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Coach Painter / Postgame Quotes

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QUESTION: On the impact of Caleb Swanigan...

Coach Painter: "He has a knack to get the basketball and when you put a big-time effort behind it, you are going to get results. You are going to need some misses obviously from the other team, but from your team as well. Tonight they shoot 31 percent and we shoot 42 percent. So there is a lot of misses in there and you are going to have a lot of rebounds. It's refreshing to see him make some of those improvements and some of those strides, but you also got to back it up by playing really hard and being productive. He has obviously done that."

QUESTION: On P.J. Thompson's play the last few games...

Coach Painter: "He's not turning the basketball over and just being steady. Tonight I thought he picked his spots a couple of times and made a couple of floaters, hit a three, just running the team, being steady for us, keeping the ball moving and not turning it over."

QUESTION: On the team's frontline play...

Coach Painter: "They were really good. I thought "Biggie" [Caleb Swanigan] had a big-time effort. Isaac made his free throws and was very consistent tonight. Then Vincent had a great overall game tonight having 16, 6 and 6 with no turnovers. Vince has been really good the last four or five games. He has given us that spark and has been able to balance us out with his play. He has been able to make threes and has been able to get the ball in the post some and then just making the right decision and passing the basketball."

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QUESTION: On the impact of the size of Caleb Swanigan and Isaac Haas...

Caleb Swanigan: "It has the same impact as it does every game but they allowed us to catch and operate in the paint. It makes the game hard to play against when we are grinding it out like that."

QUESTION: On Isaac Haas drawing a lot of fouls early in the game...

Isaac Haas: "Like he (Caleb Swanigan) said, they just let us catch it one-on-ones, no doubles and they were just letting us play. As a big guy that is all you can ask for during a game and those guys didn't really have an answer for us."

QUESTION: On Caleb Swanigan's mindset after 21 rebounds...

Caleb Swanigan: "It is the mindset of every game but some games they just bounce off your head or the other way. You just got to go at it every time and that is what I try and do every time."

QUESTION: On the ovation from the fans after checking out of the game...

Caleb Swanigan: "They have always been that way; it is about playing hard. It is not about shooting or anything like that. I didn't shoot well particularly, the team didn't really shoot well tonight but it is just about playing hard and that is what we can do every night."

QUESTION: On the run at the end of the first half...

PJ Thompson: "I feel like we played the same way the whole first half. I thought we came out well we just missed some shots early. Isaac was able to get them in foul trouble early and we were able to get into the bonus pretty quick. We hit our free throws and then some shots came down and we were able to get some stops on the other end."

QUESTION: On other teams facing Caleb Swanigan ...

Isaac Haas: "When you have players like that going after every rebound it is demoralizing for the other team. You got guys going out there trying to get it, they are dead tired trying to guard Biggie and me and you just can't get it because we are going for rebounds. It is demoralizing if we get three or four offensive possessions in a row because we are getting second-chance, third-chance, fourth-chance opportunities."

Caleb Swanigan: "We keep coming in waves and we are used to it because we practice together every day and you can't simulate size like me and Isaac. Just battling against it for 40 minutes and when a team plays against us maybe the first five to ten minutes are not as bad, but as the game wears on, it just wears on your body."

QUESTION: On the effect of Vincent Edwards...

Isaac Haas: "When you have guys like that who can go in and out as well and they are hitting shots from the outside and grabbing rebounds, they don't know who to guard. You got me and Caleb on the inside working the tandem and the high-lows and working in the post and the other guy is getting the rebound and you have people like Vince coming in and getting all of the long rebounds and hitting outside shots is like I said demoralizing to other teams."

QUESTION: On how many ways this team can be successful...

P.J. Thompson: "We are definitely a versatile team, we can really shoot the ball but then we have these two guys on the inside. We are not a team that we want to play through our offense, we want to stick to what we do on the defensive end and that is a recipe for success, outrebounding them by 20 and having six turnovers. No matter who you play against if you can do that it is a recipe for success."