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On what ‘no limit’ means to him

“There’s going to be a lot of people talking and saying what we can do and what we can’t do. I never have that approach. Even when I first got the job they said, ‘What do you think we can do?’ I think if we do that, then we limit ourselves on what we can do. Nobody expected us to be one shot away from the semifinals, being a championship level team. I don’t think you put limits on yourself in life. I think if you do that you have a bunch of underachievers.”

On whom he reaches out to in moments of self doubt

“I don’t know, that’s a good question. I talk to my coaches. I talk to my wife. I don’t know if it’s self doubt. I don’t know what a good word is [for] it. I know I have good people in my ear that I talk to. If we were talking about basketball related things, I have friends that are in the WNBA, France and NBA. I talk to my wife whose a general manager in Europe, she has a great basketball mind. My assistant coaches, they’re really great. I just try to keep it as real as possible. I try to keep the team on edge as much as possible because it’s a thin line between success and failure. We have to always push the envelope so I guess those are the people that I talk to the most.”

On Sydney Colson

“I just got off a Zoom call with her just two minutes ago, three minutes ago. She’s feeling a lot better. She has a meeting with a doctor today to see if she can get a test early. So far today she hasn’t had any symptoms. So, that’s a promising thing and hopefully the doctor agrees that maybe she can get a test soon as possible. But I won’t know anything until after she’s had her scheduled appointment with the doctor.”

On Gabby Williams

“I think she’s good. She’s really taken a leadership role within herself as far as taking responsibility and owning up to mistakes and just moving forward. I think with the smaller roster without Jantel [Lavender] or Sydney [Colson] there it gives you a little bit more confidence that you can make mistakes and not have to look over your shoulder. Now what we’ve tried to do is coach her in a way that empowers her to make more decisions, to take responsibility on the floor. And she’s done that, and we like the progress that she’s made. So we’re going to keep on pushing her toward that direction where she’s not looking over her shoulder and she’s just going. A mistake is what it is, just a mistake, and she doesn’t have to hear me. I know my voice can be a little bit annoying at times so I try to just tone it down when it comes to her so she can get used to playing without me being in her ear.”

On Ruthy Hebard

I think she’s starting to understand the schemes a little bit more. She’s moving naturally. I think the first few days you can see her thinking. You can actually see her thinking and kind of hesitating and get into spots because she was thinking a little bit too much. Now, I think since she’s understood the schemes a little bit more she’s thinking less, and she’s actually moving to those spots with game speed, with WNBA speed. She’s beating players for offensive rebounds. She’s getting behind players in pick and roles, so she’s doing the things more that we saw on the college level. She’s doing

it at a high level because she's doing it against our post players. We've liked the progress that she's made but we understand that she's going to be a rookie and she's going to have to play through those mistakes."

On how the team responded to looking tired yesterday

"They were still tired. They were still tired but I think where we are right now, we're 10 days out, or whatever. 10 days out. We want to see how they push through that fatigue and how they how they play and so they were able to play at a high level today. They were able to play more focused on not making the same mistakes that they made yesterday. So they still look tired, they still had some wear and tear on their legs but that's going to happen with this unique season that we're having. You just want to see how they can respond and we were OK with the response today. But, we still have a ways to go."

On the team's pace

"Pace is fine. The pace is fine. We're going to always play with pace. We have one of the best pace guards in the league, if not the best. So our pace is always going to be at a good level. That's really not my main thing, it's something that comes a little bit naturally to us. But my main thing is us not making mistakes while we're playing at that pace."

