

NBA Draft

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Keyonte George



Q. Talk about what you'll bring to the Jazz.

KEYONTE GEORGE: Yeah, the Jazz is going to get a guy that is going to come in, work hard, coachable, willing to learn each and every day. Of course my scoring ability I feel like is one of the best. My creativity with the basketball.

I know they're going to get an all-around player. Continue to compete each and every day. Just going to play winning basketball.

Q. Obviously Dwyane Wade is part owner of the Jazz. How hyped are you to meet him, get to know him a little bit, get some advice from him?

KEYONTE GEORGE: Right, man. I'm just blessed that they have that belief in me. But to answer your question, he's a legend when it comes to this basketball stuff, so he knows what he's talking about.

It's going to be fun to be able to pick his brain, continue to learn each and every day from him. He's going to really be that mentor or be that source that I'm able to ask questions and get a full understanding of things that I want to know.

Q. What was it like hearing your name called and getting drafted, and also what was it like sitting there knowing you were going to get picked but the emotions you were going through as names were getting called off the board?

KEYONTE GEORGE: I just went in there with no expectations. Whatever happens, happens. I felt like I put myself in the best position possible to have a team trust my talent and trust my abilities and trust that I would make an impact on the team.

Now getting my name called, shed a few tears with your family. It's a big relief off your shoulders because this is what you put work in for.

But now understand, enjoy this night. But now it's time to get to work whenever I get down there.

Q. You're joining a Jazz team that's in the midst of a

transition period. They're trying to rebuild, find a lot of guys that they can build to the future. How excited are you not just to get to the NBA but join a team where you have a chance to be one of the headlining guys of your team?

KEYONTE GEORGE: Yeah, man, it's an all-time blessing being in the NBA, for one. Two, like you said, they're in a situation. I'm just going there, and whatever the coach needs me to do, whatever my role is, when I have the opportunity to sit down with him and understand what is needed of me, then that's when I'll be able to take that next jump throughout the season, continuing to learn, like I said before.

I'm just excited. I'm just excited to get down there.

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