

# **Center Stefanie Dolson**

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#### **On her social justice platform**

"I think it means a lot. I think for us to have the platform that we have it's important to our entire team to use that platform to make a difference in whatever community, in whatever way that we can. I think it's been really inspiring for me to see the way that Gabby [Williams] and Diamond [DeShields] have really taken control of the team and kind of led us in the right path. I'm just kind of following and learning a lot in the last few weeks, and just trying to do my part."

#### **On what aspect of her game she's focusing on**

"Just being tough. I think for me offensively I want to be more aggressive. The fact that we lost Jantel [Lavender] is huge. She was a huge part of our team last year. So, all of us post players, we have to step up a little bit more because of that. I'm just trying to focus on my offense, being as aggressive as I can on the block, finishing really well because we know [Courtney] [Vander] Sloot likes her assists so anytime she passes it if I miss it, she's not happy. So, just being aggressive I think is the biggest thing for me, for sure."

#### **On the importance of taking the pandemic seriously**

"I mean it's just kind of doing our part. I think everyone was so extreme and being cautious and doing a lot in the beginning but now it's kind of faded. I just think everyone is getting a bit lackadaisical when it comes to wearing masks or staying inside if they can. I think people need start being a little more smart."

#### **On the boot she was wearing**

"I kind of tweaked my ankle in practice, but it's nothing serious. It just kind of hurts to walk on so outside of practice I have the boot on. We've become pretty accustomed to each other. So it would probably feel weird if I didn't have the boot on at this time but I'm still practicing, playing, everything's good."

#### **On the organizations she's working with for social justice**

"I'm going to be working with Brave Space Alliance, which is a Black-led, trans-led organization and they just help to support and educate and make a difference with the LGBTQ community, which is super important to me. I think I've always kind of stood for standing out, being true to yourself. It's really important to me to kind of help that and the fact that it's black-led is so amazing. We're all kind of trying to do our part and I don't know if Gabby [Williams] mentioned, some of us auctioning off some stuff this season but this year I'm going to have a pair of shoes too that are going to be designed by my teammates to kind of use their voices, to celebrate them as amazing teammates and people. So I think we're all just doing our part and doing what we can to make a difference."