

# Oklahoma City Thunder Media Conference

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## Lindy Waters Press Conference



### Q. How does it feel to be back a second year?

LINDY WATERS: You know, excited. Just like I was last year. Just ready to get back to it. It was a long summer, put a lot of work in, and ready to get back on the court with the guys.

### Q. Talk a little bit more about your summer. How did you structure it? What did you work on? After having some extended time in the league, how did that impact how you worked and what you worked on?

LINDY WATERS: You know, the last couple months playing in the NBA really showed me things I needed to work on. The biggest thing for me was conditioning and also strength. Being able to guard multiple positions as well as just run around, coming off screens and trying to outrun my defender.

If I can get him tired and take him out of the play, it opens up the court for Shai, Lu, Giddey, all those guys. Yeah.

### Q. This off-season was longer than the last off-season. You don't really have much to compare it to, but did you feel the difference, the longer one as opposed to the shorter one you had last year?

LINDY WATERS: I prefer the longer one. I think that it gives guys time to go out and experience life. The seasons are long, but with a long off-season, it gives you a lot of time to really break down exactly what you want to get better at as well as spend time with your family and friends. Yeah, so I prefer the long ones.

### Q. What do you feel like is kind of an underrated part of your game?

LINDY WATERS: Maybe opening up the court for my teammates. Everybody knows that I'm a deadly shooter, so you can't leave me open, so that takes one less guy out of the paint for everybody else. I think that's very underrated.

### Q. I think this is the first time you've been in a training camp; is that right?

LINDY WATERS: Yeah, yeah, first training camp, first media day.

### Q. Training camp, what are you most looking forward to -- not having experienced this, what are you interested to find out the next few weeks?

LINDY WATERS: I'm just excited to get back out there and compete. We've been competing against each other all summer long, all over the place.

Everybody has been everywhere training, and finally everyone getting back in the same building, getting to compete with each other, that's what I'm excited about.

### Q. There are obviously guys with experience, but there are also a lot of guys with just one year of experience. Is there a certain level of comfortability for yourself being a young player coming into the second youngest team in NBA history?

LINDY WATERS: Yeah, it's a little different. There will always be some more vets than there are younger guys, but that's not the case for the Thunder. They've got a lot of energy. They're very talented, and they want to win so bad. Our pickup days are just so competitive.

At the end of the day, the age doesn't matter. Just make sure you bring your game every single day; that's what that taught me the most.

### Q. How important is working in the community to you being from here?

LINDY WATERS: Just growing up we didn't get that opportunity. The Thunder didn't get here until 2008, so the years prior, before that, we didn't have anything. So for us to be out there for the community, to inspire the kids and the youth, it's huge. It's one of our main goals.

### Q. Having two teammates with the exact same name, any confusion? Has it taken some getting used to?

LINDY WATERS: Yeah, they were pretty adamant about who's who and what we're going to call them. I haven't had



any trouble.

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