

Episode 41 - A Post-Practice Commitment

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ES

Night recording. Night recording.

Intro Music

MJS

Sup nerds, it's basketball. Welcome to Horse; a basketball podcast about everything except for the wins and losses. My name is Mike Schubert, and I'm joined as always by my trusted cohost, the calling him Kentavious Caldwell-Poop to Kentavious Caldwell-Pope by the Lakers announcers, Eric Silver. Eric, how's it going?

ES

Is that a real thing? Did that really happen?

MJS

Yeah. So, two days ago, at the time of recording, the Lakers announcers called Kentavious Caldwell-Pope, Kentavious Caldwell-Poop. That is not his name. Here's the clip.

LA Announcer

Playing at LBJ, Anthony Davis, and of course, Danny Green., but, stepping up, everybody. Rondo, a great first half who's got even better, Quinn Cook, Kentavious Caldwell-Poop – Pope, Alex Caruso; all of them

ES

That's just good, clean family fun right there.

MJS

Tried to correct it as quickly as he could. But, oh, boy, quite the verbal typo there, Mr. Lakers broadcaster. The best is that it's his own player.

ES

Yeah.

MJS

He's seen and read that name --

ES

So many times.

MJS

-- hundreds of times. KCP has been on the team for three years.

ES

No excuse. Absolutely, no excuse. LeBron did not bring him to the team and facilitate him being in Space Jam 2 just so that you could call him Poop.

MJS

First of all, I don't think LeBron had anything to do with bringing him to the team. because he's not --

ES

Yeah, because they're on the same agent.

MJS

Ohh.

ES

Yeah.

MJS

Yeah. But they did bring him in pre-LeBron.

ES

No. I thought he was setting the table.

MJS

Regardless, he's not particularly good at basketball.

ES

He's not very good at basketball. No, no, no.

MJS

Though Rob Pelinka, when they signed him, said that he fell out of the sky like manna to Moses. That was a real comparison. Sports made.

ES

Sports is so strange.

MJS

Sports is strange, but I love it. You know what else I love? Getting ready, which we need to do in the locker room to continue talking about basketball; this sport that we love so dearly.

So, for that we're going to head to the Teal Memorial locker room. No. Don't worry. Teal [Inaudible 2:08].

ES

Oh, Teal is right here. Oh, you, you're hungry?

MJS

That is a lie. Teal being alive is true, but Teal here in the flesh is a lie.

ES

I thought we could start a new conspiracy that Teal hangs out with us during recordings.

MJS

No, but she does hang out with us quite often when she makes --

ES

That's true.

MJS

-- it to live things that we do. Shout out to Teal.

ES

More than most people.

MJS

Yeah, she drives quite far to see us. You know, who else would drive quite far to see us I would hope?

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MJS

Well, now, we are all ready. Our shoes are tied up. Our socks are hoisted up the appropriate length on our calves. And we are ready to discuss basketball. And, Eric, I'm very excited for this first segment, which we like to call, Full Court Press, get it like the news.

ES

I'm checking the telegram that I'm getting. In 2020, I'm into old media. Oh, yeah. It's like -- it's the news.

MJS

Oh, wow.

ES

The news is just coming in.

MJS

Wow. Well, I'm very excited for this edition of FCP, because the foundation of Horse, like any good building, is prime A1 USDA beef.

ES

Bang Bang.

MJS

And we have two instances of beef to talk about this week. One of which involves Kevin Durant. So, we're going to save that for the end. The first one is a confusing beef, because it was between people who didn't seem to have a problem with each other before; TJ Warren and Jimmy Butler. Jimmy Butler, very good at basketball.

ES

Extreme.

MJS

One of the stars of the league. TJ Warren, fine.

ES

Less known for being good at basketball.

MJS

Having a good comeback year this year. He didn't have good seasons with the Phoenix Suns. Now, he's on the Indiana Pacers, and he's playing pretty well. One of three TJs on the Indiana Pacers. And, in a recent game, him and Jimmy just got into a little disagreement. There was a hard foul. Jimmy Butler didn't take kindly to this. He got all up in TJ Warren's face. They started yelling. TJ informed Jimmy that he would beat his ass. Jimmy Butler replied that that was fine, because I, Jimmy Butler, am tough. They both discussed perhaps meeting where the buses are afterwards to --

ES

Probably.

MJS

-- talk about this outside meeting that had been aforementioned. What I did really appreciate though is the Heat broadcaster talking about how Leroy Richardson, the referee, broke up the fight between the two. Because, sometimes, you see the refs getting in between, and they don't really push them out of the way. And the players do the classic hold-me-back thing, where a 6'8", 215 pound person could get through the smaller referee. But Leroy straight up pushes Jimmy Butler out of the situation. And it's very good. And the announcers go on to say that Leroy served 12 years in the US Navy. But then the Navy said, "That time on dry land did a good job defusing what could have been a huge problem for both Butler and TJ Warren."

ES

Listen, they are just two boats just coming at each other. This is also why I'm sure you love Jimmy Butler so much. But like Jimmy Butler has a very punchable face. He wants you to get mad and punch at him.

MJS

I --

ES

100 percent.

MJS

-- take offense to this, because multiple people have said that I look like a white Jimmy Butler.

ES

I mean --

MJS

Because we both have long faces with poofy out hair a little bit.

ES

All right. Good shot. "Jimmy Butler and Mike Schubert." Like I'm not surprised. The man has a YouTube channel, where he --

MJS

Oh, it's a very good YouTube channel.

ES

-- where he travels around. I'm not surprised that people, who are usually docile, automatically want to punch Jimmy Butler. He's the aggro.

MJS

What's great is Jimmy Butler did go on later to instigate a second altercation in this game, which got TJ Warren ejected. So, the Heat, later on in the game, were on offense. TJ was guarding Jimmy Butler. He hit his shoulder into him on a jab step move, and got called for just a regular foul. Jimmy Butler was walking back, and TJ Warren was excited that a foul was called against him. So, he sarcastically was clapping and following behind Jimmy Butler. The referee then stepped in between, gave him a tech. That was TJ Warren's second technical, because he got the tech for the previous fight with Jimmy. And that got you ejected. Two techs is an eject as they say. So, he got kicked out of there. And then Jimmy Butler proceeded to blow kisses to him, which is a gif that I made on Twitter. That was very fun.

ES

I was going to say this inspired Mike to learn how to make gifs.

MJS

And it was well worth it. He blew kisses goodbye. TJ Warren then flip Jimmy Butler off, which was not on the --

ES

Smart. Yeah.

MJS

-- Heat broadcast, but it was on the Pacers broadcast.

ES

Yeah. Again, wow, it's so weird how Jimmy Butler makes people mad. So strange. I wonder why all these people are mad about Jimmy Butler.

MJS

I think it was great. It was super fun. So, that was the first instance of beef that happened recently. But the perhaps larger one --

ES

Give me that entree, boy. This is why we're recording on a Monday, because you said, "No, we're fine." This is what we're talking about.

MJS

We don't have to worry about any other news, because anything else that happens is not going to be more important than this. So, there was a game recently between the Houston Rockets and the Oklahoma City Thunder. Russell Westbrook spent his entire career on the Thunder. He was their most beloved star. He stayed with them through and through. And, this past season, they traded him to the Rockets, but it was all on good terms. It made sense for both parties involved for him to go over to the Rockets. This is the first time that Russ was playing in Oklahoma City since being traded. It was this great homecoming thing. He was really nice to all the people that worked in the Chesapeake Energy Arena while he was getting ready for the game. When the game started, he ran out onto the court and screamed to the crowd. They went nuts. It was absolutely fantastic. Kendrick Perkins, who is now a analyst/person that likes to make fun of people professionally --

ES

He's great at his job. He's great at his job.

MJS

-- on various ESPN NBA programs. Kendrick Perkins said that he was about to go on SportsCenter to reveal a Hot Take. He tweeted this, "In about 30 minutes, I'm going to give my opinion on SportsCenter on why Believe," not why I believe, but capital B. So, I think he tried to shift I backspace. I've made this type of typo before. "On why I believe that Russell Westbrook is the best player to have ever put on Oklahoma City Thunder jersey!!! He is MR. THUNDER!!!"

ES

Mr. Thunder is also my drag queen and drag king name, both of them.

MJS

Now, what Kendrick is saying here is that, because Russ stuck with them through and through, even though Kevin Durant is largely accepted to be the better player, Russ is truly Mr. Thunder because he stuck with them. Mark D'Amico, who is some sort of NBA something – he is the Celtics analyst/writer/reporter.

ES

There you go, Mark, inserting yourself into the story.

MJS

He doesn't even say what website it's with.

ES

I wonder if it's for like [Inaudible 12:19].

MJS

I just – I don't know. And it doesn't --

ES

I – my favorite part about this is that he's following Kendrick Perkins, because he's like, "Oh, look at this guy who writes for the Celtics."

MJS

Never good look when you don't list which website you're with. But he says, "He put together the best career within that organization, but he's definitely not the best player to have ever put on a jersey for them. Come on, Perk." Perk replies, "Hey, Kevin left the door open and Russ walked right in." Mark is back at it saying, "I think Russ walked right into the door called second round of the playoffs THREE STRAIGHT TIMES." This is the point where I lose all respect for Mark D'Amico. Kendrick then replies, "KD lost in the second round without Russ when I was there. So what that mean?"

ES

Oh, no.

MJS

And, uh, uh.

ES

This is K – or, is that Kevin Durant that you see?

MJS

What's that?

ES

See, he tweeted KD. Like obviously Kevin Durant has those searches and bots running through Twitter. That's what you call him.

MJS

So, Kevin Durant replies with, "What is a pretty good burn? Yeah. And our starting center @KendrickPerkins."

ES

Yes.

MJS

Tags him in a reply.

ES

The one that's already going to him. Amazing.

MJS

Averaged a whopping two and three, meaning two points and three rebounds, which for all of our unfamiliar with basketball listeners is not very good --

MJS

It's not good.

MJS

-- during that series. He then says, "You played hard though, champ. LOL." Not gonna lie. Pretty great insult from Kevin Durant here. Not necessarily the best look to insert yourself into a conversation though it is about you, you're not tagged in it. But this is a good insult --

ES

It doesn't matter.

MJS

-- to enter with.

ES

This is extremely about him. It's not like a little bit about him. They're discussing. It's like someone goes over to the other side of the room and was like, "Man, so, do you think Mike is the best player in this room right now?" I would go over. I'd be like, "Hey, I would like to contribute to this conversation."

MJS

Kendrick replies saying, "Facts on the averages, and facts on the champ part too," acknowledging that he has a ring. So, good for Kendrick. Kevin Durant then replies with a handshake emoji, which you think would be the end of it. Oh, no, no, no, no, no. Kendrick also replied to Kevin's tweet about two and three, et cetera saying --

ES

It's like this is the point where Kendrick Perkins was like, "Wait a second. I'm pretty fucked up. Well, I don't like that. I don't like that at all." Like he snoozed on it for like 15 minutes and he's like, "Oh, I'm not done."

MJS

I'm not sure which one came first. This one might have come first, but it's hard because it's in – when I was looking back in it, it wasn't fresh enough. It said they happened at the same hour. So I don't know which one came first.

ES

Right. Right.

MJS

But, regardless, there were two replies to the tweet, one of which was, "Yes, I am a champion. Don't worry about it, Kevin." But then the other one was – this one probably came first based on how he did it. It's, "Boy, stop. You did the weakest move in NBA history!!! Up on the team three, one in the Western Conference Finals, and then go join them the following season?! Heart of a champion right there," which is pretty good.

ES

Pretty good.

MJS

Pretty good reply. Pretty good. Kevin Durant then replies with a yawning sloth GIF. Not a good reply.

ES

Kevin Durant wants people to think that he doesn't care, but he cares so much.

MJS

He cares so much.

ES

I wish he would just own it. Yeah, I'm gonna come at you on Twitter if you body me. Like he can be like fucking like McCollum. Like someone who's always online.

MJS

So, Kevin then pulled the Kendrick, where he did a second reply to this insulting tweet saying, "Week is starting at center. Playing real minutes with no production. Should have worked on your skills as much as I did." Kendrick then replied, "That's fine!!!"

ES

That's fine.

MJS

You worked that hard and still had to go join the 73 and 19. Truth be told, you don't even feel like a real champ. You have a hard time sleeping at night, huh, knowing that you took the coward's way out!!! Then that was the end of this Twitter beef.

ES

Then Kevin Durant threw his phone into the Hudson. All right. Here's the thing. Kevin Durant has said that Kendrick Perkins was his favorite teammate ever that he ever played with.

MJS

Right

ES

And like they are supposed to be friends. Like I know now the Kendrick Perkins I think has gotten a little bit of shine on NBA, Twitter, and TV. Like he's been taking like small potshots at Kevin Durant, while he's been on Brooklyn. But like this is not what you say about people you like from both of them. You don't pull it who's two and three in the playoffs. And you don't say things like you have a hard time sleeping. That is something you say to internet bullies.

MJS

Yeah.

ES

Oh, goddamn.

MJS

What was very good though, was Kendrick was already scheduled to be on The Jump the next day. So, Rachel Nichols at some point --

ES

Sorry. I didn't -- I didn't know what are you --

MJS

Sorry. Kendrick was already scheduled to be on The Jump --

ES

The Jump.

MJS

-- the next day. So, Rachel Nichols tweeted that she was very excited about this.

ES

How does it happen? Rachel Nichols is always in the middle of a story for Jimmy Butler. Like, oh, I guess I have an interview with Jimmy Butler. And, now, this?

MJS

Basketball gods are looking out for Rachel Nichols, because she's done great work for years. And, now, they're rewarding her with putting her in the middle of all this beef. She's like when you get a cheeseburger that's stuffed with cheese or something on the side of the beef.

ES

#blessRachelNichols. Give it trending.

MJS

So, Kendrick then went on The Jump the next day. And he clarified saying he was sorry that this beef on Twitter happened, because, ultimately, it detracted from the point of his tweet, which was Russell Westbrook's really great. And, instead, it turned into a whole discussion about is KD good and worthy and is he a snake, et cetera, et cetera. So, Kendrick tried to walk it back saying I was trying to just be positive about Russ, not slight Durant. But Perkins did make a good point. He said it just seems like Kevin Durant is still so upset about this, and he's still so bitter. And he can't deal with the fact that people don't like him. And, if Kevin really wants all of us to move on, Kevin has to move on, which he has not done. You gotta just let it go, man. You gotta just let it go. You can't just use all this brain space on negative energy.

ES

I think that's all he has. What is he doing? He's doing rehabbing. Like that would put me in a bad headspace. He has that one season on an anime where he's just like in a dark room and not interacting with the other people.

MJS

Maybe he should take up knitting or crocheting. What if he crocheted sideline while the game was going on, and then he goes over to Caris LeVert and goes, "Hey, Caris, I knitted you a scarf."

ES

And it says, "Bitch up."

MJS

Whoa. Whoa.

ES

Kevin Durant. It's still hurtful.

MJS

What does Kevin Durant have against Caris LeVert? Caris LeVert is fine.

ES

It's still hurtful. It's still a hurtful thing. All of his venom is going into the scarf. So, it's all just like hurtful things on scarves.

MJS

Shout to starting shooting guard on the Vancouver Group, Caris LeVert.

ES

Oh, my god.

MJS

And that is what we have for Full Court Press, get it like the news.

ES

I do. It's poisonous, but I gotta work it out of my body. I gotta work it out.

MJS

You gotta suck it out.

ES

Oh, great audio. Thank you, Mike. Wonderful. Oh, baby. All right.

1, 2, 3, 3, 2, 1 3-on-3.

ES

Mike, I've been saving this post for a rainy day. And, now, we're doing a night recording. I think this is the perfect time for me to bring it back out for you. A very long time ago, I found an amazing Reddit post called Let's Remember Some of the Dumbest Injuries Sustained by NBA Players --

MJS

Oh, good. Yes.

ES

-- from six months ago. Shout out to you, River Dance Jonas, who compiled this amazing list. But I wanted to profile some specific ones. There are some amazing dumb injuries on here. Again, like I don't want to focus on the ones that are catastrophic.

MJS

Right.

ES

Injuries are a part of professional sports. You're pushing your body to the fullest. But there are some pretty dumb injuries that I want to focus on.

MJS

I'm trying to remember if I know any truly dumb ones. Nothing is coming to mind. I know there was the time Steph Curry like tore his knee slipping on the sweat of Donatas Motiejunas.

ES

See, that – but that's like an actual thing. Like it's a workplace hazard.

MJS

I know it's not that dumb. It's just very unfortunate.

ES

These are things that, if this happened to you in your life, they wouldn't get reported on. But, because you're a professional athlete, this is the thing that comes up. So, Mike --

MJS

Oh, is one of them the Rondo one?

ES

No, it's not. It's not.

MJS

Okay.

ES

All right. This is the three most ridiculous injury stories and the three most Kevin Love injury stories.

MJS

Oh man, Kevin.

ES

Lots of things happen to Kevin Love. It's really unfortunate.

MJS

I feel so bad for Kevin Love. He's really pretty though. It's fine.

ES

He's incredibly attractive. And he's --

MJS

He's so pretty, and he has so much money.

ES

And he's so rich. And he's so has so much fashion sets. And he's created an entire movement in the NBA that recognize mental health.

MJS

He's very tall.

ES

Like he is doing fine.

MJS

He's very tall. He makes \$25 million a year. He's sponsored by Banana Republic. So, he probably gets a lot of free nice clothes.

ES

Exactly.

MJS

He already, by being a player, gets a bunch of free athletic gear. But, now, he gets a bunch of nice clothes from Banana Republic. The man never has to go shopping.

ES

He has shorts and chinos, he said.

MJS

Wow.

ES

So, do you want to hear the ridiculous ones or do you want to hear the Kevin Love one?

MJS

Let me start with Kevin.

ES

All right, Kevin. Oh, Kevin. Again, Kevin Love is just living his life as a tall man in Cleveland.

MJS

Right.

ES

So, imagine like a very tall Eric Schneider was doing all these things.

MJS

Right.

ES

In no particular order, these are all pretty ridiculous injuries that Kevin Love's sustained that he had to just deal with.

MJS

If I'm imagining this is a tall Eric Schneider, I'm confused because you're here with me and you don't live in Cleveland.

ES

Ta-na-na-na-na. That's right. Eric Schneider and I are the same.

MJS

Don't you have to edit Spirits?

ES

Yeah. I have to go edit Spirits. Right after this recording, I have to go edit Spirits. All right. Number one is called Kevin Love versus sleeping.

MJS

Okay.

ES

This is in 2012 back when Kevin Love was on the Timberwolves.

MJS

Oh, chunky, Kevin Love.

ES

I – again, he was still incredibly attractive. So, it all kind of checks out.

MJS

Right. But it's so funny that he had two very distinctive looks. Minnesota Kevin Love was very big, mass wise --

ES

Right.

MJS

-- and need a buzzcut. And he was really good at rebounding and shooting threes. And then, when he got to Cleveland, he was like, "What if I was really pretty?"

ES

What?

MJS

He went from jock mode to suave mode.

ES

Exactly.

MJS

Oh, man. What a transition.

ES

Yeah. You know, Kevin Love, he was a big dude at UCLA too. And then he's like, "Oh, I'm going to Minnesota. I'll bring all of this with me." So, this is what happened. This is the preseason. Kevin Love, slept with his right hand extended off of his bed all night, and he woke up and he couldn't move it.

MJS

I remember this. I remember this.

ES

Yeah. It was so bad that he missed the whole next game.

MJS

I will say there have been times where I've slept funnily, and it just doesn't heal until you go to sleep again.

ES

Yeah.

MJS

It's like when you have a hangover. No matter what you do; eat food, drink water, take a shower, exercise or whatever.

ES

It lingers all day.

MJS

And nothing will work until you sleep again. And I guess that's just your body being like, "Look, we got to restart the computer here."

ES

Yeah. But like this is happening to me now now that I'm like 28. Like there's that turning point, which no one tells you about your late 20s.

MJS

Right.

ES

And like suddenly your body starts breaking down. And like you're an old person.

MJS

Yeah. Uhhh. It was – it was very bad. When I was moving out of my apartment into my new one with Kelly, the first time I got a embarrassing injury was I hurt my knee by just being bent down for too long. I was cleaning out our kitchen island cabinets, and I was just squatting on my knees as I do. And then when I stood up I was like, "Oh, that hurts."

ES

Yeah.

MJS

Oh, I just can't just be in a crouching position for 20 minutes anymore.

ES

I just can't do it. Like I wake up hurting from sleeping all the time. I'm just like, "Oh, my back hurts. Congratulations. I'm an old person."

MJS

It sounds like we need to get sponsored by a mattress company.

ES

That would be very nice. But Kevin Love was 24 at the time. So, it's just like I guess he's so large that his limbs don't fit in the bed.

MJS

Right.

ES

And he just slept on it funny, but he couldn't play basketball because like his nerves were all fucked up.

MJS

The only time I've come close to this is when I sleep – I used to be bad about sleeping on my hand on the armrest on a airplane. And my wrist would get bent hard too bad.

ES

Oh, god.

MJS

Now I've converted to avoid this into a tray table sleeper, which is very good and until the flight attendants very angrily inform me that we have to put the tray tables up. And then I always get really mad because it takes like 45 minutes for us to land. It's like do I really have to put this up 45 minutes ago?

ES

Yeah. But that's your superpower, which is sleeping on flight.

MJS

Right.

ES

So, everyone, there are a bunch of steps backwards that you need to make. But, Kevin Love, he's just a tall boy.

MJS

Yeah.

ES

And he slept on his arm.

MJS

Yep.

ES

And that was bad. And he was upset that he missed – that injured because he's slept on his arm. Number two, he was suspected to be drunk and he couldn't be – he couldn't be in the game.

MJS

Wait. What?

ES

All right. This comes from the second type of Kevin Love, the Cleveland Kevin Love --

MJS

Sexy Kevin Love.

ES

-- and who was also like LeBron's lackey and stuck in this whole thing.

MJS

Right. I would say he was LeBron's scapegoat. He got blamed for everything when nothing was truly his fault.

ES

Right.

MJS

Remember when we thought Kevin Love was the problem on that team and not Kyrie Irving?

ES

Hmm.

MJS

Remember that?

ES

What nice days.

MJS

Dion Waiters was also on that team.

ES

Also --

MJS

Why were people mad at Kevin Love?

ES

And that actually happened once this all shakes out. We just need to figure out what is going on with Dion Waiters. We're gonna have to just figure out why that --

MJS

Oh, my goodness, I feel so bad.

ES

So, this happened in March of 2019.

MJS

Okay.

ES

LeBron was on the Lakers at the time.

MJS

Right.

ES

But that doesn't mean that the relationship that Kevin Love and LeBron has is not newsworthy, and this is why it got reported on. So, this is -- of course it's a Deadspin story, RIP Deadspin. Kevin Love went on Twitter to call out Deadspin because he missed that Saturday's game versus the Clippers because he was drunk. He was not. He said that he had shoulder soreness, according to the Cavs injury report. This all came from an Instagram post posted by LeBron James. Back then LeBron put up one of his classic dad with all the athletes emoji posts, and Kevin Love was trolling him by commenting that LeBron was washed. And they were commenting on each other and is making fun of it. And Kevin Love said, "LOL. I'm drunk."

MJS

Okay.

ES

Then Deadspin reported on it and said Kevin Love out with shoulder soreness after Instagramming while drunk. And then Kevin Love tweeted at Deadspin and said, "You really took what I said in @KingJames's comments today seriously? You, dum-dums are the who

are – you, dum-dums, are the one who must be drunk. Great headline though. Hehehe. Three cocktail emojis and a beer emoji."

MJS

Hell yeah.

ES

So, Kevin Love being injured is now like a thing enough that like you could have suspected that?

MJS

I mean RIP to Deadspin, but they did do some crappy stuff often. And this – I'm not surprised that they did this.

ES

It's very gossipy. Yeah.

MJS

Yeah. They did a lot of weird gossipy stuff. They did this with Enes Kanter once when he was on the Knicks, because he posted about eating lots of cheeseburgers. And then he missed the next game.

ES

We're gonna get to that.

MJS

He didn't – that wasn't actually – okay.

ES

Mike, we're gonna get to that.

MJS

As a Knicks fan that year, he did that all of the time. He posted about that once a month.

ES

Mike, I'm gonna get to that. It's definitely one I'm gonna get to. Would you like to hear the last thing that Kevin Love actually injured himself pretty bad?

MJS

Yes.

ES

All right. The worst ridiculous Kevin Love injury was when Kevin Love did knuckle push ups and he broke his hand.

MJS

Oh, yeah. I remember hearing about that.

ES

So, this was later on in 2012. This is only a few months after --

MJS

Oh, no.

ES

-- the sleeping on his arm incident. Kevin Love broke his right hand by doing knuckle push ups. Here is from the press release. Yesterday, I had a post practice commitment and decided to work out at my home with my personal trainer before heading to the Target Center, which is where the Minnesota Timberwolves were playing at the time. Already hilarious at this. Listen, I had a really cool dinner I had to go to. So, I had to do just push up with my trainer instead. So, I --

MJS

Yeah. Post-practice engagement. Maybe he's just like --

ES

So, he could be doing anything.

MJS

He could be fucking his girlfriend.

ES

Jesus Christ. He says that Top Golf. Like it's fine. We're just doing something. While doing various push ups including knuckle push ups, which are part of my regular workout routine, I hurt my hand. The Star Tribune reported Kevin Love broke two bones in his right hand doing knuckle push ups during the workout in his condo with personal trainer Rob McClanahan. Now, does Rob McClanahan know that knuckle push ups are not actually better than any other fucking push ups?

MJS

Yeah. What about being on your knuckles changes anything?

ES

It does -- it doesn't. It totally doesn't.

MJS

That's just dumb.

ES

It's just dumb.

MJS

That's just dumb.

ES

But like imagine Kevin Love doing knuckle push-ups.

MJS

That's the other thing that doesn't – Kevin Love is a large man. It's got a lot of mass, especially 2012 Kevin Love. And you're going to put a lot of that on just straight bone onto the ground? Not a smart decision.

ES

It was like I don't even know how you – like that's just pressure on his knuckles.

MJS

Yeah.

ES

That's why he broke it. Like I don't know. It's not like he was jumping on it, and it was like a sudden force. He must have been leaning on it and then his head I'm just cracked.

MJS

That's – yeah. That's just – ugh.

ES

That's so bad. And then he was out for six to eight weeks.

MJS

Fuck.

ES

Because his browe trainer thought that knuckle push ups were a good idea.

MJS

That's awful.

ES

Sorry, Kevin Love, but like come on, guy.

MJS

And that trainer should know better.

ES

Yeah.

MJS

It would be like if someone asked us for podcasting advice and we were just like, yeah, just like recording on voice memos and just keep hitting record and pause.

ES

Yeah. Just do knuckle push-ups.

MJS

Yeah. That's, that's how I edit. I just have a walkie talkie, and I put it near a microphone. Well, what the fuck?

ES

Listen, I'm doing knuckle push ups this whole recording, dog. You just can't hear it. I'm just that good at it.

MJS

It's because we're really good at editing stuff out.

ES

Exactly. We're just so good at it. We all just cut out all the time where I'm like, "Oh, my hand." All right. Mike, do you want three other ridiculous injury stories that have nothing to do with Kevin Love?

MJS

I do. I'm grumpy that the Enes Kanter one made the cut.

ES

All right. We're going to do that. Number three, I gave this one to you. I wanted you to talk about it. There are so many on this post. That you – we'll all look into it. I'll dive more into it in the 5-on-5. But I'm serving this one to you. Enes Kanter versus burgers. Enes Kanter tweeted about his cheat day. Apparently, he has a cheat day once a month, where he just goes hard into Vegas. Watch the video where he posted this over and over again. It's more just impressive about the amount of food that he was eating.

ES

Truly.

ES

Three triple Patty burgers with eggs on them. Sounds amazing. Four other burgers and then a full tray of fries.

ES

So, that would be 13 patties, and a tray of fries, and a couple fried eggs.

ES

Yeah. Like three fried eggs.

ES

It's a lot. Sounds like an ideal day for me.

ES

I will say the next game – circumstantial evidence, a day after eating all that food, Kanter left Knicks practice due to an illness and missed the Knicks game. Everyone on NBA Twitter bagged on him replying to the tweet and be like, "Yo, you shouldn't have eaten so many burgers."

MJS

I think it's just --

ES

It's just pretty funny.

MJS

It is funny the timing. I do believe maybe, by eating all of that, his immune system was out of whack because his entire body was just focused on digesting these burgers --

MJS

Yeah.

MJS

-- that he got some other illness, and then just bodies like, "What the flu? I gotta digest these burgers."

ES

All the antibodies were like, "Yo, we're I'm burger duty. I don't know what to tell you."

MJS

They were fighting in the great burger war of January.

ES

It truly was the Battle of the Bulge. Got him.

MJS

Ooh. I remember, on the Knicks subreddit, he would post this all the time, because he did it once a month. And the first time it happened, someone's like, "How many fucking burgers is Enes Kanter eating?"

ES

It's just funny. I watched the video, and my favorite thing about it was that he introduced the video to everybody.

MJS

Because this – by this point, it was like the fourth time he did it. So, now, it became a spectacle.

ES

So he said I got my three triple patties with eggs and sauces, which I really loved. French – I got my french fries, and I got my four burgers in. Let's get it in. And I just thought that was really great. Even if it's circumstantial, so funny. Whatever. I'm doing a funny nug. Very Horse. All right. This is what will be your reprieve. But this next one is Eddy Curry hurt himself on top of the physio ball.

MJS

More Knicks. It's like one of the exercise ball?

ES

Yeah. A bouncy exercise ball.

MJS

Look, I'm not trying to be heightist, or weightist, or sizeist here. But I think that, if you're a seven foot tall, 300 pounds center, you're not meant for the exercise ball that's designed for people that are not that size.

ES

You shouldn't be doing that. And especially, again, he was on the Knicks at the time. Don't do this when the New York Daily News is right there. Don't do it when The Post will make a pun about yourself.

MJS

Oh, man, is there a pun? Or should we just create what it is?

ES

We – there is no title pun, but they do – they do say some salty things later. It would be like --

MJS

I'll get it. I'll get it. I'll get it.

ES

It's like Eddy doesn't Curry favor with exercise ball or --

MJS

That could be it. Yes. That could be it. Eddy worry gets an injury doing something so silly.

ES

Pop goes the curry is like another good one, because here's what happened.

MJS

Right.

ES

So, Eddy Curry was – Eddy Curry was at practice. He sat on the big exercise ball during a break, and the ball just exploded. Eddy Curry fell and scraped his wrist, which should be okay. And this is the New York – this is the Daily News. Stay right here. The ball which is used for stretching exercises was pronounced dead at the seat.

MJS

It's very good. It's very good.

ES

I'm gonna add an addendum to this, because 2A is Eddy Curry hurt himself while walking. He missed a game because he'd sprained his left ankle doing a walkthrough and shoot around. Malik Rose said, "How do you explain something like that?" Good question, Malik. You can't. All right, Mike. We're going to get to the last one. And, again, I can't bring you recognizable Horse celebrity, Shaquille O'Neal, but I can do second most recognizable Horse celebrity, Charles Barkley.

MJS

Oh, yes, the round mound of rebound himself.

ES

Now, I will call this Sir Charles versus Sir Eric Clapton.

MJS

Oh, I hope he stage dove at a Clapton concert.

ES

It's much dumber than that.

MJS

How? That's the dumbest thing.

ES

It's actually dumber. Now, I called it that because both Charles Barkley and Eric Clapton are not actually Knights.

MJS

They are not.

ES

They're not. I actually did research into this, because I wanted to know how to make this joke. But Eric Clapton is a Commander of the Order of the British Empire. If he gets another commendation from the queen, then he'll be a Knight, but he's like two out of three.

MJS

Cool. Much like Meghan Markle, I will be taking myself out of contention from knighthood so that I can focus on my own financial independence, though I will still not understand what the fuck the royal family does --

ES

That's only fair.

MJS

-- going forward.

ES

Just like Charles Barkley, but you'll still engage with all those things. Now, Charles Barkley missed the Phoenix Suns 94 and 95 season opener, because the first layer of his corneas got burned off by body lotion during an Eric Clapton concert.

MJS

This still doesn't make sense. You've described the injury, and I still don't know what happened.

ES

All right. Apparently, allergies and the dazzling stage lights caused Sir Charles to rub his eyes, and he was lotioning. So, he got lotion in them. That's what -- and then, apparently, it burned his eyes because he was -- the lotion had an allergic reaction.

MJS

We got to find out what lotion company that was. Johnson and Johnson. Jergens. Allure.

ES

Wait. That probably doesn't exist anymore because Charles Barkley fought them, and they're dead now.

MJS

There it is.

ES

Phoenix Suns team doctor, Richard Emerson said it was the chemical reaction to a type of lotion that he uses. I wouldn't anticipate it'd reoccur because I don't think he'll use that type of again.

MJS

Nivea. Nivea for men.

ES

Charles roughed up their entire team. He was like, "I can't -- I can't believe you made me miss the season opener."

MJS

I would also love it if it wasn't lotion. It was like Vaseline, because that would make more sense. I assume Vaseline is just petroleum.

ES

This whole – none of this makes sense, but it happened.

MJS

I wonder if he also had to wear those funky rollout sunglasses that you do if you have LASIK surgery, where you look like The Terminator. That would have been very good.

ES

That would have been very good. I wish he was wearing Rec Specs for that entire season.

MJS

Oh, man.

ES

But, Mike, here are some injuries both from Kevin Love and other NBA players that are truly ridiculous. It didn't hurt them all that much.

MJS

Wow. Thank you. That makes me very happy. This is a very fun 3-on-3. Well, I have something that I've also been sitting on for a little bit of time now. It's an article that, once I saw it, I knew it had to be discussed. And I'm very glad, and I'm excited to share with you in this segment that we like to call That Actually Happened.

ES

Whoa. What – I wonder what actually happened?

MJS

Oh, well, you'll be excited, because you are a big Celtics fan.

ES

That is true.

MJS

And I am a big Knicks fan.

ES

Also true.

MJS

This story involves our two teams and the Knicks come out the winners, which is not the case here in 2019. But, back in the 90s, it was. So, Eric, did you know that, over the course

of just one playoff game, the Celtics ball boy went from being fired by Red Auerbach because of a flippant comment from Larry Bird to becoming the Knicks lucky charm for an improbable three game comeback?

ES

Oh, fun. Okay. You really – you walked me down the garden path here. There are so many things that you're going to hit. This is like the topic sentence of an essay. You're like, in my essay, I'm going to talk about all these things. The first, Red Auerbach, the second, Larry Bird, the third, ball boy being lucky.

MJS

We're about to get you that 800 on the SAT writing section. Shout out to Stefan Bondy, who read this for the NY Daily News recently. Stefan Bondy's an interesting Knicks writer, because he either writes really nice things about the Knicks or really mean things about the Knicks. There's no in between. I don't know how to feel about Mr. Bondy.

ES

So, you mean the New York media?

MJS

Yeah. I mean, at least, there's some Knicks broadcasters or media members that have their constant stance. Frank Isola always shifted on us no matter what. No matter what, he would always try to say mean things about us. And then there's some other people that always try to put a positive spin. But Stefan is back and forth, but it's always in extreme. But this is a very great writeup that he put together about Gerald Brown, this ball boy. So, for context, Gerald Brown, he grew up as a Knicks fan. He happened to meet an MSG employee while he was at a sneaker store in Harlem, and, soon afterwards, became their ball boy when he was a teenager.

ES

Classic story.

MJS

How stuff used to work back in the day. In his final season as a ball boy in the Garden, the Knicks swept the Philadelphia 76ers in the first round. Shout out to Hal and [Inaudible 37:18].

ES

[Inaudible 37:18]. Shout out Ben Simmons.

MJS

This is a famous game because the Knicks swept the Sixers. After the game, they all got brooms and swept the court with brooms, which many people in the Philadelphia media did not take kindly.

ES

Huh. Weird. So strange that the notoriously angry and upset Philly people didn't like it when the New York Knickerbockers bought rooms and were big jerks.

MJS

They were very upset. Apparently, Charles Oakley unsurprisingly was behind it. He told them to get the brooms. Gerald about this said, "They were like go get the broom. Go get the broom. A lot of people were upset about it, but it was funny. It was real funny." So, a lot of people were mad. But then Ira Berkow of the New York Times wrote a satire piece. And this is on our website at horsehoops.com. You have to read this. It is called A Broom Should Be for Brooming. And it was this over the top thing talking about how awful and how dastardly the Knicks were for celebrating. Here are just some of the great quotes. It's so funny. Talking about the sweeping, "They did it gaily, gloriously, and with utter disdain for good taste in the gods of chance." Ira goes on to say, so, when the buzzer sounded the handful of boyish playful Knicks swept off the court with the broom. It was tacky as they say in one part of the town. And it was in your face as they say in another.

ES

That's pretty good.

MJS

Talking about the Sixers, IRA goes on to say, led by a player called Sir Charles, who is rotund royalty in briefs on a basketball court, Philadelphia was gritty throughout. And, finally, ends it with, "History is replete with examples of inelegant winners, but Achilles, that noble Greek warrior, takes the cake. Hector of Troy, about to be speared dead by Achilles, begged him not to mangle his body." "I wish from the bottom of my heart," said Achilles, "that I could cut you to pieces and eat you raw myself." That's going a little far for a winner. In retrospect, maybe that broom thing of the Knicks wasn't so bad after all. Hahaha. It's so good, everyone. You have to read it.

ES

Yeah. I really liked the part where he suggests that we should all eat all the Irish babies just to deal with our overpopulation problem.

MJS

Hmm. So anyway --

ES

Would I make you modest proposal jokes, Mike?

MJS

No. Nope. No.

ES

There's like five people who were like, "Oh, nice one, Eric. Nice. Good. Jonathan Swift. Good."

MJS

So, the next season, Brown ended up attending Mount Ida College, which is just outside of Boston. And --

ES

I do love that he probably put Knicks ball boy on his CV that he sent to colleges.

MJS

Maybe. Maybe. So, he ended up getting a ball boy for the Celtics. The way that he got this job is because somehow the Celtics hired him to deliver Larry Bird a jersey when he was playing the Nets. So, Brown about this said, "The Celtics were playing the Nets, and somebody had stolen Larry Bird's uniform or whatever."

ES

Classic.

MJS

Jerry Cosby, which is apparently a sporting goods store, right next to the Garden, the Madison Square Garden not the Boston Garden. I despise that Boston people called the Boston Garden, the Garden. How dare you? Had made uniforms and the Celtics paid me to take a cab to the Meadowlands, which is where the Nets played. So, I brought the jersey, and I came back. That started a conversation about working for the Celtics down the road.

ES

See, this is another thing where people just bought a jersey and let another person wear it. I still cannot believe that.

MJS

And it's just a thing where they didn't have well-made jerseys back in the day. So, the ones that you could buy in stores were the same ones that the athletes wore.

ES

Wild. Actually, I just went into Modell's. Threw on a Stoudemire Jersey and should have bought out for the Knicks.

MJS

Could have done it.

ES

Couldn't have told -- Couldn't have told the difference.

MJS

So, it's 1990. The Celtics end the season in fourth place. The Knicks end the season in fifth place. So, the two of them are going to be playing in the first round of the playoffs. The Celtics get home court advantage. They take an early 12 to 0 lead. Now, on the way to game two, Larry Bird picks up Gerald the ball boy from Mount Ida, because he lived close.

ES

What?

MJS

Yeah. The 90s, man. Larry Bird is like, "Oh, I don't live too far away from you, ball boy. I'll pick you up on the way to the game."

ES

Hey, do you want to – do you want to carpool? Are you bringing the tunes? Are you bringing snacks?

MJS

Do you want to ride with me, legend Larry Bird? So, he picks him up in a blue pickup truck with tinted windows, and then immediately starts talking trash because he's Larry Bird. Brown said, "He talked so much trash. It was ridiculous. It was so funny." He said, "I'm gonna kill Johnny Newman. He can't guard me. I'm gonna get 50 on him today." I was like, "Oh, my god. He's just nonstop." I thought it was going to be awkward and silent. But he was just like, "Yo, the Knicks are terrible." And he was just killing everybody. Anybody, you tell them – tell them to guard me. And he was really animated about it.

ES

Again, I'm just wholly not surprised by anything Larry Bird does. And I'm like, "And then Larry Bird scored 50 in that game, and then it happened."

MJS

The big surprise for Gerald though was he got to the game after being dropped off by Larry Bird.

ES

And Larry Bird's like, "Oh, I gotta go over to the practice area."

MJS

I gotta go play professional basketball in the playoffs.

ES

Do you want to hop out here five stars with me, Larry Bird?

MJS

So, Gerald's boss takes him into the bathroom and fires him.

ES

Why? Because he got a ride?

MJS

No. So, here's what Brown said about it. "This guy, Pete, he was in charge of the ball boys. He comes in and says we have to let you go. Redauebach saw you cheering for the Knicks." I started laughing. I said to him, "Everybody is trying to prank me. You got me." But then Pete said again, "You've been fired for cheering for the Knicks."

ES
What?

MJS
So, apparently, in a film session where they were reviewing the footage of Game One before Game Two, Larry Bird noticed that the ball boy was cheering every time something good happened for the Knicks. And he made an offhanded comment about it in practice. But, as Gerald Brown said, people just like to prank him. It was just a common thing for the players to joyfully mess with the ball boys. The Knicks did it. The Celtics players did it. So, Larry was just dicking around. But Red Auerbach overheard this comment, and thought Larry Bird was genuinely upset at Gerald for not being truly loyal to the Celtics. So, he decided I'm going to help out my star player, and I'm going to fire this guy.

ES
This is stupid. This is a stupid story you're telling me. Goddamn it.

MJS
So --

ES
Larry Bird talks shit perpetually about everyone and everything.

MJS
I know.

ES
Why would you believe anything he says?

MJS
Look, this is Red Auerbach, the same man who forced Bill Russell to throw up before they played games.

ES
Oh, I see. I get your point.

MJS
It's the same person.

ES
Tactical genius. I will fire this ball boy. Yeah. You know what actually? Good. Fuck you, Gerald. You deserve to get fired.

MJS

So, they fire him. They give him an envelope of cash for his pay. And --

ES

Just in the bathroom. In the bathroom.

MJS

He's getting ready to leave the stadium, but Patrick Ewing and Charles Oakley noticed Brown. And he looked really sad and dejected and was carrying an envelope of cash.

ES

And that's when Charles Oakley was like, "Oh, fuck."

MJS

So, he asked him -- they asked him what happened. He told him the story. And then the Knicks trainer, Mike Saunders said, "Hey, stick around." So, they took him in. And they made him the ball boy for the Knicks that game. Here's what happened. So, he's the ball boy for them in Game Two. They end up losing Game Two. They go back for Game Three. He sticks with them for the series, but they end up winning Game Three. They end up winning Game Four. And they end up winning Game Five. So, the Knicks are down 2 - 0. They pull off the 3 - 0 sweep. And they're all crediting Mr. Brown here for being their good luck charm that they needed to swing the tide.

ES

Good job, dude.

MJS

They decked him out in all-Knicks gear for that Game Two. And they were trying to get him to mess with the Celtics mascot. Apparently, Oakley and Gerald Wilkins, we're trying to prod Brown into defacing the Celtics mascot. About this, Brown said, "They said, Hey, G Brown put that towel on the leprechaun." But Brown said I was like, "Hell nah. I gotta live up here."

ES

This is so dumb. This whole story is so stupid. Why are all the players acting like idiots?

MJS

They're just boys. They're just boys.

ES

They're just large, goofy men.

MJS

So, the Knicks end up winning that series. They ended up losing in the next round to the Pistons, who ended up winning the entire title. But the story does have a happy ending because Brown kept all of his connections. And he ended up having a successful career. He

still works closely with Charles Oakley and Penny Hardaway, who was the star for the Orlando Magic. And, now, he hosts a weekly SiriusXM radio show called The Bottom Line Sports Show and a podcast called In the Key with BJ Armstrong. I love that this man just happened to become a ball boy because he was in a shoe store. And then he ended up being a ball boy for another team, because he went to college nearby and got them a jersey that one-time someone stole Larry Bird's jersey.

ES

And then he was holding an envelope of cash and then was like, "Okay." And, now, he works for SiriusXM.

MJS

What a great turnaround. You get fired, and then you immediately get hired 10 minutes later. Great turnaround.

ES

I do like the story ending, but there was a part of me that was like, "Do you know who he was today? Kobe Bryant."

MJS

That man legally changed his name.

ES

And that man became Michael Jeffrey Jordan.

MJS

So, that is the time that the Celtics fired their ball boy, because Larry Bird made a joke and Red Auerbach thought it was sincere. And then it ended up coming back to bite them in the butt as they were cursed. And the New York Knickerbockers defeated them in the opening round of the 1990 playoffs, and that actually happened.

ES

You want to know who the ball boy was? Steve Jobs.

MJS

No.

ES

And you know who that ball boy is today? President Barack Obama.

MJS

I was gonna just say Gerald Brown.

ES

Then he's Gerald Brown.

MJS

The host of a podcast and SiriusXM weekly radio show.

ES

Genuinely, I thought there was a part of me that's like, "You know what that is now? Adam Silver, Commissioner of the NBA." And I'm like I know that it's not true.

MJS

We knew his name the whole time.

ES

I know. I know that. But I was waiting for the dumb twist at the end.

MJS

And that day he marched down to the county clerk's office and legally changed his name

ES

To Shaquille O'Neal.

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