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| He didn't get away. He just made some tough threes. He's a good player. He made shots with people draped all over him, hands in his face. Just got to tip your hat off to him. Just got to come out fighting, come out ready to play with a lot of intensity. It's going to be a war the next couple of games; we know that. So it's a must win for us next game with our backs against the wall. Shots weren't falling. Guys were open, but we just didn't capitalize on the shots tonight. got to continue to keep playing. Somebody has to step up. DeMarre's been our glue guy all year, been playing well in the playoffs, been our best player in the past couple of series. Hopefully, he can get back healthy soon, but one of the guys in there has to step up. Something we planned going into the game, figured it was something that would help us. But in the second half, we went back to our normal defense. They were effective with both of them, so it really didn't matter. |
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| I wasn't thinking about that play. I was thinking about the play, where I think we got a steal like 22 seconds to go, 18 on the shot clock. Should have held it a little longer. That's what I was thinking about. We're a really good team. We played well the whole season. Things just happen. This team is playing really well. We have really good players. We never said this was going to be easy, but we're not going to discredit what we did out here. Yeah, we know we can play. We know we can compete at a high level. We know we can beat this team. Just a tough loss last night. We just have to bounce back. Who, me? No. We just competed. We just came out and played and moved the ball, got back to moving the ball. In the first half when Al was out there, he demanded the ball on the low block, and he was scoring well for us, and Paul in the second half did the same thing too. It was just a tough break for us. We enjoy playing basketball. So we want to continue to keep playing. Nobody wants their season to end. We love each other in the locker room. We enjoy playing with one another. So we know we've just got to keep playing harder and harder to keep surviving. I don't think we've played to our best ability in every game, but we have moments where we're really good, and we have moments where we've not been that good. This team's been working hard all year. We've been playing together all year, and we'll continue to keep playing together. , that hurt. We had a good opportunity in Game 1 and 2, but they played well, we didn't. We came out in Game 3 and played hard. We just needed that same effort in both 1 and 2. We've just got to keep working. It's only our second year together. We've got to keep working, stay at a team and grow as a team and as players individually. The series is not over. We still have an opportunity to do something special. It's part of the game. Injuries happen. Things happen during the course of the game. The good teams recover and bounce back from those kinds of things. That's what we have to do. Yeah, definitely, especially with your home crowd behind you and being familiar with that gym. So that's on us that we didn't play as well as we could in Game 1 and 2, but we still have an opportunity in Game 4. DeMarre's a high character guy, great teammate, and he always puts his body on the line for us. His effort is always great on the floor. So him being out there on one leg basically and giving us his all, you can't do nothing else but respect what he does and try to go out there and give your best effort. I mean, we depend on everyone on our team. So guys had an opportunity to come in and step up, and I think guys came in and played well last night. It just we just came up short. That's all that really happened. |
| Proud of everybody in that locker room. We had a great season. Guys played hard. We did a lot of things in Atlanta basketball history this year. We had a great season, won a lot of games, but we ended on a disappointing note, and I think everyone in the locker room is disappointed in themselves. It's early for our team. It's only our second year together. We're looking forward to getting back in the gym and getting ready for next year. No. I think we were ready to play, just they play well. They made shots. Kyrie Irving came in and gave them a boost during the game, and I think they just fed off of that energy from the crowd; we just couldn't recover. Yes, we've seen it. We have a similar system as the Spurs, and you've seen them win championships. So it's possible. You've just got to be able to play well all the time, and we didn't in this series. It was a learning experience for, I think, everybody in our group. It was new for me playing in the Eastern Conference Finals, and I enjoyed the whole run. We had battles in the first series, second series, but it was just an honor to be here. I think we enjoyed it. I enjoyed every moment playing with him. It made me a better player. I think he enjoys being around all the guys, him and DeMarre. I'm looking forward for them guys to be back and get another crack at it. They have some great players. So anything is possible when you get in a series. Somebody can get hot. So I don't know, maybe. |