

**San Antonio Spurs vs. Utah Jazz**  
**November 19, 2009**  
**Spurs Post-Game Quotes**

**Head Coach Gregg Popovich**

**(On tonight's game)**

**"It was another great effort. I was really pleased with the tenacity and perseverance tonight. Unfortunately, we didn't make some plays and Utah got the win."**

**(On the play of Roger Mason)**

**"He seemed more comfortable. He was hitting the simple jump shot and not making it difficult. He wasn't deferring to anybody."**

**"I thought George (Hill) and Keith (Bogans) did a great job on Deron Williams. He's a really tough cover and a great point guard"**

**"I'm really happy with the fact the guys didn't give in. We are getting better. We're just playing teams that are more experienced and are making less mistakes. Over time, it'll result in wins. We have to keep our heads up and not worry about records."**

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**Roger Mason, Jr.**

*(on tonight's game)*

"We are a step slow – offensive boards, loose balls, all of those things add up. We are giving good effort but it still stinks we are losing these games."

*(on his jump shot this season)*

"For sure, it's funny. I came into the season all about defense and all about the other things and I forgot my jump shot. You keep plugging and working on your game and I happened to get some shots to fall tonight. As a shooter you are going to have moments like that. You don't panic. I just wanted to continue to play good defense and give good effort and I knew eventually some shots would fall for me."

**Richard Jefferson**

*(on the last few games)*

It's very difficult. You have Dallas on the ropes in an overtime game and you come here, tie game with a minute and a half to go and you lose both of them. We are working hard and we are not far away. We have a lot of room to grow.

*(on the Spurs injuries)*

I think we showed the last two nights that we have more than enough talent to win. It's not about competing it's about winning. We haven't played particularly well. Every team in the league has to deal with injuries. Look at Dallas; they were playing without Shawn Marion and Josh Howard. That's apart of the league. I believe that's why they (the Spurs) brought in more people to kind of weather those storms when you do have injuries. Right now it's our job to bear down and get it right.

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**Head Coach Jerry Sloan**

(On team Play)

“This was a very rewarding victory. We set up and hung in the entire game and played pretty decent. The Spurs were tough and didn’t allow us many shots. Finally we were able to get some shots to go down for us but the Spurs did a terrific job. I have tremendous respect for the Spurs organization and what they are all about.”

(On the Road play)

“When you’re on the road you expect to have struggles during a game and have the other team make runs at you. Fortunately we were able to keep our composure and not look for an excuse. I felt the ability to keep our composure tonight really made this victory rewarding for us.”

(Preparing for the Spurs)

“It hard to just do anything you want when you play the Spurs. They are a terrific defensive team and Tim Duncan is such a great play that he makes it tough for any team to get inside. We were forced to make the outside shots tonight. We knew coming into tonight game that the lay-up was going to be our best option.”

(Closing)

“I think the most important thing to remember about tonight’s victory is we need to grow from it. We did some crazy things tonight and got hung up on a couple of screens. Those are things that teach you what needs to be done to get better. Hustle and effort were key for us tonight.”

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**Jazz Forward Carlos Boozer**

***On winning in San Antonio for the first time since 1999 ...***

“This is a great team and a great organization. We’re proud of ourselves for fighting and holding on tonight. We just need to take this momentum and keep going.”

***On his emotion out there tonight ...***

“I had fun out there. It was tough early though. I missed some shots that I could have made. I thought I got fouled on a couple shots. When you’re on the road you’re not going to get a lot of calls that you get at home, so I just kept fighting. I got the And-1 on that pass from Williams and just got going from there. I felt good after that.”

***On being back to playing his game after all his injuries ...***

“I’m having a lot of fun out there competing with my teammates. I think we have a great group of guys and we compete hard to win every game. We’re on a roll and for us we’re just going to continue to grind. For me I’m just happy to play. I’m loose. I’m having fun competing with my team. We have a little win streak going and hopefully we can build it into a big one.”

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**Jazz Guard Deron Williams**

***On winning in San Antonio for the first time since 1999 ...***

“It meant a lot to all of us. We haven’t won here in I don’t know how many years. It was a great win for all of us.”

***On executing down the stretch ...***

“We played great basketball down the stretch. We let them get back into it and let them makes their runs, but down the stretch we made all the plays we needed to. Guys made big shots. We got stops when we needed them. It was just a great team effort.”

***On looking like the stronger team down the stretch ...***

“It wasn’t that. Like I said, we just made the big plays down the stretch. We’ve struggled in this building. We’ve had some close games here. We’ve had some games where we’ve had a chance to win, but we got never put them away. We could never do the right things to win. That’s what we did tonight. I’d still like to beat them when they’re not short-handed though.”

***On the change in the team over the last 6 games ...***

“We’re just playing better defensively...playing more unselfish. We don’t really care who scores or who gets the glory, which is what a good team should do.”

***On Carlos Boozer ...***

“He’s getting back to the old ‘Booz’ before her was hurt. That’s big...we just keep going to him which is definitely going to help his confidence. He’s playing great for us right now.”