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Man. I wish I had more for you all in regard to the Cavaliers than the same tired cliché I used a couple days ago. I wish I was witty enough to come up with something clever that we could all share and that was captivating enough that I could put it on a t-shirt and sell thousands of them.

But I've got nothing.

Well, I've got what I had Thursday at this time. I've got: "Win One Game"TM

The Cavaliers came out Thursday night and out shot, out hustled, out desperationed (I may trademark that as well) and out executed the Orlando Magic. They got performances that you expected them to get from people who have given such performances all year long and they got a performance from Daniel Gibson that you probably didn't expect but that sure was damn nice to see anyway.

For the first time all series Mo Williams looked like the regular Mo instead of some regular Joe.

He hit a couple shots early and played a little Robin to LBJ's Batman and the Cavs won by double digits. Coincidence?

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The danger for the Cavs is that if Orlando gets up early and is hitting shots then Cleveland could get run right out of Amway Arena. And with Orlando there's always that chance. They can shoot it and they'll come out Saturday night looking to land a haymaker really early.

However, for potentially the first time all season they'll be playing with a bit of pressure on their heads. Stan Van Gundy and his players can talk all they want about not fearing a return trip to Cleveland Monday but they'd be lying. They don't want to come up and play one game for the right to move on when they held a 3-1 lead at one time and will be treated like the 2007 Cleveland Indians if that lead is lost and the series goes the Cavs way.

Let's see if those sweet jump shots come off the fingers as easily and as effortlessly as they did when expectations were lower. Let's see if Dwight Howard continues to channel his inner Rick Barry for stretches of time from the free throw line or whether the rim closes up on him a bit.

I want to be able to hear Marv Albert and Doug Collins without them screaming. I hope for their health and ours that they are able to call nearly the entire game without raising their voices to be heard above the din of a raucous arena.

I want to see a Magic player restraining or screaming at another Magic player. There's no better sign that the pressure may be getting to someone than for them to start emotionally expressing themselves. Let's hope it happens tomorrow night because Van Gundy has shown a few times

this season that he can periodically lose his team and sometimes even fan the flames of chaos as it consumes his team.

I want to see LeBron receiving an entry pass at the free throw line all night or be double teamed to deny it. Because as he displayed in the 4th quarter Thursday he simply has too many options when he's got the ball there instead of at the top the arc. He's already just a 15 foot jump shot from scoring. He can put the ball on the floor and go left or right when his mates clear out. He can find a cutter if and when Howard commits to help James's man. And he can pick his side of the basket to drive the ball to, forcing Howard to rotate and potentially getting the Orlando big man in a familiar foul plagued situation.

The Magic will likely spend all day Friday trying to figure out how to limit James receiving ball that deep on the floor. But it's going to be tough to shut that down. Whether Orlando likes it or not James is difficult to deny from any spot on the floor he wants to go. He also gets his share of calls. If the officials allow a lot of contact on James they'll have to allow it on the Magic finesse players as well. Players, other than Howard, who prefer a fast pace, shoot-em-up style of play as opposed to a slowed down, physical game.

For the first time all series (and I'm not counting the LBJ buzzer beater in Game 2 because it appears to me the Cavs and Magic recognized that for the miracle it was) there is some pressure on this Magic team.

Cleveland fans are very much aware that pressure bursts pipes and occasionally championship dreams. The Cavs and any team are not supposed to overcome a 3-1 deficit to win a series. But this series is no longer a 3-1 series.

The series and the pressure have shifted to Orlando on Saturday night.

For the Cavaliers the song remains the same: Win One Game™