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Will Riley

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Q. Will, you told Meghan, I believe, in your postgame interview that the culture you guys built on the Go-Go really helped tonight. How do you think that manifested itself, especially late in the fourth?

WILL RILEY: Yeah, we've all played with each other in the Go-Go, and I feel like just any in-game reps with people that you play with help. We saw the same faces, and it was a good opportunity for us.

Q. How do you feel like you've grown since game 1 of the season now, being over halfway done with your rookie year?

WILL RILEY: Yeah, I feel like I've been getting more comfortable each game. I've just been trying to get 1 percent better every day, honestly. I feel like I've improved a little bit, obviously, trying to make more strides, but I'm just trying to improve every day.

Q. How would you describe the momentum swings of this game, the way you guys started, the middle quarters and then how it finished?

WILL RILEY: Yeah, there was a lot of momentum change. Obviously started off really hot, had a big lead there. One of their guys got a little hot and it started to fluctuate. But I feel like we stayed level-headed, and nobody got down. Everybody was up. I felt like it showed on the court. Everyone was playing free. Everyone was happy. It was really good to see.

Q. You've been around Sharife Cooper, speaking of the Go-Go experience. How would you describe his game and what he's like as a teammate?

WILL RILEY: He's a great teammate. He's always trying to get me involved, trying to get everybody involved, super crafty, really good off the court. He makes sure to make a lot of connections with guys. He's a very funny guy, as

well. He's a good human, which is really important.

Q. Will, tonight obviously you've been getting extremely comfortable in your game, especially going back and forth between the Go-Go. Is there anything that came to your mind when you were with everybody from your Go-Go teammates that just said, oh, this is kind of an epiphany, we've worked on this and we've been in this situation before? Can you elaborate on that?

WILL RILEY: Yeah, we've been in a lot of tight games on the Go-Go. I think I've played five or six games with the Go-Go. We've been in a few really tight games. It kind of felt familiar being out there. Just obviously on a bigger stage, but it felt familiar being with those guys and competing at that level.

Yeah, it's something that we were used to, and we were able to come out with the win.

Q. I know you told us that you grew up a Raptors fan, went to a lot of Raptors game. Any significance playing against DeRozan?

WILL RILEY: Yeah, obviously Raptors legend, DeRozan. Grew up a big Raptors fan, so it was pretty cool playing against him.

Q. You talked about trying to get 1 percent better every day, but embracing NBA physicality is a long process. How have you tried to weather that as you keep getting comfortable with your shot diet and get to your spots?

WILL RILEY: Yeah, honestly, just dealing with the physicality, I feel, has a lot to do with the weight room and my diet. I feel like obviously I'm not going to make huge, huge gains in season, but I feel like I've been trying and doing my best to make gains in that realm. It's a big off-season for me, obviously, to gain a lot of weight and that type of stuff. But when it comes to the skill aspect of it, I feel like just getting to my spots, creating the shots that I know I'm comfortable with, I feel like I've been getting

better at that, and I continue to strive to be the best at that.

Q. Are those the next steps for you in season, getting an increased feel for where you can get your shots and where you can get good shots?

WILL RILEY: Yeah, I feel like for me, just figuring out the best shots for me, the best situations for me, I feel like that's very important. Just working on certain things like that, I feel like, are going to be very important for me, just repping the same action over and over and over again, until it gets old, honestly. I feel like that will be good for me.

Q. Can you share any advice that AG or Khris have given you and that have helped your game recently?

WILL RILEY: Yeah, honestly, routine and the way you carry yourself. I feel like Khris has a very good routine. He comes here very early, and he's done the same routine throughout his whole career. I feel like building routine and character from AG. He's instilled a lot of great character into me, how you treat people, how you talk to people. I feel like that's a very important person to have in my life.

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