



Ettore Messina led Real to a great victory over Barcelona, which led the series to 1-1. The coach of the club from Madrid mentioned that the keys for the win was the few turnovers, the good pick-n-roll defense, the collaboration in defense, the maturity of Tomic and the defense of Bullock.

"We are happy because we played a very solid game. We led for the best part of the game and go back home with the series tied at 1-1. But we must keep working, get ready and go game by game. We played with a very good attitude, helping each other on the court, accepting our mistakes as part of the game, rebounding well and taking care of the ball on offense; We had 5 turnovers and that was the key to this game.

It is important to see that we can play against Barcelona and don't get down when things go wrong. We have to play with confidence not only against Barcelona, but against everyone. We hope to get togetherness and mental strength for the upcoming games. Tomic had a very good game, showing that we found a player that gives us a reason to look to the future.

He is mature, is learning fast and we are happy to have brought him here. We played good defense in our two games in here, very balanced, stopping their pick-and-roll. We played team defense and when people help each other and collaborate, all that makes you stronger. I don't think that the homecourt advantage is very important in this series, even though Palau Blaugrana and Palacio Vistalegre are places in which fans push hard for their team.

We have to overcome all the off-court pressure, focus on our job and know they can beat us just as we beat them tonight. The team needed an important win and we don't have to be overconfident now. We have to stay focused, but of course, winning important games helps. Louis Bullock helped us today, he played with good rhythm. He played good defense and has been feeling better after being nine days without practicing due to a knee problem."