

Forward Gabby Williams

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On how/where she handled the pandemic

"I was in Montpellier, France, which I'm so thankful for. I think it was the best place to be during the pandemic. I mean France handled everything so well with the quarantine and the regulations. I was still getting paid because in France you have a thing called chômage [partie] where you get 84% of whatever you're making. So I was still getting paid. I still had my apartment. I had the beach. And I mean I'm half-French so I wasn't in a place that felt foreign to me. It was OK. I was happy, just trying to make the best of it like everyone else."

On how her experience in France has developed her as a player

"I feel like for probably the majority if not all of my career, I've always just kind of been the piece that just kind of gets fit wherever we're missing. So if we're missing a four, for the four, if we're missing a point guard, I play the point guard, whatever it is. France was kind of the first time I got a chance to play what I wanted to play. And that's fine, I love being that person for the team, but it was just a different experience for me in France to actually work on what I wanted to work on and play the position I wanted to play. I was playing for Edwige Lawson's [-Wade] team, James' [Wade] wife. So of course, James knew everything that I was doing in France and knew everything I was working on and we stayed in touch and we just talked about this season just building off of that and keeping that going."

On her mental preparation for this season

"When I was in France I literally lived like right on the beach. So, I was doing some beach workouts. The sunrise and sunsets were absolutely gorgeous so that was always good motivation for me to just go running or taking my rollerblades, and just go down the sidewalk, along the beach. Then I was doing a lot



of home hit workouts, and it was a good time for me to focus on the things that are unfixable during the season as far as like injury. I got to do some rehab for my knees and my back and all those things."

On the team's plans for social justice

"We have something called Sky For Change and we are working with a foundation called By The Hand which works with communities in Chicago. My biggest goal was I think it's great to have Black Lives Matter written on the court, Breonna Taylor's name and all these things. These need to be shown, but they need to go beyond just awareness. It needs to go beyond the formatives and us as a team we all wanted something that felt personal and we're taking action. So we're going to be donating \$10 for every point and \$100 for every win to By The Hand, and just keep an eye out for Sky For Change throughout the season because there's going to be numerous charities that we're going to be working with all season."

On what charities she will be working with

"Most of them will be Chicago based. I'm going to be working with the Chicago bond fund to release people who are on bond and can't afford to pay. By The Hand, they work with building infrastructures and things like that for the youth communities in Chicago, such as in the inner city you might find a lot of liquor stores but no healthy markets for kids to eat. So kids got to drive 40 minutes just to find healthy food, which doesn't happen. So they're going to build these things in these neighborhoods."