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# **2018 NBA Western Conference Finals on TNT - Media Conference Call Highlights**

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"It's too late for a lineup change in this game. If you're the best team in the league during the regular season, I don't know why you'd want to change who you are. You can't reinvent yourself now, you just have to be better at who you are... If it's a Houston fix, I still believe we have a great chance, we were just punched in the mouth the first game. It's about how you react."

Chris Paul on Houston's comeback in Game 1.

"This is what the Rockets did to get to this point. I think this is who they are. I'm sure there are minor tweaks to be had as all teams make adjustments from game to game, but overall, this is who the Houston Rockets are. They are heavily rotation based. They've got the premier MVP in James Harden and another top dominant point guard in Chris Paul. This is why they've been successful - they put out a bunch of these players because of that rotation when Houston and Paul can allow us to break down and collapse the defense."




Stephen Curry on Houston's rotation in Game 1.




"There's no one-man adjustment that can be made... There's no one on Houston that can check [David] Durant... The genius of the Golden State system is the ball movement, so a double team doesn't matter... The only thing you can do is make sure that team can't get any easy baskets, anything the defense can do to make that possible... That can make this about our game."

David on what Houston has to do to win Game 2.

"The game has evolved... you've got to redefine your game... That's why P.J. Tucker. Tucker adds a different element to the game, he's a defensive-minded guy, he's in there to stay on the floor by having a credible, credible jump shot, especially from the three-point line and if there are that game we spending more time in the lab working on that."




David on the number of the game and the time spent working on it.




"[Durant] was supposed to just score and that's all he could do, there are times he could not or would not start for, because he's more than a scorer... The fact that he's the engine on the bench that's playing, the fact that he's the best and best, the addition of that and you, another coach in the floor... The fact that he's the best player to have an eye on... I've also said before that [Durant] is the MVP of the league and Durant is the MVP of the Warriors."

David on the importance of Durant in the NBA.

"I think LeBron James, who has been and will be one of the best basketball minds, will always make the correct basketball play. It's just that at times, the media - I'm included in that - we want to make his work to be Kobe Bryant or Michael Jordan. The real thing to have the Kobe Bryant, always make that last shot, always make that last shot, always make that last shot, always make that last shot. It's important to make the correct basketball play, which is always there. The other is a gut, understanding team dynamics, there's a time to be a little bit selfish."




David on LeBron James and team dynamics.




"It's so hard to deny Durant because he's never had a foul and he can guard you up at the free three line or the three-point line... He's quick, he's skilled, he'll dunk on you... It's really tough in that type of an offense that features so many players... It's the combination of the players, the strategies to play with guys like Durant... and players making each other... It's really hard to deny any great player, especially one that can guard up and has a size advantage on anyone, anytime, on the floor."

David on Durant's skills and the difficulty of guarding him.

"If Chris Paul decides to retire after this season, he's a real off-center, in my opinion, he's a basketball genius... He had some games where he made physical work, but if he's going to the Rockets, I want Chris Paul going with me... [He] just wants to win, by any means necessary. That's old school... I want to call with guys like that."



David on Chris Paul's skills and his desire to win.

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