

NBA Draft

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Cedric Coward



Q. Talk about your night tonight. How are you feeling?

CEDRIC COWARD: I'm feeling amazing. I'm very blessed to be here. This is the moment I've dreamed of since I don't even remember years old. To be able to experience this and experience it not only with my family but also people that I really care about and the great guys in this draft class is amazing.

Q. Is there a specific player you're excited to play against, face off against one-on-one?

CEDRIC COWARD: LeBron, for sure. LeBron is the GOAT, so to be able to play against him is surreal. But at the same time it's a competition, so you've got to prove why you're in the league just like him.

Q. What was your reaction when you realized Memphis was the pick, and how do you see yourself fitting into that team?

CEDRIC COWARD: My first initial reaction was I must have did good in the workout because I just finished the workout with them on Monday. But I think I fit really well with that team. They just lost one of the best players in the game in Desmond Bane, who brought shooting and defense and a lot of that grit and toughness that they want.

For me, I think I fit that mold just fine bringing that shooting, versatility, toughness and defensive mindset first and being able to just impact winning and impact that culture in a positive way.

Q. Is there anyone you haven't talked to tonight that you want to talk to?

CEDRIC COWARD: I'm going to be honest with you, I'm drawing a blank. There probably is, but I'm drawing a blank right now. If you were to ask me this question tomorrow, I'd probably give you an answer.

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