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Q. What did your summer look like and I guess what did you focus on trying to improve on this summer?

BRANDIN PODZIEMSKI: Had a lot of fun. Recovered. Just tried to come back a better player than I was last year.

Q. You mentioned recovered. Where is your body at?

BRANDIN PODZIEMSKI: A hundred percent.

Q. You had two surgeries?

BRANDIN PODZIEMSKI: Yeah.

Q. Which one was kind of like longer recovery or tougher?

BRANDIN PODZIEMSKI: They were about the same. A little bit different but same recovery time.

Q. How long have you been full clearance?

BRANDIN PODZIEMSKI: A couple weeks.

Q. I guess relatedly, when were you able to get back out on the court after those surgeries?

BRANDIN PODZIEMSKI: August 1.

Q. What's the mindset like heading into this year, given all the uncertainty in the team right now?

BRANDIN PODZIEMSKI: Just whatever I can do to help the team win is my main focus.

Q. Brandin, how much fun did you have with the Valkyries this summer and what do you think about the way their season ended?

BRANDIN PODZIEMSKI: A lot of fun. Obviously season ended in heartbreak fashion. But a lot to look forward to these upcoming years, so it was a good start in the right

direction.

Q. What was your favorite --

BRANDIN PODZIEMSKI: All of them.

Q. You said you were working on just improving your game. Was there a particular aspect that you were really focused on this summer getting better at?

BRANDIN PODZIEMSKI: I think I looked at everything from the regular season, from the playoffs, things I needed to work on. A bunch of things were accounted for this summer.

Q. Got one in particular you want to share?

BRANDIN PODZIEMSKI: No.

Q. What did you take away from your first experience in the playoffs?

BRANDIN PODZIEMSKI: Challenging. Teams are more focused on you than the regular season but the takeaway from it is you really get to see what you really need to work on and what's exposed in your game.

So the 12 games last year was really beneficial for me this summer.

Q. Were you able to do conditioning stuff even though you weren't cleared for on court?

BRANDIN PODZIEMSKI: Mm-hmm.

Q. Would you would you describe what you've learned about playing with Steph, two years in now, how much better equipped are you to play alongside him? Because he's a unique player obviously. How difficult is that? What have you learned in that process?

BRANDIN PODZIEMSKI: I think anything in life, the more you do it, the easier it becomes. So just get even more comfortable in my third year playing with him. Understanding what he likes, what Jimmy likes, all those



things.

Q. And you mentioned Jimmy. Obviously last year you guys got him in the middle of the chase. To have him from the start of training camp, in what ways will that change and help you guys?

BRANDIN PODZIEMSKI: Yeah, I think there's great optimism of what we have to do post-All-Star Break. You know, having relatively the same group of guys, seeing what we can do for a full season.

Q. Back to the Valkyries, you get some fan support but it's a different type of energy. Did you notice that and what did you think of the atmosphere?

BRANDIN PODZIEMSKI: Yeah, different environment for sure. Different group of fans. Definitely louder than our games for sure. It was cool to see them sell out all the home games. But I was just happy to be part of it as a fan.

Q. Did the injuries, do you feel like they impacted your play at all in the playoffs?

BRANDIN PODZIEMSKI: Yes.

Q. In which ways?

BRANDIN PODZIEMSKI: I mean, just not being able to feel like yourself, honestly. But never going to use that as an excuse for a good or bad reason.

Q. Shooting wrist?

BRANDIN PODZIEMSKI: Yeah.

Q. Specifically on the shot do you feel like it impacted?

BRANDIN PODZIEMSKI: Mm-hmm.

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