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Q. You guys had a pretty long summer compared to the short summer you had last year. What are the things you want to get accomplished this summer and how well did you do those things?

JONATHAN KUMINGA: I would say this summer I got to really like focus on myself and working on things that Tim wanted me to do and wanted me to add on and just more of trying to be like a full complete player. It's not going to happen in just one night. But I just keep on working every single day, going to help me and establish or help me to get where I want to go.

Q. How do you just generally feel about the opportunity in year three and the role that you expect to have?

JONATHAN KUMINGA: I'm definitely coming back confident. Whatever happen, anything happen, I'm already prepared for anything. So I feel confident going into my third year.

Q. What do you view as your natural position? Do you view yourself as a power forward, small forward in do you have any thoughts on that?

JONATHAN KUMINGA: I don't have any thoughts on none of that. You see how we play. It could be 6-2 or it could be 7-2 player at every position, it don't matter. Just as long as whatever you go out there and produce that can help the team win.

Q. You talk about becoming an all-around player, however you phrased that. What specifically, shooting? Are there specific things that you are looking to advance in this season?

JONATHAN KUMINGA: Just pretty much -- I would say just keep it on my confidence, working pretty much on everything. Not really anything specific but just pretty much, like I said being a full, complete player and fit perfect with the rest of the guys and helping this team win.

Q. So you got to play in the cross over pick-and-roll game this past summer, drop 60 points in that. What was that experience like for you, and what does an opportunity like that do for your confidence?

JONATHAN KUMINGA: It was just especially things that I worked on all summer, and like you could always work out but you've just got to go out there and play against people. So I just wanted to go out there and showcase what I've been working on.

But definitely it was just me trying to have fun so obviously it wasn't like really anything that I was trying to prove or anything. It was just me going out there and just showcase what I've been working on and having fun.

Q. How was your trip to semifinal with Basketball Beyond Borders?

JONATHAN KUMINGA: My trip was to South Africa is one of the best trip I ever had. It's crazy, a lot of people don't know, I got to be a GM. I got to be a scout, at the same time I got to be a head coach, I got to be a trainer, and just looking back to that, those are all my people. Man, I didn't get a chance to be in with Basketball Without Borders. But just going out there and helping the next generation coming from Africa, that means a lot to me.

And another crazy thing, I got to be all that I just said and end up winning the Championship. So I was excited coming out of South Africa.

Q. How much did you know about Chris Paul before he came to the team? He has a reputation of helping young guys get buckets and just advance their games and make them better.

JONATHAN KUMINGA: I mean, obviously we all new Chris Paul was one of the best point guards to ever touch a basketball. And growing up, watching Chris Paul play, actually get to play against him, and now we get to play on the same team, I'm just looking forward to get better every single day, to learn more because he's been around this game for a very long time. So I can't wait to get going.



Q. Wonder what you missed the most about being in an NBA game when you're in the summer and the off-season, what gets you geared up when you get back out on the court?

JONATHAN KUMINGA: I definitely missed the fans, being around my teammates, being coached. So it's the game that I love, so obviously summertime comes, it's time to relax and work and stuff like that, but like with the game you love, you always want to play every day. But it's impossible because you've got to take breaks off basketball.

I'm really just excited to come back here, being around the group of people that I always love sharing time with. So I'm looking forward to that.

Q. That being said, do you get the motivation from these guys, last year, coming off an NBA and Draymond talked about maybe the motivation is different, now you're hunting again, do you like being in that position as being a team that's hunting maybe other teams in the West around the league?

JONATHAN KUMINGA: It's always been the same way. Every year is not going to be your guys' year. So obviously this year we are looking forward to it. Really excited. We are happy to get things going.

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