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Q. You didn't get to play a bunch of games in the NBA, but in the limited time you did get to play, do you feel like you proved that you belonged in the NBA?

GABRIEL DECK: Yeah, obviously you do your best to go out there and give it your all every time you take the floor. I feel good about how I performed, but ultimately the future is -- those are decisions that aren't in my hands, but all I can continue to do is control what I can and give it my best foot forward every time.

Q. Gabriel, it seemed like with every game you got more and more comfortable with this group. Where do you feel like you are most comfortable now than when you started?

GABRIEL DECK: I feel good about where I am. Obviously big thank you to my teammates and the coaching staff for helping integrate me and help me get acclimated to the squad. But yeah, these 10 games or so went well, and big thanks to them.

Q. I think it was after the Pacers game, Mark sort of joked that you were probably wondering what the hell was going on as far as the big loss, and there was more losses to follow and several guys out with injuries and playing all different sorts of lineups. Just given how short you were here, how hard was it to adjust to all of that? And for your first NBA experience to be in kind of a trying time.

GABRIEL DECK: Yeah, first, the adjustment was a bit of a challenge, especially joining this late in the season. But as I mentioned a few moments ago, I just tried to take advantage of the opportunity and do the best I can every day, get to know my teammates as best I can in the limited time I've been here. Yeah, just continue pushing forward. But overall I do feel good, like I made the most of the short time.

Q. Where do you plan to spend the off-season? And do you plan on being involved at all with the Argentine National Team?

GABRIEL DECK: Yeah, definitely. You always want to represent your country any time you get that chance. For now my plan is for the next few weeks just to stay here in Oklahoma City, continue training and wait on whatever the date may be when the national team is to get together.

Q. Often the word physicality is used for rebounding and defense. You seem to use physicality on offense. Why is that so important to your offensive game, to play with physicality?

GABRIEL DECK: Yeah, my skill set has always been defined sort of by my versatility and being able to do whatever it is that the team needs me to do to win, whether that's on the offensive end or going out there and getting rebounds, hustling. That's more or less defined me throughout my career. So yeah, whether that's on offense or defense, I feel like that comes through in my game.

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