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Q. Trent, for you, we saw you be MVP at Montverde last year, saw you shoot well. Why did it translate so well, your first exhibition game in Assembly Hall in front of fans and the whole deal?

TRENT SISLEY: Yeah, I just think the work I put in, like that move, like you said, to Montverde was good for me. And just carrying it over here, just working every day as hard as I can. It's obviously a place I want to be. I think it's special to be here and play.

Q. In terms of like what you have seen in practice, momentum kind of carrying over to a game, were you interested to see how it all looked against a different team? What were your thoughts coming in today and how it all looked?

SAM ALEXIS: Our thoughts was just come in play hard no matter who we play tonight. We was just excited to play someone besides us. So we just came in and attacked the game.

Q. Obviously you had the summer and then the games in Puerto Rico. Were there moments tonight for either of you where you thought, that's something we built on? From what we did in the summer, that's progress we've made even since August.

TRENT SISLEY: Yeah, I just think being locked in, more detail defensively, more physical, especially for me being more physical getting through ball screens, stuff like that, being in the right spots. I think that showed tonight.

Q. Just the way you all shot it, how much of that is how it's looked in practice? And just how good can you all be out there launching 3s?

SAM ALEXIS: I feel like we shoot it pretty well in practice, even better than we did tonight. So you're all going to keep

seeing us keep making shots.

Q. Trent, how have some of the injuries of the couple of the older guys on the team almost forced you to grow up and get in this larger role early in the season?

TRENT SISLEY: Like you said, a lot of injuries. We have a lot of people hurt right now. It's everyone stepping up, playing different roles in practice. Everyone is learning new spots. I think for me just getting that experience early has been good for me.

Q. Trent, you guys shot 30 3s tonight against an outmatched opponent. Coming into it, what's kind of like the mindset of shot selection even against a team you overpower?

TRENT SISLEY: Yeah, I think we work in practice a lot to get, like you said we shot a lot of 3s, but I think we get good 3s. That just comes off of paint touches, coach's offense, a lot of motion, stuff like that. We shoot them well in practice, so that translates in games.

Q. Sam, for a team that has all these new pieces coming together for the first time this season, how big is it on a group like that to have Tucker out there who kind of holds everything together and can step up and just kind of take over games for stretches?

SAM ALEXIS: It's great to have a guy like Tucker. He's been playing in this offense for a long time. He's the guy -- he's a great leader on and off the court.

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