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Tony Bradley

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Q. Tony, we just heard from a couple of guys about how well this group has been able to mesh and get through the adversity of just a tough COVID year. You came in midway through the season. What did you notice about this group and how they were able to mesh so well?

TONY BRADLEY: First of all, first day I walked in with this team and organization, it's been first class. I've been treated really well. Just from day one, I just knew it was a great overall organization. But team-wise, just through the experiences of playing and the losses sometimes, and the wins too, just the experiences of being together, just a great overall team, and everyone just thinks positive.

Q. Tony, you got maybe more or different types of opportunities on the floor since coming to the Thunder. How do you think that you were able to make the most of those, and what parts of your game do you feel like you were kind of able to flex a little bit?

TONY BRADLEY: Getting an opportunity to play is always good. I feel like something that I got a chance to show is a little bit of a ball handling and passing ability, just a little bit more, through the system here, just catching the ball, kind of the top of the key elbow, making a decision with the ball, handing off, setting a screen, things like that. It felt good just having the ball in my hands and making a decision with it. So it's been good.

Q. Tony, you're set to be a restricted free agent. Just wanted to get your thoughts on this off-season and potentially being back with the Thunder, if that's an option.

TONY BRADLEY: This off-season, like I said, I'd love to be here with OKC and the Thunder. I don't know what the next move will be for me, so yeah.

Q. Just a couple of follow-ups. Mike Muscala and Al Horford didn't finish the year as far as playing, but they were both around. What did you sort of learn from them in your brief time here?

TONY BRADLEY: Yeah, so when I knew I was going to be traded here, the first thing I thought was -- the first person I thought of was Al because he was in Philly last year. So many guys talked about how good of a vet he was, of a player. So it was good to get an opportunity, that very first game I played, I just asked him, hey, what did you see out there? How could I be better? Just always trying to pick the brain and improve.

Especially with Mike as well, getting a chance to talk it over with him after practice and stuff, shooting with him, things like that, it's great. It's great having vets around just so you can pick their brain and get some information and learn to try to improve and develop.

Q. And then you played for, obviously, a veteran Coach in Doc in Philly and then came here, first-year coach in Mark. Just how do you assess the job Mark did, or what was it like playing for him since you've been traded?

TONY BRADLEY: Since being traded, playing for Mark has been great. First day meeting with him, it was great, just the chemistry of me and him, talking to him, and just him being a coach overall is just -- I know it's his first year being a head coach, and we chatted it up a lot. We talked it out as soon as I got here. It was actually just surprising, like, when we chatted it up, he knew a lot about me as a player. It just brings confidence in me, so it was positive. It was good.

Q. Tony, do you have specific plans kind of already for yourself this off-season, whether you're going home or what you're going to do just in terms of developing your game and continuing to work? Any specific things that you're going to try to do with yourself?

TONY BRADLEY: Yeah, so I'll be working out in Florida and just taking this off-season to try to improve on different things and come back as a better player. So that's my goal.

Q. Mark was talking about how difficult the year was as far as not only the condensed schedule but all the testing and getting up early and changing your routines. What were sort of the biggest challenges of doing that, and how hard was it to constantly stay on



top of those things?

TONY BRADLEY: I think the thing that stuck out for me was it was shocking for me was testing and like waiting in the car for -- especially when I was in Philly, waiting in the car for like 45 minutes, to be honest, really to an hour at times when I was in Philly. That was shocking to me, and it was unusual, but the more we do things, it becomes normal. The more and more we did it, it's just like you don't even think about it anymore, so like it was the normal. Yeah, that was something that was very different.

Q. Mark was saying how sometimes like food would be brought out to you guys as you were waiting. Just like what did you sort of do to pass that time? Just like, I don't know, paint the picture for me. Is everyone outside the facility waiting to go in, or what does that sort of look like?

TONY BRADLEY: The food being brought to us, I wouldn't say that was a negative (chuckles), but just like overall, I think that this was a pandemic. This is something unusual for all of us, but like we still have a job to do. I just feel like, yeah, that was the most difficult part was the testing and waiting in the car.

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