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Q. What have some of the assistant coaches and coaches in the G-League told you to work on this off-season?

GUI SANTOS: Offensively keep getting better in everything, shooting, driving, being more explosive, but I think the main thing is defensively. I've got to be -- I can be better. I can work in the summer, especially like on my body, on my quickness to be able to be front of all the players. Yeah, I think the biggest thing is defensively.

Q. Pat said the same thing about working on lateral quickness. Is that something you're going to be trying to work on?

GUI SANTOS: Yeah, yeah. I'm going to work on that.

Q. What do you think is the biggest takeaway from you that you learned from some of these veterans?

GUI SANTOS: Meaning the mentality, the mentality of winning they have. They always want to win. If they lose one game or if they -- I remember in February, if I'm not wrong, I think we won 13 games and we lose one, but like we can see how they care about that one that we lose. They have this mentality, and I see how and why they are four times champion, because they really have this mentality. They don't care about how many games we're going to play. They just want to win. I think that's the biggest thing.

Q. Your G-League experience hopping up and down and going back and forth, how much did it help to have the same coaching philosophy when you went up and went down, all the plays are the same? How helpful is that?

GUI SANTOS: That's really good here because Santa Cruz plays exactly the same way that Golden State plays. Obviously we don't have Steph in there, but we still have the same mentality and same philosophy, how to play. I think that's really good, especially for young guys like me that's learning, having an opportunity to play.

I think it's very good that you have the same mentality because when you go down there and you have opportunity to play here, you know exactly what you've got to do.

Q. Speak to the level of play down there. It's getting a lot better.

GUI SANTOS: Playing in the G-League, some guys, they don't like it, but I think it's really important, especially like I told you, if you're not playing a lot of minutes here in the NBA, you've got to be playing somewhere because for me the only way for you to get better is playing. You've got to play. You've got to have guys like guarding you, you've got to have guys playing hard against you.

The only way for you to get it is playing. For me, playing the G-League helps a lot to get better. It helps a lot.

Q. Are you staying here or are you going to go home this summer?

GUI SANTOS: So yeah, I'm going to go home for a little bit, see my family and stay there for a little bit, but I'm going to be back in the summer to work and all that stuff that I was told to get better soon.

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