



## NEWS

A lot of news in the past few days. We've had elections in U.S., we lost the first game of the season, and the first major trade of the season has taken place....

Although our team is in Canada, you all know that most of NBA players are Americans, so the recent election of Obama as the new president has been a main topic of conversation among many of my teammates. I think the vast majority of the players were with Obama, even some of them have actively campaigned for the new president. Today, for example, and it is the first time I remember anything like this, everyone in the locker-room was talking about politics and many of them have great expectations for the change. Let's hope so.

Certainly not as important as this, our first lost game of the season has also been disappointing news. It was a small dissatisfaction because although I think I played well, I do not like losing at all, although I know that there are still 78 games left to play and that we have only played four. I am convinced that we can win and must win against Detroit, but today we haven't play as well as we were doing until now. Nevertheless, we have reached the final minutes with a chance to win the game, but they played very well and they won the game. Prince has been unstoppable today, has been a true warrior.

Now we play three away games in a row, Charlotte, Atlanta and Boston. We have to win a couple of them in order not to lose the privileged positions. This league is so special that in three or four days, we play two or three games, and we can go from top to bottom in a blink.

As you know, the first major trade of the season was done a couple of days ago. Detroit, our rival today, sent Billups, McDyess and Samb to Denver in exchange for Iverson. We were waiting for Iverson to play tonight but the finally did not attend the game but they beat us anyway. Walter Herrmann told me last night, that they find out about the trade almost at the same time that the news were released to the public. He also told me that Iverson asked to Stuckey to let him play with the number 3. Iverson has always played with the number 3 jersey and it seems that Stuckey was going to let him play with it.

See you soon

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