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Jeremiah Robinson-Earl Press Conference



Q. I wonder if you can talk a little bit about rolling the Summer League experience -- I know you haven't officially started yet, but how that has looked from your perspective, to go from that to where things are right now.

JEREMIAH ROBINSON-EARL: I mean, I think Summer League was a great experience just to kind of get my feet wet a little bit, getting the feel of the game and how it is to compete out there in an NBA game. But I think it's a great transition. I think Thunder staff and the players do a great job of helping the transition from Summer League into training camp. We had a couple weeks of just being able to work out and just be together, kind of get that camaraderie. But I think it's going to be a great start tomorrow and just being able to get after it and compete at a high level.

Q. As you've maybe picked up or whatever with some of these veterans, which I know most of them are still very young, but veterans nevertheless, is there anything about your game that you've started to sense, well, that will translate, that's where I can start to hang my hat?

JEREMIAH ROBINSON-EARL: I take a lot of pride in defensive rebounding. Those are things that can help the team win games on the defensive end and just being able to help those guys that have been here score the ball, just put them in positions for success, so I think I take a lot of pride in that, and just keep doing that on the court, putting me in a position to play, and just have a lot of fun with that.

Q. In Summer League your three-point shot surprised a lot of people. How much time did you give to working on that after Summer League?

JEREMIAH ROBINSON-EARL: Yeah, I took -- I've been working on it a lot, especially kind of during the stretch of after when college was over with, kind of going into that pre-draft and the combine and all that. That was something I really wanted to focus on was kind of get adjusted to that line because it feels a lot further, especially

when you're out there in the game and you might feel a little winded.

I feel like I've been taking a lot of time just to work on my craft and being able to stretch the floor because I know that's important in today's league to stretch the floor and knock down the three ball, so I've been taking a lot of time to work on that.

Q. I think you're the first No. 50 in Thunder history; I'm wondering how you picked that number.

JEREMIAH ROBINSON-EARL: Yeah, so my dad was No. 50 in high school, so I just kind of just wanted to honor him and kind of keep that legacy going with No. 50.

Q. What was his reaction to that, knowing you picked it?

JEREMIAH ROBINSON-EARL: He was super happy when that happened. Just something being able to -- because he never -- he got hurt in college, not being able to live out his dreams of being in the NBA, so I just wanted to honor him with that, being able to -- he can live through me in that sense of I'm No. 50 because of him.

Q. Are there certain things you take from your dad's games or look up old highlights or anything like that?

JEREMIAH ROBINSON-EARL: I think we're very different in the sense of he was very athletic, high flier, blocked a lot of shots, dunked the ball all the time. I feel like the game is different from 25 years ago. I feel like I always tell him I'm better than him and we always compete from that sense. He thinks he can shoot better than me, and I'm like, no, you can't. I feel like we have that kind of friendly competition with each other, so it's a lot of fun.

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