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**Q. I know last couple off-season you've been here busting your butt doing stuff but now you have some kids to play with. What's it been like working and playing around with Moody and JK?**

JORDAN POOLE: Yeah, first and foremost I just want to say welcome back, everybody. I know you guys haven't been here for a while. I was talking to a blank table last season, but it's good to see some faces in here.

It's exciting. You know, they are able to finally live their dreams and they are coming into a really good situation. We're a talented team. We have got all of our pieces coming back and we're healthy, so just trying to get them up to speed as much as possible and continuing that to try to better myself personally. But still try to get them up to speed because we'll probably need them during the season.

**Q. What's it like for everyone being around Andre so far? We have been kind of been joking with some of the 18-year-olds, he's got almost 20 years on them.**

JORDAN POOLE: It's good. It's good. As soon as he walked in day one, I just was asking him all kind of questions. Went over to his crib probably a couple days ago, talked to him a little bit. It's just extremely dope to be able to ask questions to a lot of the vets. I grill Draymond and Steph with questions all the time, and I get to ask Andre a few things.

It's been good. It's been exciting. We're glad to have him and it should be an exciting year.

**Q. There's an open starting spot with Klay out for however long to start the season. Is that something you've got your eye on?**

JORDAN POOLE: I mean, of course. I mean, you want to go out there and play as many minutes as you can, but this all boils back to what's best for the team. Coach is going to put who he feels comfortable out there in the starting

lineup, but like I said, we are excited. It's going to be a big season and I'm here to contribute as best I can.

**Q. When you envision that backcourt that could be with you and Steph, what do you think you can do with that attack?**

JORDAN POOLE: We played together a little bit in the back half of the season after I game back from the, good and it feels good having the space that he had and able to handle the ball and be a playmaker for others; and also being able to play offensively; and then you have a defensive mind behind us in Wiggins or Draymond, or when Klay comes back.

Whatever the situation, just for me to be ready but the one-, two-punch with me and Steph in the beginning is definitely exciting about you coach is going to put whoever he wants out there and whoever he feels he needs.

**Q. You had a pretty big second half to the season, especially. As a guy who is already confident, what did your success do for you as you looked ahead and think about what you can be?**

JORDAN POOLE: It just showed me that the work works. It was just a testament to see that all of our work from the nine months prior, the pandemic, was able to show up. Just continue to stay in the routine that I'm in, the rhythm that I'm in and just get every single day. It's as simple as that, and like I said -- I think you said I lost confidence; I never lost confidence. It's a part of who I am personally; games or bad games it's still going to be there.

**Q. Did you know there was maybe like another level, like the confidence increased from where it was?**

JORDAN POOLE: I don't think there's a cap on performance or confidence or whatever it is. It just all depends on the person and what can they unlock, you know, personally and I'm just striving to be the best I can possibly be. If that means progression and elevation forward, that's what we'll get.

**Q. You've been Klay's teammate but you've never**



**played a game with him. I think you had some bubble practices where he was around. Are you seeing the basketball play -- are you shooting a bunch with him at all?**

JORDAN POOLE: I see Klay shooting all the time, whether it's before, after, pre-practice, pre-workouts. It's very few times I can say I've locked on to the course and seen him miss. He'll do drills and make 12, 13, 14, 15 in a row, and that just is extremely exciting. You know, Klay is the one player that I haven't played with because of the injury but I'm excited he's coming back.

So we'll be ready and it will be exciting when he's here. But just to see him work day-by-day and continue to get back to himself is definitely when we're here for.

**Q. What have the scrimmages been like the last few weeks?**

JORDAN POOLE: What do you mean?

**Q. Have you learned -- I know you've been in them and I know you've been playing well in them.**

JORDAN POOLE: They have been good. Been feeling good. Scrimmage been good. Getting ready for the season.

**Q. How rare is that, from any guy you've seen, to not even miss shots in practice?**

JORDAN POOLE: Klay, in general? It's an art to be honest. You just kind of see the laser focus that they both have, and the mental discipline to lock in and just drill, drill, drill and make shot after shot after shot. But that's also God-given talent. That's something that you can't take for granted being able to see how amazing these guys are able to shoot the deep ball, especially as a shooter, up-and-coming shooter, scorer, I try to take as many notes as I possibly can, so it's amazing being able to watch some of this front row.

**Q. How do you guys support Andrew Wiggins right now with his decision. He said his back is against the wall and he has to make a decision at some point. And did you get a flu shot? Is that your Band-Aid?**

JORDAN POOLE: Tattoo. It's a tattoo. I got a little Band-Aid over it -- no, I'm kidding. It is a flu shot.

In terms of Wiggs, I just, you know, that's my teammate. He kind of take me under his swing as soon as he got here in day one and I support him. He's a grown man. He knows the decision, what's best for him, so we are all going

to be here and me personally I'm going to welcome whatever decision he makes, not only as a teammate but as a friend, and especially in the small brotherhood that we have in the NBA, I'll support him 100 percent.

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