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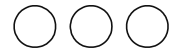
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Steve Kerr smashing his clipboard is everything



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Golden State Warriors head coach Steve Kerr smashes his clipboard during a timeout in Game 1 of the NBA Finals on Thursday, June 2, 2016. The Warriors won the game 104-89.

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Golden State Warriors coach Steve Kerr certainly let his emotions show during the third period of Game 1 of the NBA Finals, when he showed his clipboard the business end of his fist.

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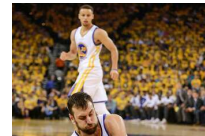
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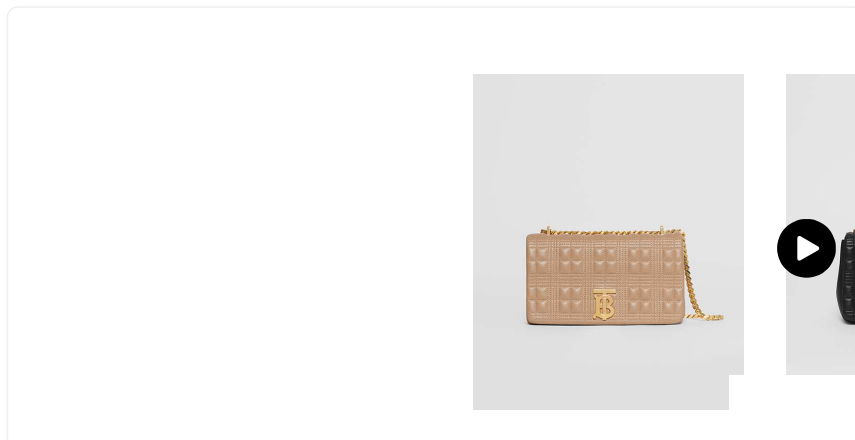
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That moment of frustration was everything: Much of that emotion was what many die-hard fans felt as they watched the lead shrink. Thankfully, the Warriors managed to clinch the game for a final score of 104-89.

"Destruction tends to ease some of the anger," the Coach of the Year said. "So I try to take it out on a clipboard instead of a player. So it's better that way."

The winning run was fueled by Golden State's bench, which outscored the Cavs' reserves 45-10 in the opener of this finals rematch.

It made for a strong start while surrounded by those thousands of golden yellow "Strength in Numbers" T-shirts worn by the raucous fans throughout sold-out Oracle.



"That's our motto. That's what we believe in," Shaun Livingston said after the game. "We pick each other up. We believe in each other and we just fight."

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As Yahoo! Sports [reported](#), Kerr has had a long history of clipboard abuse when the chips are down: In a January game against the Knicks, Kerr had [broken his clipboard](#) before tossing it, when the Warriors were trailing.

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