

# NBA Western Conference First Round: Nuggets vs Warriors

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## Denver Nuggets Will Barton

Game 5: Postgame

Warriors 102, Nuggets 98

**Q. Will, how proud are you of the fight you showed tonight?**

WILL BARTON: Very proud. We tried to make that push to get the win, get back to Denver, extend the series, make a series out of it.

Give them credit, they made the plays they have to make in the clutch to seal it to win.

**Q. First time you've been healthy for the post-season in a long time. Do you go into the off-season saying you want more of yourself?**

WILL BARTON: Definitely. Ups and downs. That's the plan, is what you said. Going into the off-season, definitely learn from this series, this post-season, attack the off-season to get better and come back ready to fight and go towards it again next year.

**Q. What did you think of your season as a whole, the regular season?**

WILL BARTON: I thought I had a pretty good season, pretty good season. I'm a guy that's always hard on myself, I always want more, always feel I can do more, play better.

Just like I said, I'll watch a lot of film, learn from the whole season as a whole, come back better.

**Q. The load and responsibility that Nikola carried, without Jamal and Mike, how are you going to remember his season?**

WILL BARTON: Dominant. The best player in the league, the MVP. Just doing what I expect him to do, what he



always does.

**Q. Do you allow yourself to think about what you guys can be when you're whole next season?**

WILL BARTON: Definitely, you always think about that. Right now I try not to. You got to go with what you got. I felt like we had enough to even win this series. We just was a little inconsistent. That came and bit us in the rear at the end.

Definitely way know when we're fully healthy we can be even more dangerous.

**Q. How are you going to detach?**

WILL BARTON: The first week I'll probably just get some rest, just chill, stay away from basketball, probably try not to even watch it.

Then after a week, maybe a week and a half, I'll get my kids and we'll get to the crib and we'll start working out again.

**Q. What is your message to Bones approaching his first off-season?**

WILL BARTON: Just keep doing what he's doing. He's grown a lot from the beginning to the end of the season, not with just his game but him being a pro on and off the court, his mindset, his attitude. He has a bright future as long as he keeps remembering to keep growing as a person and as a professional.

**Q. Given what DeMarcus did tonight, do you want him back? Do you encourage him to talk about, talk to management? Would he fit well moving forward?**

WILL BARTON: Anytime you have a guy like that, you always want him back. Like I say, he's still DeMarcus Cousins, a guy who when he's healthy is a very good player. Those are not my decisions. I'm not in management.

Obviously if I have a voice in the fight, definitely would love



to have him back. He was big for us on and off the court,  
presence in the locker room. We'll see what happens.

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