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It's too late for a lineup to change its spots. 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 Fowler on ESPN.com

"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 to break down and collapse the defense."
Reggie Miller on ESPN.com

"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 comes in every rotation, avoiding the rotation and finding the best shot possible... That can make this about one game."
Michael Smith on ESPN.com

"The game has evolved... you've got to redefine your game... That's why P.J. Tucker. These guys, primarily James, are defensive-minded guys earlier in their career... now they stay on the floor by having a reliable, consistent jump shot, especially from the three-point line and if there are that game we spending more time in the role working on that."
Mike Miller on ESPN.com

"If Draymond [Green] was supposed to just score and that's all he could do, there are teams he could not or would not start for, because he's more than a scorer... The fact that he's the engine on the best team that's playing, the fact that he's the best and best, the ultimate best and best, another coach in the East... You know of the best players to have an eye team... I've also said before that [Draymond] Green is the MVP of the league and Draymond is the MVP of the Warriors."
Michael Smith on ESPN.com

"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 next time you hear the same rhetoric, always make that last thing, please, the best player, you've got to do it. We agreed to making the correct basketball play, which has always done. The other is a gutless, understanding team dynamic, there's a time to be a little bit selfish."
Michael Smith on ESPN.com

"It's so hard to deny Durant because he's never had a foul and he can post 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 intelligent game with guys like Draymond, and players making each other... It's really hard to deny any great player, especially one that can post up and has a size advantage on anyone, anytime, on the floor."
Michael Smith on ESPN.com

"If Chris Paul decides to retire after this season, he's a real off-center, in my opinion, he's a basketball genius... He's had some games where he hasn't played well, 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."
Mike Miller on ESPN.com

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