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Nikola Topic Press Conference

Q. Chet had to red-shirt his rookie season. Have you talked to him at all about that or what was the plan for him to rehab so successfully?

NIKOLA TOPIC: Yeah, I did. I talked to him a lot about that, and he has been really helpful with that. The main thing he told me was just be patient, and I'm trying to be patient.

Q. You kind of jumped around the last few years internationally. What's it going to be like to have some organizational stability for the next three, four years here?

NIKOLA TOPIC: That will be very helpful, of course, to be in one place for some time. That's really helpful mindfully, in my mindset that I know that I'm going to be here for a while. So it's really helpful.

Q. Coming in as a lottery pick to a team that has so many established players, what's your mindset of the reality that you're probably going to have to work your way up that rotation?

NIKOLA TOPIC: Yeah, of course. That's normal. I'm a rookie. I'll do my best to fit in the rotation.

Q. Have you spent one-on-one time with the coaching staff?

NIKOLA TOPIC: Yeah, yeah, for sure. You have to ask the team that. I'm doing everything they told me right now. We'll see what future holds.

Q. What are some of the players that you are looking to learning from?

NIKOLA TOPIC: Everybody. I can say everybody for sure. Everybody is really nice. I can have a good conversation with everybody, so I think I can learn something from everybody.

Q. There's a viral video of you talking about "Air Bud"



and your love for that movie. Have you only seen the basketball version?

NIKOLA TOPIC: I think I saw the basketball version only. I'm not sure.

Q. There's a football version.

NIKOLA TOPIC: I didn't see the football.

Q. What is harder, the rehab or watching other guys play?

NIKOLA TOPIC: Watching other guys play and not being able to be with them on the court.

Q. Have you ever been out this long?

NIKOLA TOPIC: I've been out, but not this long.

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