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Marvin Bagley III

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Q. Marvin, can you just speak to your consistency playing on a team that's suffered so many injuries and the next man up mentality?

MARVIN BAGLEY III: I give all the glory to God. I give my preparation, the way that I'm able to prepare myself, my body. Going back into the summertime, coming into this season, that was a big thing. That was important to me.

Yeah, I give it all to God, just I wouldn't be here without him. So I just try to attack every day. I'm grateful. Don't take any moment for granted. It can be gone quick. So I just try to do my best whenever I'm out there. Even behind closed doors when nobody's watching.

Q. Speaking of your body, like keeping your body ready, back-to-back nights against Jokic and now Jaren Jackson Jr. What does it do to a guy's body going up against those guys?

MARVIN BAGLEY III: It's tough. You play two great players like those two, you've got to be ready. You've got to watch the film. You've got to know what they've been doing the past few games and how each of those guys have been playing the past few games.

So it was definitely a challenge mentally and physically, especially in a back-to-back. Like I said, I just did my best. That's all I can do. That's all I can control is make sure I'm prepared and then go out there and compete, do my best, and live with whatever the result is.

Q. You and JV each had 20 points in about 24 minutes. What can you say about the one-two punch you guys had out there tonight?

MARVIN BAGLEY III: Oh, man, JV's great. JV, he's been great for this team. I love having him around, asking him questions. He's shown me different things that I've seen during practice, and I see things he does in a game, and he's sharing things, and I'm sharing things that I see.

Like I said, I love having him around, and it's good to see him doing well. Then I just try to go in and help him and pick up what he's doing and keep it going in an upper way.

Yeah, it's great. It's great to see. I'm happy to have a teammate and a guy like him around.

Q. Coach Keefe was talking about how they really overloaded on Jordan and it kind of affected the offense. What was it like trying to navigate that and adjust to the way they were defending him?

MARVIN BAGLEY III: I feel like, yeah, at times we got stagnant with that. They kind of took him out of the game early, and I think we've just got to do a better job at noticing that and knowing what to do after that and figuring out what the next thing is, what the next counter to that is, just try different things at that point.

But it's a learning process. No doubt in my mind that we get tomorrow off, come back, got a few days before our next one. We'll get better. Look at the film and just keep fighting, keep chipping away.

Q. You kind of just alluded to it, but Coach Keefe was talking about how you guys have a stretch here when you'll be able to get some good days of practice in. How do you think that will help you all reset for your next game with this stretch you have?

MARVIN BAGLEY III: Yeah, I think it will help us focus on the things that we haven't been doing so well out there. A few days here will allow us to lock in on those things and prepare mentally for the next one.

So, yeah, you don't really get a lot of days in between games anymore. So to have these days, you've just got to take advantage of it and just get better, do what we can and as a group, come in and learn from this past game and just keep continuing to take that and get better every day.

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