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the halftime report

In this reading two sportscasters are talking about the basketball match between the Bulls and the Lakers at the end of the first half.

Apparently both teams are playing more aggressively than ever before. This is probably a breathtaking match. Right now it is 47-44 for the Bulls. Both top players, Jordan from the bulls and O'Neal from the Lakers, are out for the second half – O'Neal because of his fouls, and Jordan because he sprained his ankle.

Although the Bulls are deprived of Jordan, they still have Kukoc who's been playing the most consistently of the team. He's been scoring more frequently than any player in his team except Jordan. Plus, the more he plays the better he looks. And now the second half about to begin. See you later.

1. Who are the bulls playing against?

They are playing against the Lakers.

2. Is the match over?

Not, yet. The first half has just finished.

3. Which team is ahead?

The bulls are leading 47 to 44.

4. Why is Jordan not in the team now?

Because he sprained his left ankle.

5. Why isn't O'Neal in the team now?

Because, he's had many fouls.

6. Which team does Will think will hurt worse because it has lost its top player for the second half?

He thinks the Bulls are going to hurt worse than the Lakers.

7. Who can compensate for the loss of Jordan during the second half?

Kukoc can probably play well and make up for the loss of Jordan during the second half.

8. Has Kukoc been scoring more frequently than any player in his team?

No, he's been scoring more frequently than anyone else in his team except Jordan.

9. Who's been playing the most consistently of the Bulls?

Kukoc has been playing the most consistently of the Bulls.

10. How has Kukoc playing changed as the season has been going on?

He's been playing more and more aggressively.

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