year, losing Wilcox and losing Jeff Green. Under the circumstances, you know, we're proud of what we've accomplished. By no means do we think that it was a fluke or that our young guys, they played hard for us. Kevin, I don't know what Kevin's situation is. There's still a lot of basketball left in my legs. I know that for sure. So it's hard to say what can happen, what may happen. But four of us know how to play basketball. We know how to win games. |