

Forward/Center Azurá Stevens

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On if she's building this season as a chance to restart her career

"Honestly, I'm just approaching it focused on the team. Whatever goals we have set as a team that's what I'm focused on. Just coming in and like gelling really well and adding to what we already have here in Chicago. So that's been my main focus is just to come in and add like anything that I can to the team, what they already had before I got here."

On the final days of training camp

"Practices have been going really well. We're improving everyday so that's been a good thing. We're going to get after it this last week before we start because once the games start obviously there's not a lot of time to practice within that. So, it's kind of just the same mindset is like really just staying locked in and focused for this last week of preparation which I think that we'll do with what we've already been doing. I know people are people are making a big thing out of [Las] Vegas but we're treating it like other opponents. We want to win every game, so that's what we're going to set out to do."

On her foot feels

"Yeah, I feel great. I had a lot of time to rest with the offseason and even especially with the extra little bit of time we had due to COVID[-19]. It was really good for my body just to like rest and heal up. My surgeon did a really good job of correcting what was wrong. And then I think the therapists did an amazing job just helping me get back, and just instilling that confidence in me. It's tough coming back from an injury because you basically have to reteach your body. You have to trust your body and all the work that you're putting in, but that's not always an easy thing to do. It was definitely a long process but I'm

really glad that I went through it, it taught me a lot about myself. And since I've gotten to Chicago, they've been nothing but supportive which really helps me be really confident getting back on the court. There's been no pressure, and me and the coaches and Megan [Lockerby], our trainer, we're in really great communication just with how I'm feeling day-to-day which has really just been a special thing for me because it's not how like my past experiences have been. To have a supportive staff has really helped me to just flow back into playing more and I don't know, just enjoy my passion a lot more. It should help ease my mind from that standpoint. So overall, it's been a great process coming back and I feel really good."

On if she's back to a feeling of normalcy

"After practice I'm usually sore, so that's still an adjustment. I'll be happy for the day when I won't be sore after practice but I usually recover before the next day. When I'm playing I don't think about my foot at all which is a really refreshing experience for me because last year that wasn't the case. That was really hard, juggling that while trying to play at the same time. So, being able to just go on the court and just focus fully on playing has been a really amazing experience."