Date: 3/6/14

Scouting: San Antonio Spurs – 1st quarter offense

Opponent: Miami Heat

Lineups: Parker, Green, Leonard, Diaw, Duncan – Chalmers, Wade, Battier, James, Bosh

Score: 37-22. Spurs put on offensive clinic in halfcourt, scoring 22 pts in paint (equaling Heat total).

Qtr Summary: 23 total possessions (17 scores, including 8 of 10 to start)

Halfcourt: 18 (10 plays began on Left Wing, including 4 of 5 to start)

Early offense: 4 (2 scores: Parker lay-up left side; Splitter lay-up off Duncan dribble downcourt)

Fastbreak: 1 (end of qtr – 2-on-1, Mills to Ginobili for lay-up)

PnR: 7 (4 on initial action of possession. Of these 4, 3 were run on Left Wing)

1st 11 possessions: 9 scores (82%)

Side of floor (L/R) Parker initiated sets were in following order: L-L-R-L-L-R-R-R. (\*Having ball on left wing allowed Parker to dribble middle off screens using Strong hand\*) Whether starting w/ PnR or hand-off, Parker got great looks by cutting thru on baseline and curling back into middle of floor (2 lay-ups, 1 floater, 1 lay-up in transition).

{Defensively, Spurs elected NOT to double James in post. They also switched like-sized screens ie- Wade/Battier. Did give up 2 offensive rebounds in scramble mode}

TIMEOUT MIA – 6:18 mark (score: 18-10 SAS)

The 1st two possessions following TO, Spurs initiate offense from the middle of the floor {PnR Parker-Diaw (offensive foul); hand-off to Duncan, Diaw post-up (score)}. The remaining 8 halfcourt sets of the 1st qtr, Spurs initiated offense on Left side 6 times.

TIMEOUT SAS – 4:09 mark (score: 22-16 SAS)

Heat go big (Anderson, Bosh, James frontline). Spurs counter with Duncan, Splitter, Diaw. Boris matched up w/ LeBron.

Spurs pretty much run offense from top in this stretch. Of the 4 halfcourt sets, 1 starts in middle and 2 others have Parker dribble to middle on initial move {Summary: Parker drive around Duncan post-up (easy score); Parker-Splitter PnR (score); Parker drive-dish to Splitter (TO)}.

TIMEOUT MIA – 2:07 mark (score: 30-16)

Mills subs in for Parker, sharing PG duties w/ Belinelli.

{Summary: Mills middle PnR w/ Splitter (score); Belinelli Left Wing swings to Ginobili for PnR (score); Mills-Splitter PnR (jumper missed)}.

END OF QUARTER (score: 37-22 SAS)

Leading scorers: Parker 10, Diaw 8, Duncan 6, Ginobili 4. (Boris played entire qtr)

Wrap-up: Scoring 37 isn’t uncommon in a qtr today, but Spurs did it primarily w/ halfcourt execution. As Pop mentioned during game, the key to Spurs offense is PACE - getting ball upcourt and into offense just few secs into shot clock. They did this the entire 1st qtr, not so much in the 2nd & 3rd qtrs (reflected in score). 4th qtr this improved, leading to 111-87 win.