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| He's playing fantastic right now, making shots, getting in transition. He's doing a good job of picking and choosing his spots, and he's been extremely efficient. It was just throughout the season he's got more comfortable coming back from his injury, so he's playing extremely well right now. You know, we planned -- we knew the three ball was big, but they did a good job. We left the floor and the paint too open tonight, I think, and they took advantage of that. I think they just did an overall good job of picking and choosing their spots. 7-for-20 from three, but counting some free throws and they attacked the paint, that's something we have to look at and make an adjustment for. |
| Of course. I think that's one thing teams have done throughout the postseason with me and DeMar is try to take the ball out of our hands. I found ways. We've got a chance to. I've got a game on Saturday, and to turn around and be more effective, and I know I can be more effective, that I will be more effective on Saturday. I'm missing some shots, and give credit to their defense, they're showing hard, they're rotating, and they're being active. But I'm getting some good looks that I've missed, and I don't think I'll be missing many more of those. Just to kind of decompress, get back there, kind of relax my body and relax my mind and knowing that we had a chance to kind of make some things, and I wanted to get myself going and get my teammates going and get the team going. It was nothing more than just kind of to decompress, breathe, get back out. Yeah, I've done it plenty of times. Just now the magnitude of the situation it shows a little bit more. I'm super confident. I missed countless threes that I thought were good and that I made last series. That's why I'm not down on myself. I'm not like down -- I'm really like, listen, we've got a game on Saturday, and I know I'm going to be much more effective on Saturday. Simple as that. |
| Well, he gives us that confidence. He gives us that rim protection. I think he had another game like this in Indiana where he had like 25 rebounds. He's been doing a great job of filling in when Jonas went down. But it gives us the confidence. It gives us the energy. It gets the crowd into it. Bis does a great job of just getting the crowd into it, and the crowd gets us into it. We feed off of that energy. Four blocks, 26 rebounds, there's no substitution for that. With Bis, you want to throw it up. He's super athletic. One thing about it, if you get it up in the air, he's going to go get it. You can throw him bounce passes. He's going to attempt to catch the ball. If he doesn't catch it, it's not our fault. It's nobody's fault at the end of the day. We've just got to throw him the ball. We trust in our teammates to make the right plays. For Bis, you throw it up to the rim, he's going to go get it, because there are not many guys who can jump up there with him. We get nights like this often now, and it's fun. We need it. We want it. I don't know if the fans know how much we appreciate it, but we really do appreciate it, and we want them to be as loud as they possibly can. I think it affects other teams, and it gives us just that energy. We know we make a big run or we make a big shot or Bis gets a block and he goes and does his little thing, they love it. We feed off that positive energy. No comment on that. No comment on that. |
| My background has kind of made me the man I am today. But coming into this situation where we're down 0-2, they did what they were supposed to do on their home floor, and we had an opportunity to do what we had to do on our home floor. Just understanding the situation and taking advantage of being at home and completing the task. So now we've got to go on the road and try to get one. He's a legend. Just having him around -- he doesn't say much, but we understand what he's done, and we've got some things in our locker room and in the training room, his words. He's just a good, positive-vibe guy. He doesn't say much at all. We just know he's there and supporting us. It's really that simple. People have their own opinions. Everybody has their own opinions, like I always say. We go and do what we do and that's all we're focused on is our team and what we believe. Not aware at all. All we worry about is what's in our locker room. That's all that matters. They shot 47 percent. They made 13 threes out of 41. We only made seven. We could always play better. They won the second half, and we've got to continue to get better. I don't rate any game. I don't think we have a perfect game. There's no such thing as a perfect game unless you shoot 100 percent from the field. We've got to continue to look at it and tweak what we need to tweak and get better and continue to get the things we need to do execution-wise. I think we're four games deep into learning, and vice versa. I'm sure they've figured out some things that we've done, and we've figured out some things that they've done. But it's a match. We've got to figure it out. You've got to tweak things. You've got to see things. You've got to watch the film and see where you can get better at, see where you can get an open shot at, see the things that we are executing, but also see the things that we are executing and making sure that we keep continuing to do that. Game 2, I think we finished the first quarter well. The second quarter it was tied. We've got to go into halftime close. We can't let them get on one of those big runs. We really can't. That's where they start to make separation, and that's what they did the first two games. They'd make a big run, they'd get a double-digit lead. We can't have them get a double-digit lead. We have to make sure when they punch, we punch back, and if they punch three times, we punch four times. We've got to continue to understand that they're not going to just lay down. They're going to continue to go, push, push, push, push. We ain't laying down, either. I don't think they ever looked at us like inferior opponents. They did what they were supposed to do on their home floor. I don't think they -- I said it before, we won 56 games. We got the 2 seed for a reason. They played well their first two games and they protected home, and now we came home and protected home. I don't think they looked at us any different. We knew and they knew it was going to be a battle. Them winning the first two games, that was what they were supposed to do and now we won our two games, now it's the best of three. I think some games we haven't shot the ball well, and we just continue to go back and understand the work that we've put in. I know the work he's put in and I know the work I've put in. You can't go away from that. You have to continue to stay with the work and the process that you've put in throughout your career, throughout the years. I think the things that we've learned from ourselves is one game, two games erases everything that has happened before. Yes, we have the memory, but you win a game, it's like, oh, then you lose a game, it's like, aww. It's just back and forth. But you've got to find a way to be more consistent. I think both of us want to do that, be more consistent throughout the whole series. |
| I don't know. They play extremely well here. Tonight Kevin Love got it going early. Kyrie got it going early. LeBron did what he usually does. But we've got to take one of them out of the game. They can't all have 23-plus points. Kevin started the game -- he only played 23 minutes and had 25 points. They went to him early and got him going early. They played very well here. They protect home, and they've protected home all year. |
| Yeah, of course you're going to look back at some point, but right now, I'm disappointed. Simple as that. I'm disappointed. Tip our hats to those guys. They did what we want to do, and they've been to where we want to get to. They played unbelievable so far this playoffs. Give them all the credit; they beat us fair and square, and their guys played well. They're a talented group, and they've got a chance to win an NBA championship. That's where we want to be. This series was fun to be a part of. Like I say, I'm disappointed, but it just shows how much harder it is to get to that point. |