

Forward Gabby Williams

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On how the first week of training camp has gone

“Just trying to get back into shape. Get a feel for each other, and just get our chemistry back together and all that stuff. But it’s been good, just taking it one day at a time. I think every day we’re progressing a little bit more.”

On getting her legs back underneath her

“It’s just part of training camp. You kind of have to go through these growing pains, a little injuries here and there—little things nagging at you—getting our lungs back—getting back in shape. So I think the first the first week we were pretty fresh, feeling good. Now it’s starting to catch up with us a bit and that’s just a growing pain. We just have to get through that.”

On if she’s happy to play Las Vegas in the opener

“Yeah, I think that’s a good way to start the season. Start it off with some high energy and intensity. So I think we’re excited for that matchup regardless of the fact that we see it first is going to be fun.”

On her previous reservations about going to Florida

“It’s exceeded my expectations in a lot of ways. But also at the same time there are some things that were said to us that I don’t think are true before we got here. I think everyone has already been aware of what the bubble is. We’re not actually in a bubble, there’s other people here. So that’s one part that I was really disappointed in but on the other side they’ve exceeded my expectations as far as efficiency—as far as the way things are run—our villas are really nice. They have the cleaning services. Our groceries getting delivered within an hour and a half, two hours. Those things I did not expect, but at the same time I was pretty disappointed to see that there’s a lot of people on this campus.”

On who the extra people are on campus

“I don’t know who they are, where they came from. It’s just people.”

On her versatility

“That’s just kind of what I’ve always done since college. Just wherever the team needs me is where I go. But I want to start really focusing on my personal development and what my future looks like. I think it’s good that I can fit into these different roles wherever we need but I do also want to focus on how I want to be, my ultimate goal as a player. James [Wade] is letting me do that more this year. But again, that’s what I’m here for. That’s kind of my shtick, is just filling in wherever. He’s letting me get some more minutes at the two and three, which I never really got. I don’t know whoever put me at the four when I first got the league but I’m not a four. I can play it but I’m not. That’s not my ultimate position and James knows that. He’s letting me develop where we want me going forward.”

On what type of player she wants to be

“Well, I think naturally I’m a face up player and I should be on the wing. I don’t think there’s any reason I should be in the post unless we need me to be. And so I worked a lot on my shot and it’s been feeling pretty good in training camp. Really good actually. I’m feeling really confident in it. So I’m able to make people guard me out on the wing because before people can just play off

me, and force me to pass or whatever it is but now I'm feeling a lot more confident in that position."

On building off her momentum from her season overseas

"What was great was James [Wade] and Edwige [Lawson-Wade] and Nico[las] Perez were all working in France. They're all communicating the whole time I was over there. I was living 10 minutes away from James. It was nice that they were able to communicate about my development and how I was doing, what I was doing, and then just keep that going when I got here. James knew everything that I was doing in France."

On the WNBA's Social Justice Council

"I think my biggest thing is I'm just happy that the league has my back. I feel very comfortable speaking on what I want to speak on-bringing anything to the league-to the bubble that I want to bring-and bring these ideas to my teammates personally. I think it's good. My one critique for the league is: A lot of this is performative and I want to see the league do more things that are more than just putting names on shirts, more than just putting names on the court. I think that's what's great about this council is that the league now has to listen to the players on what kind of actions to take versus just what kind of things are we going to show because the awareness is only half the battle. It's less than half the battle. Now it's what kind of actions are we taking? I think with Chicago we have some really good things planned for this upcoming season."

On having Azurá Stevens with the team

"It's fun, really fun. I'm happy to play with her again. I think she's just gelled right into the team on and off the court so it's just the perfect addition."

On what part of her game she's been working on

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something that I've been working a lot with. Olaf [Lange] has been working a lot with me on my shot, just fixing little things and getting it quicker and getting my release quicker. I think I've worked a lot on that while I was in France. So those are just the two main things-coming off ball screens and controlling my pace off of that. And then of course, we can always improve my shooting."

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

"This has been everywhere with me, my longboard. So if you see me on campus with a longboard don't say nothing, just let me grab onto your golf cart and let me hitch a ride."

On what's it like to be with Azurá Stevens in a collegiate-like atmosphere

"It's fun but it's weird, because it's not as collegiate as it was. When we were in college, we were living right next door to each other and now on the campus we're quarantined. When we were in Chicago it was so fun. We were with each other, 24-7, all the time. And now she's in the hotel and I'm in the villa so I don't see her as often outside of practice. So it's the same but it's very different."



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