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WILL RILEY: How is everyone doing?

Q. Good. How are you?

WILL RILEY: Good.

Q. Will, another big game for you tonight. Last few months Coach said. How well have you been processing the game from the G-League and coming into the NBA, just doing what you do?

WILL RILEY: Yeah, I feel like I've been put in the right position to succeed, teammates been finding me, been flowing. Just been going good. I've been able to work on different things in the game. Getting good game reps is been good for me.

Q. Will, now that Trae Young has played with you guys for a few games now, can you just describe what he's kind of -- how he's affected the entire offense both for and you just the team in general?

WILL RILEY: Yeah, he's an amazing player. It's crazy to see it in person. Used to watch it all the time. So it's like seeing the reads he makes, the amount of attention he brings, with the attention he brings he's able to find us and on time, on target, so just opens up so much more opportunities for everybody.

And he's an amazing person also, so just a great teammate to have honestly.

Q. Will, with the way that you been able to -- the initial question of your processing skills, how much now since Trae has been acquired have you utilized his IQ and the way he processes things to put yourself in the right position? It seems like your passes you're trying to make to your teammates are becoming more on time, on target, than they were maybe even a month ago.

WILL RILEY: Yeah, that's just having conversations with him and watching him play. Naturally when you're on the floor with a guy like that you're going get better and see how he plays. Just been watching him and talking to him, asking him questions. Yeah, stuff like that.

Q. Would you say that that's that next jump that you want to make, is getting even more efficient with that, or is there another aspect of the way you've been playing this past month that you want to take another jump?

WILL RILEY: Honestly, just my game all around I wanted to take a jump to be honest. I feel like there is so much more for me to improve on. I'm nowhere near the player I want to be, so just keeping on improving and I feel like it'll be good.

Q. Will, to add to that, saying that you're not where you want to be just yet, where do you see yourself in the next 15 games after showing this great progression of scoring, showing that you have a good eyes and IQ?

WILL RILEY: Yeah, I just take it one game at a time honestly. I don't really look too far ahead. Just try and get better each game, which I've been trying to do every day. Just working in the gym with my coaches and stuff like that; watching film with my trainer at home.

That type of stuff has been helping me a lot, so just getting better each day, 1% better every day, has been helping me a lot.

Q. Will, back to Trae Young. You mentioned you were like asking him a couple things, you learned a couple things. Can you give us a couple examples?

WILL RILEY: Yeah, just reads off ball screens has been the main point of emphasis he's had on me. Just talking about making reads, snaking, or being aggressive, looking to score first has opened up a lot of new doors for me.

So just talking about navigating a ball screen has helped me a lot.

Q. Defensively for yourself, where do you feel or where have you seen your growth on that end of the floor? It seems just from watching your anticipation skills, you've kind of taken a jump even there.

WILL RILEY: Yeah, I've just been trying to improve that. That's been the main thing I've been trying to improve on. That's going to come with time, size, that. Just trying to be as aggressive and physical as I can with the body I have now.

So just doing that has been helping me, and I just -- that's the main point that I had to improve on I feel.

Q. I know it kind of just happened but you've been thrown on one through five in maybe the last 14 days in the matchups. What gives you that ability other than your size and length to be able to be utilized in that way similar to what they have used Kyshawn, scheduling on who the matchup might be?

WILL RILEY: Yeah, just I feel like a lot of watching film on guys and knowing their tendencies. I like to watch a lot of film like I said earlier, so doing that has helped me a lot. You know, just reading like making them -- like letting me make the decision for them and not them making the first decision has helped he a lot.

Not really as much anticipating, more like directing I feel like has helped me a lot.

Q. I wanted to ask you about you playing basically point guard. How comfortable are you in that role?

WILL RILEY: Yeah, I feel like I'm very comfortable in any position I'm put in. I just feel like I'm a competitor and I want to win. Any time Coach puts me in a position I'm going to try my best to win, so, yeah.

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