

NBA Draft

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Karim Lopez



Q. You always said you believed in yourself to make it to this moment. Where does that confidence in yourself come from?

KARIM LOPEZ: I've always been a confident person, a confident player just from all the hard work I put in. I know who I am. I know what I'm capable of. It's just about continuing like that and just showing it.

Q. Last year the league set a record for the most international players to play in a season with 135, I believe, across 43 countries. Now you get to add your name to that list going into next season. What does that mean for you and for international basketball?

KARIM LOPEZ: It's great. It's another one to the list. I mean, last MVPs, a lot of them have been international, as well. It's just about keep growing the game, keep expanding it to different places, different countries.

Basketball is a great sport. Going to keep growing, and I think we're on the right path.

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