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Alondes Williams

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Q. How are you feeling after that spectacular performance?

ALONDES WILLIAMS: I feel great. Being back in the league and being able to do that and showing everybody what I'm capable of doing, I feel great.

Q. How have your teammates been, how did it feel going to the locker room after back-to-back wins?

ALONDES WILLIAMS: It was good, like good energy both games. Everybody is connected, so it makes it more easier. Everybody is like a family. They just kept on telling me, just get more comfortable, keep going, keep being aggressive. It was great. It's fun being out there with them.

Q. Can you give a little advice for someone that may be in your position that you were in just a few days ago?

ALONDES WILLIAMS: I would say all my Capital Go-Go players, teammates, Kyshawn, Gilbert and Kadary Richmond, I feel like they're doing a great job at what they can do on the 10-days, too, so I'm going to give them a shout-out.

Q. When you look at the synergy that Cody and BK have, you get the message that you're getting this 10-day, how much did that allow you the comfortability and freedom because you know the verbiages, you know what sets they're wanting to run, so that's already taken away from you, you can just go and hoop within the confines of that? How much freedom did that give you the last couple days to just play the way you play?

ALONDES WILLIAMS: It gave me a lot of confidence. Just shout-out to Coach Cody because he makes it easier on us. We basically do all the same things down in the

G-League, so that kind of makes it more easier for me to go out there and just play freely and easy.

Q. From a defensive mindset, BK puts so much emphasis on the offense thriving off the way you guys defend. It's not easy to defend the way you guys do for a full 48. There's going to be ups and downs. How much pride do you all take in knowing that, especially the second unit, you guys can elevate what the starters are already doing or take it to that next level on the defensive end to kind of terrorize teams as you guys did the last couple of nights?

ALONDES WILLIAMS: We've just got to give all the same energy that the starters do. Whatever the starters are doing, we've got to do the same or even better. That's just what I tell myself. Hopefully that's what the bench is telling themselves, too. I feel like we're all good players. We're young, too, so it's just giving us a lot of that energy being on the same page.

The defense tonight, it was real good today.

Q. Alondes, when you say you guys are doing the same things you do with the Go-Go and you're out there with your Go-Go teammates, what kind of traits do you feel like you're bringing to the NBA collectively that you guys usually show with the Go-Go?

ALONDES WILLIAMS: Just my defensive stuff, and then just being a play maker and making things easier on myself on the offensive scoring side. That's just a thing that translates from the Go-Go to being up here.

Q. How fun was it, I know you guys really got the crowd into it as you guys were making big plays down the stretch?

ALONDES WILLIAMS: It was amazing bringing that energy back in here, making the crowd have a good time while they're being here, so it was good. Different for me.

Q. You mentioned Coach Cody does the same things for you in the G-League. Can you describe what he

does to prepare you for these moments that come about?

ALONDES WILLIAMS: For me personally, he just stays telling me, just stay focused, just stay aggressive, don't let nobody distract you, don't let the refs, the players distract you. He's a great basketball player. The main important thing is just really watching film on whatever they're doing and what we're doing wrong. It helps a lot.

Q. We talked about the energy. We talked about how it's felt in the last two days. But can you describe what the bench was like tonight, just the energy off of the dunks and off the certain plays that you guys had?

ALONDES WILLIAMS: The energy was terrific. Definitely after the couple dunks that I did, Jamir had got a little body poster. It was just great. Then coming up at the end with the win, too. Couldn't make it no better.

Q. I want to talk about you not being afraid to go to the basket. A lot of times young guys, they'll take the jumper before they drive to the basket. Where does that confidence come from to go straight to the basket?

ALONDES WILLIAMS: That's just always been me and me upbringing since I started playing basketball. That's just been my strong suit, just facilitate play making and just driving. I really just started getting better in my threes more, so it's probably kind of looking like I don't really drive that much, but I really love driving. That's my main focus for real.

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