

# Castrol Rising Stars

## Postgame

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Los Angeles, California, USA

### Team Austin

## Yang Hansen

### Press Conference



Team Melo 40, Team Austin 34

#### **Q. Question about being an inspiration to young players.**

YANG HANSEN: I'm learning the best basketball in the world right now in the NBA. I want to try to learn as much as I can and carry it back to China or Asia.

There's a lot of talented kids in Asia, a lot of different countries. I think they will try to chase their dream and to reach the NBA.

We'll see more and more Asian players on the NBA court.

#### **Q. What have you thought about all of All-Star Weekend so far? All of the attention and all of the different events you've had to take part in.**

YANG HANSEN: All the new stuff here.

#### **Q. There's a lot of new stuff, yeah.**

YANG HANSEN: I really enjoy it here.

#### **Q. What's been your favorite thing from the moment you landed until right now? What's been your favorite moment?**

YANG HANSEN: I might see Nikola Jokic somewhere. I want to see him. I can't wait to chat with him.

#### **Q. Have you ever gotten to meet him yet? Have you ever gotten an autograph or something like that?**

YANG HANSEN: My friend met him. He came to China one time last year. I got his autograph, but I didn't meet him.

Oh, I met him when they were playing on our home court. But then he walked away, and I didn't have chance to

reach him. I would be excited to see him.

#### **Q. Do you talk to Yao Ming a lot for advice? What is your relationship like with Yao Ming?**

YANG HANSEN: Actually, he's a great, great man to me. He shares a lot of experience with me. If I get some confusion, I will text him. I will ask him. He'll always give me some suggestion from his perspective.

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