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On how she is feeling/getting accustomed to the bubble

“I’m feeling a little tired obviously since we just had practice. But feeling like we’re getting in shape and we’re getting better. So that’s the goal-just everyday is to get better. But we’re feeling good, I mean we’re all here minus Syd[ney] [Colson] obviously. But it’s been a fun experience being able to do this with the team and all just feel like on the same page. We’re excited. We’re just trying to get better every day and be as best as we can, especially once the games start up.”

On if she’s feeling more continuity and rhythm with the team

“Yeah, for sure. I think mostly everyone’s back but obviously there’s the addition of me, Ruthy [Hebard], Stella [Jonson]. And then once Syd comes. It’s just pretty much us getting used to playing with each other. But I definitely, at least from my standpoint, feel like I’m getting to know [Courtney] [Vander]Sloot and Q [Allie Quigley] a lot better and Steff[anie] [Dolson] and just everyone. Getting to know people’s tendencies and playing well off of each other. I think everyday I personally felt like I’ve been able to get to know each player better as we play together.”

On her food trailer

“It’s technically not a truck because we don’t have like a car, an engine inside of it. But yeah, my dad’s a chef for people that don’t know that. We actually were going to open up our own restaurant back in my hometown across the street from my high school, just because I have a really good relationship with them. I helped coach the last couple of seasons. And so me and my dad were just thinking of something that we could do together. We were going to do the restaurant but then we figured let’s start with the food trailer, it’s a lot cheaper. And we’d be able to run it

and do the things that we want to do with it the way we want. So yeah, that was pretty much all the thought process that went into it. My dad has a lot of experience in the food industry, finished up for 20-plus years. It was really just kind of a perfect combination of his cooking expertise and my name and kind of just my brand in the community. We had our grand opening actually the day before I left to go to Chicago, and it went really well and it was right before Father’s Day so I really enjoyed it. It was a special moment, just for my family entirely. We all work together on it-my sister-my mom included-so it’s been great. Obviously, I’m missing being there with him right now but still very involved as much as I can be from this location.”

On Gabby Williams

“It’s been so good being reunited with her. Obviously, once I got the news that I was traded I was super happy. I called her up immediately. It was great from all aspects, obviously we’re really good friends. I love playing with her as well. So, it’s just been really fun to spend more time with her in general but also get on the court with her as well.”

On how she’ll help with addressing the paint issue

“I mean obviously I am six-[foot]five so I try to use that to my advantage lengthwise guarding perimeter guards if we’re switching. But obviously in the paint blocking shots and not even just that but altering shots as well. Playing really good help defense and I think

even rebounding too. That's something that I've put a lot of pressure on myself to be better with is defensive rebounding and offensive rebounding, putting pressure on the defense. But once we get a stop really securing that stop with a rebound. I'm just looking to add any way that I can to the team defensively in those types of ways."

On how she's adjusted to a new organization in a non-traditional training camp

"It's been so seamless. From the minute that I got into Chicago, I felt so welcomed with the team, the coaching staff. I've gotten to know pretty much all of them really well and there hasn't really been a moment where I felt like out of place. I really feel [at] home here. And that's a really great feeling especially coming from Dallas and just transitioning not knowing what to really expect. I even felt that before we started training together when we were doing our Zooms and all that. I really felt a sense of family and I'm just so happy to be a part of this program and with this team."

On the competition for the starting four position

"I mean obviously with Jantel [Lavender] not being here we all knew there would be a role that needed to be filled. So we're just all going in every day competing. We've been playing a lot. Just trying to push each other to be better. So that's what we're focusing on day-by-day and leaving all the coaching stuff up to coach."

On the one thing she couldn't be without in the bubble

"I'm trying to think of a few items, but definitely my Theragun. I actually just recently got it right before coming here so I've been using that a lot. Other than that, that's pretty much it. I have a lot of snacks in my room too but I didn't really bring those I just ordered them like as soon as I got here. But yeah, that's all I can think of really."

