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Q. You know you're five away from the franchise record, right?

JORDAN POOLE: Of course I do. Is it five or is it four?

Q. I think it's five to pass. Are you going to do something when you hit it in game, do a celebration even if it's in the first quarter or something?

JORDAN POOLE: Me personally -- it probably won't happen, but I would love if the fifth one was from half court.

Q. Caitlin Clark did something like that.

JORDAN POOLE: When?

Q. When she set the all-time record. It was a logo three.

JORDAN POOLE: See, that's practice shots. Dramatic half court. Like LaMelo.

Q. What's the better one?

JORDAN POOLE: I like that one -- I mean, I don't know. A franchise record might be better than a game winner for sure because no one is going to know about a game winner in three years, but in 30 years --

Q. You actually think next year you're going to break your own record?

JORDAN POOLE: Yeah, I do think that.

Q. Speaking of threes, Bub actually set the Wizards' rookie franchise record for threes made in a season tonight. Did you expect him to have that kind of impact from downtown coming in?

JORDAN POOLE: I wouldn't say I expected him to have that impact. I just think it's just a testament to our play type, how free we are on the offensive end, him knowing his game, getting more comfortable throughout the course

of the year to figure out his shots. I think we do a good job of just kind of moving the ball and getting catch-and-shoots and trying to get guys easy looks. Congratulations to him, first and foremost. That's a super elite accomplishment, especially as a rookie.

Q. Unfortunately a pretty bad loss tonight. What's the conversation like between players and BK in the locker room?

JORDAN POOLE: We're definitely competitors, so we definitely don't want to be on the bad side of games like that. I think we know that the longer you play, the more games you play, there will be nights like this, especially coming off the back-to-back.

I think we in the locker room know, like, that's not acceptable, especially for the standard that we're trying to set in how we play, but we've got to find ways to learn from it and get better and bounce back in a couple days.

Q. How do you make sense of tonight's game? You guys have been making a lot of progress, and this was a thumping.

JORDAN POOLE: I mean, you look at it for what it is. You be honest with yourself. You be real with yourself. Figure out ways you can get better and how do avoid that. But you don't want to dwell on it too long and have it impact your play in the future. Learn from it, watch film, find ways we can fix things, come back with better energy, more locked in defensively, and compete a little bit better next game.

Q. Alex Sarr has had a pretty good run offensively recently. Can you speak to the growth you've seen from him all season?

JORDAN POOLE: Yeah, I think he's getting more comfortable throughout the course of the season. Getting more comfortable with the way we play, more comfortable with his game. I think he's starting to figure out what he does that is comfortable to him that also makes him a

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dominant player, but I feel like we've just been playing really good basketball, team basketball. Everybody has been on the court long enough to know each other's strengths, and I think we've got a really good chemistry flow going on on both sides of the ball. Credit to Alex for just sticking with it and continuing to improve and shush a lot of the noise that we heard coming into the season.

Q. In a similar vein, you spoke to Bub earlier. How have you seen his game grow throughout the season?

JORDAN POOLE: I mean, he's a worker. Extremely motivated, and he has a lot of confidence. I just think we try to instill confidence in him, continue to keep playing his game. He's played a lot of minutes this year, which is really good for his development, his learning. He's getting real game reps, real time reps, and I think he's doing a really good job of figuring out ways to continue to get better throughout the course of the season and asking questions when he doesn't know and applying that to the court in practice, and he's put himself in a really good position for his first year to make an impact.

Q. Unfortunately he got hurt tonight, but Khris Middleton, it only took him 10 games since joining the team to lead the team for the season in taking charges. What does that say about him, and what kind of example does that set?

JORDAN POOLE: Shout out to K-Mid, man. Great pickup, Bucks legend. If there's anything that I wasn't expecting, it would probably be Khris leading our team in charges right now. But I think that just shows what winning basketball looks like and how he came over to our team in the transition and kind of wanted to really apply that. He does a really good job of talking to us on the bench, talking to us in game, giving a lot of the young guys things that we can learn from. But it just shows his passion and what it takes to be a winning player. For a guy with his stature and at his age to come in and perform and do those things for our team is something that we should all be looking for in setting a standard. That's really dope.

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