

NBA All-Star Rising Stars Postgame

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Team Detlef

Matas Buzelis

Press Conference



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Q. That was kind of fun. What was your overall impression? Played well.

MATAS BUZELIS: It was fun. It was good to compete with the best guys in the world. Show what kind of talent I have. Excited for the future.

Q. You looked very comfortable out there in terms of just like guarding, making plays, touch. Is it all just kind of coming together for you right now?

MATAS BUZELIS: It's been a roller coaster of a journey for me. I work hard, so I've been trying to get the feel of the game for the NBA. I think it's getting into more of a groove.

Q. What was it like being out with a lot of your soon-to-be peers, I guess next season.

MATAS BUZELIS: It's fun. It was really fun just to be out there. It's a blessing to be here for sure.

Q. Is the G League season, has it been more of a grind than you thought it would be?

MATAS BUZELIS: Yeah, I knew it was going to be tough. So I came in with the mentality it was going to be a tough season for me. I'm still working, progressing.

Q. What are you most looking forward to like the rest of the weekend? Are you just getting out of here now, or are you going to hang out a few days?

MATAS BUZELIS: I've still got the G League Up Next Game. That's exciting for me. Just cheerleading, seeing a bunch of stars and seeing my family.

Q. What do you think has to happen for you to really cement your position as a guy who maybe could get

into that top five, top three? What do you think has to happen between now and June?

MATAS BUZELIS: Just playing well. Consistency, playing well. That's pretty much it. Getting better every day.

Q. Obviously got the game winner in that first game. What was going through your mind when it was going down?

MATAS BUZELIS: I got the rebound, and I've been working on my post game, post fade, I feel like I can make that shot every time. So I took it, and it went in.

Q. Obviously first time experiencing all of this. What's been maybe the biggest surprise to you through all this so far?

MATAS BUZELIS: Not really a surprise. I've been playing in the G League the whole year. So it's always going to be competitive and a lot of good players everywhere.

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