CHARLOTTE – Maybe the Knicks know they're not very good, because despite their 35-38 record, they still don't want to make a sign of panic contingency. "That's me," Chauncey Billups said after the Knicks' sixth straight loss. "We talked about it all season. We're not a .500 team, we're not a playoff team."

Anthony and Stoudemire co-existing on the floor is something the Knicks still must make happen even if they're not as much as D'Antoni would like. The problem is, the Knicks can't buy anything. Anthony scored 36 points on 13-for-25 shooting. But Stoudemire, who had 14 points and 10 assists, but also missed 10 of 16 shots, including a late jump-shot, which had 14 points and 10 assists, but also missed 10 of 16 shots, including a late jump-shot, that deadlocked the game at 102-102 with 4:19 left to play.

"It was a tough one for Stoudemire," Billups said after the Knicks shot 42 percent from the field.