

HANGIN' WITH HUEY with HOUSTON MALLETT | EPISODE 6 | PLAYERS ERA w/ MAX SCHARNOWSKI

What's up everybody um it's Houston Mallett back with another video um with Hanging with Huey Once again thank you to Studio Place uh for this opportunity Um you know this is a crazy experience I'm here with Max Scharnowski from Alabama men's basketball and we're here to talk about what kind of this uh players era uh tournament we're in and uh this is kind of a cool and unique episode because we're out here in Vegas um shooting this podcast episode so should be a lot of fun So here's Max Scharnowski and Max tell us a little bit about yourself What kind of got you into basketball Uh I'm a grad student from Chicago and what got me into basketball was just my family My dad played professional basketball in Germany so I always grew up playing basketball It was really the only sport I really got into and then I've got An older brother who obviously played and then I got a younger brother who's at Belmont who played so we just play in the driveway pretty much every day of my life growing up and that's that's how I got into basketball that's why I'm playing that's awesome so obviously um We know like you're a walk on here at University of Alabama so what's kind of like that experience like being a walk on and like what does that what does that mean to you Oh yeah it's it's good I've really enjoyed my time as a walk on it's really a different role because it's not all about you know what you can contribute on the court there's so much more to it whereas you know you always gotta make sure that you're adding to practice you're adding to the guys you're being a good teammate and a good leader you can never take away from The energy or the team uh otherwise you know there's not really a reason for you to be there uh obviously you have to be able to match the level of play you gotta be able to step in for a practice and a rep and be able to contribute but it's less about you being able to take over or Um really go out and challenge guys with your skill as much as it is to be an everyday guy and be able to match the effort and and willingness to wanna play Well for those out there Max is one of the best People I've ever met in my life One of the funniest guys I've ever met and he provides a ton of value to like not just me and my life but our team um he means a lot to the organization of Alabama men's basketball and he's a staple piece so you've been here this is your 5th year now Um talk to me about kind of what it's been like here Like

obviously you play for a lot of great teams play with like a lot of great players What is like some of your favorite experiences you've had so far being here Oh I would have to say well first of all I wanna thank you for what you said about me I don't I don't know if I'm one of the most important people or not but you definitely you definitely man the Final Four that was Incredible when you think about you go from The 20,000 fan arenas and thinking like Wow this is a massive arena and the like depth perception of it and everything is super off you know I I would just imagine for like the guys who are really getting in there how challenging it is to play in an environment like that and then you go to playing in an NFL stadium you know like the biggest NFL stadiums and And there's 9,000,000 people in there and it's you know 500 ft to the through the backboard to the first fans I don't know how you do it It it was incredible You're playing up on the elevated court It's so loud in there you can't hear anything and It's it's probably the most incredible sporting event I've ever gone to and and obviously being at Alabama for my whole undergrad you see all the Bama football games And you realize like what it's it's even more than that it's but it's the reason why there's so many people who go to the Final Four every year who love basketball It's one of the biggest events in basketball No it's not it's kind of talk to me about that journey because I remember I came on my visit after you guys lost to Florida and like that was a super tough loss in the SEC tournament I remember sitting there on Selection Sunday because I haven't gone to the NCAA tournament in my college career yet obviously will this year um so Being in there with you guys for Selection Sunday was super cool and like I remember seeing kind of everybody's faces light up when we saw like what um Like what region you guys were in what the mashups were so what was that like No they all I I think everybody liked and was was super motivated because obviously we started in I think it was Spokane and they knew if we just rattle off those two games which were hard games you know Charleston we were just talking about it They were a really good team last year um 30 wins and then GCU like They have high major talent at the mid major level and they play really hard and really well together so when we won those first two games we were able to go to LA I think that was the motivation for everybody and then once you're in LA you're right there 2 games and you're at the Final Four so we definitely went through some rough patches last year but it it was kind of like some of the senior leaders who kept the team together kept everybody going and even With conflict that happened last year you know the the group of teammates

was incredible and we all loved each other and pulled for each other so much that it doesn't surprise me that we figured it out. It's kind of just a story of You know keeping your head focused lifting up each other and not giving up because there were injuries last year there was conflict there was drama but You know as the season went on we got better and and other teams that's not the story for every team. A lot of teams get worse as you go on or plateau. We were fortunate enough to have like a high level of desperation at the end. We had a lot of guys who who you know it was their last game for Alabama want to win so bad so that that's what kept us going. I think that's dope obviously um you were awarded with an award at the Final Four. Tell the viewers about that. Uh I won the it was the Elite 90 award. It's like the I think highest GPA in the tournament or maybe highest GPA in Final Four so I don't wanna say it was kind of an easy award for me to win but I do pretty good at school and I don't know if everybody in the Final Four of the tournament does as well as me. So it is a good award to win but obviously I would have rather won the whole thing so it's kinda you know I didn't really celebrate it or anything it's sitting on a shelf somewhere in my house. No I mean that's big time um obviously like this is your last year playing basketball and for those who don't know like Max had the opportunity well I'll let him kind of talk about it but he had the opportunity this year to go do some but he decided to come back to Alabama for another year to be a part of something special. So what is it that like you're planning to do like after basketball. Yeah I well at the end of last year I tried to I try to I you know I missed like playing you know being a walk on is a great opportunity but you know there's there's constantly great players coming in and out of the program and You know when guys are leaving and they're getting replaced with like players like you it's really hard to get on the court and you know my goal was never to get on the court here as much as it was to just contribute to a championship and winning but obviously over time you miss basketball like a lot in terms of you know last year there was some injuries and whatnot that happened during the season so there'd be streaks of practice where I would really practice for like 1 week and a half 2 weeks and then you know that person gets healthy which is what you want I never thought of it like selfishly like oh I don't get to practice anymore I would 100% prefer for my teammates to be healthy like that's The main like nothing would make me more upset than somebody not being able to play just because I know like that's what guys want for their careers play basketball but I missed it so I got in the portal trying to go to school with my younger brother who goes to

Belmont and I always knew that it'd be one of those things you know if they had a scholarship left maybe they would give it to me maybe not and You know I'm probably not good enough to be on that for sure definitely good enough especially coming from the major level but so anyways you know it didn't work out and it was it wasn't even upsetting but it was like all right you know let's pivot and see what I'm gonna do because I wanna go to med school but with you know like the With all the commitment that was like basketball and travel and school obviously you know I took school pretty serious and I studied a decent amount so it's difficult like I didn't get all my applications set and ready for med school so I knew I had to take a gap year And I was talking to our strength coach Coach Chen and I was like yeah I miss it like I definitely wanna come back I just I would have to figure it out and I don't know if it'd be right for me And the night before the first practice in summer one Coach Oates called me and he he kind of was like well what are you thinking Like would you wanna come back or not Just be a good teammate be a good leader kind of the same Stipulations that I was on before of just trying to invest in my teammates my brothers like you know the young guys making sure everybody's doing good and I was like you know what to be to have you know the head coach pretty much say like oh I want you to be a part of our first national championship run I think it made it I I couldn't say no you know with the the door Coach Oates open for me like it meant a lot for me I it meant a lot for me so I I had to do it There was no other choice for me Oh yeah we're definitely glad you're back before I kind of get into that um You're also a bio major right Yeah I finished bio like I could have been a chemistry and to the GPA award wasn't that important He's one of the hardest I don't I don't I don't think I could name a bunch of majors that are harder Uh chemical engineering I think like some of the math majors are harder Any any really any engineering is once you have to take like calc 12 and 3 I've seen calc 2 ruin some people's lives But it's that so I got I was fortunate enough to not have to take those but obviously I did have to take like cell bio uh biochem uh organic chem 102 and then I I don't know if anybody who's watching will know what those classes are but most of those classes are the ones that pretty much encourage somebody to not be a doctor not change change the field that they're in but I was fortunate to do well in all those Well obviously like I mean I was I'm obviously new this is my first year here at the University of Alabama but I I remember how like important you were for this this team And like I remember I was talking to Oats like you need to come back you need to come back because In the

summer you weren't sure kind of what's going to happen but I was like we need you back bro Like I don't think people kind of get it twisted like everybody on the team like has a specific role whether you're for instance like our Mark Sears or like you're Max like everybody has like a role and like Max's role is equally he's not going to agree with it But in my opinion I think it's equally and almost kind of more important because like you need a guy that can help others Well you like help others and like guys who serve and that's kind of yeah you need somebody who's OK with not playing every night and obviously like you know for like you're really motivational because man I mean you're at this level you're you're as good as anybody else on the entire team and obviously like you had some health issues some other things that made you say Oh I think red shirting would be best for myself and best for the team Like you continue to have that same attitude as if you were going to play you know in the championship tomorrow Like you never waves I never questioned oh how brought in is this guy but you need a couple of guys who are just hey I'm gonna make sure that Everybody on the team is doing well I'm gonna make sure I'm looking out for like the young guys make sure everybody's mind is right because college basketball is is stressful Like I've seen it really crush some people It's easy to get in your own head It's easy just basketball in general not even college basketball I it's It could really affect your mental and if you don't have the right voices and I'm not saying I'm the right voice for guys but I do make sure to just constantly build up my teammates because I know if I was in that position I want I would want the support and like the love from my teammates that I try to give at least I try my best absolutely you know that is important Um I've learned a lot of things from you I think for me I kind of have that same approach like All I mean we talked about all that really matters in life is the type of person you are like who you are as a person how you treat others like basketball is cool and all I love basketball and my approach is obviously gonna be like OK even though I'm not playing I'm not gonna take any shortcuts Like I'm not gonna let whatever my circumstances are define or change like the habits that I've built throughout my whole life So whether that's like Watching just play watching the film um practicing as hard as possible just trying to serve your teammates because that's really all that matters like whether you're the top guy or you're kind of lower on the totem pole like you still have a role of serving others and that's like all life's about and I feel like that's why me and you kind of vibe so well because that's everything that I like everything that you like You're just a lot better at hoops

but I I you saying that You know it don't get it twisted like we we as a team we came to this tournament to win for sure for sure like it's number one is is and one of the best things is coach Oates he's he's hyper competitive about it about anything anything and everything so it's the same you know it's the same standard for the coaches as it is for the players as it is for the managers support staff everybody has the same common goal but at the same time I've seen you know some of the best people in this program some of the best winners I've been around You know like Brandon Miller and Noah Clowney and guys like that and JQ like they're elite people like they The love that they showed me as one of the you know I'm one of the worst players like it's the standard is the same how you treat people and it should always be that way no matter who you are whether you're you or me you know whether you're gonna play or you're not gonna play if you're not contributing to Like the culture then you're you're really taking away from the culture and hurting the team Yeah I think we have like a lot of great people in the program like I mean everybody from the coaches to like G Clark Han JP Perk like they all take care of us Yeah like they all Like if we need some like they're the first to serve us and like I think as players like we do a good job serving them yeah just I I blew out my ankle my second year so you gotta remember is like I'm I was probably especially then right like the most irrelevant dude on the whole team Well tell everybody how you got on the Alabama team to start I think it's kind of tried out Yeah so it was it was COVID and I had like You know like really small college opportunities uh to play out of high school and it wasn't that I I didn't think I was like above that It was more so that I couldn't afford it with School like I needed the scholarship and I had scholarship at Alabama academically full full tuition so I only had to pay like my to live and then like for my food and what whatever and so I was like oh I can't pass like I have to go to Bama because dude I don't wanna take out 150K of student loans or I can't afford that and uh So I went to Bama's COVID And like they had nothing going on And my whole first year my whole first year at Bama I didn't play basketball for the team And so I'm just like sitting in my dorm all the time like even the what is it called like the uh dining hall wasn't open like you have to go get your food and bring it back to eat you couldn't have more than one person in your dorm at a time and I just remember like I don't wanna say I made no friends but I literally made no friends because I was the only person from my height or one person from my high school came from Chicago to Alabama we weren't like close friends or anything like that And so when my sophomore year rolled around I was like

oh my like I got to I gotta change like I gotta try to do something like That will be meaningful in my college journey and this is when my younger brother Drew really started to get noticed and he started getting really good at basketball and I was like dude I don't want I don't want my little brother to get better than me at basketball so or or him to keep playing and I'm not playing so somebody sent me a uh I think it was an email or maybe a flyer for open tryout for Bama and they're like oh are you going And I was like and at first I was kind of like on thinking about it or not And and then I was like oh like I I have to like because the kid who told me asked me if he's going was like way worse than me We had played basketball a couple times and I was like oh I have to go and see if I can make it And so I think there's like 30 people there because you had to fill out a mountain of paperwork to do it You can ask Clark about it they really should Do it again just so we could watch because it's funny it's so funny to watch that but it's so much paperwork and you have to get like blood work done EKG a full physical to be able to do not to be able just to try out yeah so that there's not like liability if somebody gets injured or God forbid has like a heart attack or something Uh so you have to do all that and I remember my blood work got approved the day before the thing I was like calling the uh doctor All the time saying like oh did you get the results back Did you get the results back They finally got it the day before the tryout I go and the tryout was literally it was like 3 man we have to start do 5 minutes of that and then they call everybody in there's 25 people and they're like we're gonna do we're gonna put an hour up on the clock and we're gonna just play like 5 on 5 once you hit 7 points like next team comes on winners stay And so my team started on And I literally did not lose a single game and I must I was playing so hard I must have scored like And it wasn't even like I wasn't cooking the people I was getting like gritty buckets and getting like Other people's rebounds or like tip ends and stuff like that or just like pick pocket get it fast break on the other end and so I got like 100 points 100 rebounds 50 floor dives 25 steals but I put up a crazy stat line of just playing so hard so hard and then uh And I was like OK like I definitely made it to the 2nd tryout I had to have made it to the 2nd 1 right And I remember yeah I got the call back like later that day hey uh like you made it to the 2nd trial The 2nd trial was just Same thing they dropped the ball and it was I think it was like 4 on 4 versus the 44 of the walk-ons who were on the team at the time who are like I'm really close with now uh JQ2 and uh AC Delaney and uh Tyler Barnes Tyler shout out shout out to Tyler Barnes Hall of Fame walk on and uh so we played and I didn't I don't

think I got like cooked But I did just right you know I was playing against people who had been playing against like real deal college basketball players And I was sitting in a dorm for a year Singing in a dorm eating like super shitty I just spit super shitty like college dorm food And so I did just OK and I was like oh man I don't think I made it like I was kind of nervous but then at the same time like the other kids who were in the tryout who were the other you know three kids who got invited to the same tryout I know that they did not do well either so I was like you know I might have just done OK scored a decent amount of points hit hit some shots so they were like I got the call and they're like hey you or no that wasn't even true They invited all the kids from the tryout the 4 who made it to the 2nd round to stay for open practice They were to watch the practice They're like hey you made it this far whatever you put in a lot of work with all that paperwork and stuff like that and test results So like yeah do you wanna stay for practice So I was like Yeah sure I'll stay at the worst case scenario they call me they're like hey by the way you suck like you're cut and uh But thanks for coming out so I'm like yeah I might as well just stay and watch like some of the best hoopers in college duke it out and practice because you know how competitive band practices are It's it's like a real game literally every single drill is a competition So the other three kids from the tryout don't accept the offer to stay at the tryout and they just leave and like Go home or something and I'm like and I didn't even do it to be like political or to like oh I want them to know I'm committed I literally just did it because I wanted to watch like see how good they were whatever see what I thought And at the end of practice I'm like well it's over I'm walking out and uh And the ops lady at the time it was uh Alex yeah Alex super nice I love her you know she's at the tournament right now but she's like hey uh Come talk to uh come talk to Coach Oates real quick And I was I always just gonna thank me for coming out or whatever you know and he's like yeah really excited to have you on the team this year I think you'll be a great walk on for us and I was like oh no way So that's when I found out I made it and that's dope you know I definitely was the worst guy on the team like you know I was work the other walk-ons are a lot better than me but they all took me in to helped me get You know just keep on improving on my game I think I've made a lot lot of strides You just gotta play hard keep working and so I was really appreciative of all the walk-ons you know Tyler Britton AC Delaney Um Jaden so it was like those guys really brought me in and accepted me Man ever ever since then you know I I was really fortunate like when you come

into a system that has great walk-ons ahead of you they just show you what to do So like what you know me as of you know just trying to be a good guy a good team leader was just all the things that I was shown by the guys who were ahead of me They're all you know they're all more experienced more veteran guys and then you just learn the standard of like oh this is how I have to behave like this is what I have to contribute this is how I have to act and practice And so it was just it was easy for me It was easy because I was just being shown that every day And so like some of the times like I I really hope with you know walk-ons on our team that That I show them what to do and show them be a good example but I don't know if I do as good of a job as those other guys did with me so I was really blessed to have those guys in my life and have them on the team I know like Os still talks like you you probably never met TB and BJ but you've heard their names before because that's like the lasting effect that they've had on the program No yeah I feel like you're Not even as a great leader to walk ons but just like all the guys on our team I hope I try definitely So pivoting I mean we're out here in Vegas for the players era Kind of the first Basketball games pool play tournament of its kind yeah pool you call it an event but no tournament event So but the event has been I mean it's been really cool like watching these games especially I mean shoot both games but opening night was crazy especially watching it like it's like well they yeah they got 8 really like top tier Teams all compete you know With a cash prize for the winner and so it doesn't surprise me why a bunch of these teams decided to come because you get you know an opportunity to have a cash prize for your NIL and you get to play like really good ranked opponents that are gonna look good on your schedule regardless uh not to say if you win or lose but it's good preparation for postseason play so I I think they've done a great job with the event and it's only the first year So the event is gonna grow to get better They're gonna you know keep polishing it make it more final product but I really wonder if like you know next year you see 3 different Uh you know companies or events come in and try to make uh A basketball event with a cash prize for the winner and stuff like that whereas you know now this is the only one how how will that affect the other tournaments and No definitely So kind of give preface so it's called the Players' era event There's 8 teams 8 teams are Alabama Rutgers Oregon Texas A&M Creighton San Diego San Diego State and Notre Dame So there were two pools the impact pool and the power pool So we played two games Are we in or I don't remember which one we're in but I feel like we're in the I think we are in the power So we played

University of Houston first game went into overtime That was a battle Because they play a physical brand of basketball They're gonna foul you 100 times a game They're gonna test every pass every shot They're gonna crash like crazy and that's how they went So Houston I think they're ranked 8 or so right now We're like preseason top 5 They are picked to be Final Four team pretty sure they've won the most games in division one over the past 5 years so Kelvin Sampson's done an incredible job there They have an incredible they have an incredible team like the way they defend I've never seen anybody else kind of guard like that Um they just they just fly around and fly around and make plays and like they make a ton of effort plays So that game we won 85 to 80 in overtime We're down 4 with like a minute to go Mark Sears hits a he's one of the Alabama Mark the greatest of all time So then we cut it to 1 We found Juan Roberts He misses a free throw Makes someone misses the second we come down Trey gets fouls 2 free throws We get a stop We go in overtime Now I feel like once we got in the huddle we play a super fast brand of basketball so we're trying to fly up and down the court I knew I knew I knew it The more possessions we have the more the games in our favor especially with how much we like we practice Like we track our practices and it's like 3 times what a player load in the game is hard yeah I was I was like it's not sustainable it's not sustainable You get exhausted I know it's sustainable practice So that's been fun and then So I was on Tuesday The day before we got here Sunday on Monday we did basically like events all day um we took photos um we did stuff for our collective we went to like a golf tournament took photos there We went to like a big dinner all pretty cool events um everybody super cool So now fast forward Tuesday Tuesday happened we beat Houston then we have a back to back against Rutgers who has two projected top 3 picks right now in the draft That was a game too We started out kind of slow And they those two players they're really good uh Ace Bailey I mean super difficult shot maker 6'10 super athlete But once again another team playing super hard Yeah yeah I mean they came ready the cash prize motivates Once they won that first nail biter against Notre Dame You know you really feel like you're in it and they had and they were beating us at halftime and I'm not gonna say that they had us We played bad We didn't we didn't execute what we kind of turn the ball over and do yeah we turned the ball over we were careless But that I mean when you're playing for 1.5 million you're It shouldn't be that way Like you should give the same no matter what But I'm sure some dudes who maybe don't play that hard get start playing a little harder Definitely I remember obviously I

don't know if you guys seen but there was a clip of Trelly one of our players being like you guys want a million dollars and like that's a real statement man Like that is a lot of money obviously in the NIL age where like guys are making money now but like still it definitely so yeah a lot of Christmas shopping but I mean that that was an incredible game that we ended up winning Uh we kind of we get on these like little runs like these baby spurts and then they would just come right back and right back Yeah that ended up being a close game Daron Reed I mean and Jan what a performance at the end of the game It's good to see some guys I don't wanna say struggled Because I've seen what they've done in practice for sure maybe just They haven't had the games that they thought that they would have so far And and we all know they're super capable of it so then you see them achieve that you know that makes you super happy super happy and that's that's really what it's about You wanna see people achieving their their goals and their dreams and and the steps that it takes to help get you there and so to have guys like that I mean it hasn't been said but it kind of goes unsaid like Mo Modi I mean shoot the player of the tournament The 17 points in two games which is the blue collar is our metric for how hard you play and 70 blue collar in 2 games is unheard of and actually I've probably never done before So when you see guys who are really bought in who are doing the right things It the game has the honor that it has to redeem that eventually and it might not happen in the first game the 2nd 3 you know for some of the guys well I think that was their 7th game It took them 6 games to get going Once you know once you see a couple shots fall the lid comes off from the basket and I think that says a lot About like kind of our team too like we have so many good players like so many good players who could have like gone somewhere else and played more minutes scored more points probably made even more money but like for everybody here like in our program like to have like the the talent level and not even just the talent level but the guys who have already proven they can be Like you know productive in college and then all the freshmen that have come in who are super productive in high school and like come in and like all buy into like each other Like we we talked about this thing called Mudita I think they put that on the team last year Which is like basically being happy for other success and being happy no matter what so it comes from Coach Coach Murphy on the softball team so I've known him for like 3 years I didn't know him when I started out but I met him at uh like a shaved ice place one day in the middle of the summer when I was there We start talking I find out that he's a softball coach like we

just been talking ever since He's a really good mentor a really great leader and obviously he's one of the most winning coaches And not even just softball but like as of all the coaches at Alabama of all the coaches in the country like he's really really good at what he does his teams are always so good um And so that's kind of like the cornerstone that their program was built on and so he came and talked to us last year about just no matter what's going on for you can you be as happy for your teammate as you would be if it was you having some big moments and so I saw I've seen that a lot this season guys not having you know the game they want maybe they're at the end of the bench some other guys are playing and they're cheering really really hard for each other Like man like I mean talk about Modi I think Modi played Three-ish minutes in the Illinois game before heading into this tournament no but it's this is not even like I'm not surprised that no not at all He did it because he's that player It's really it's so competitive here It's really really hard to get on the court It's really hard to play Uh just the nature of there's NBA players on Alabama this year and There's you know really good college players and stuff like that So it's not you know your number may not be called every night but you always have to be ready always have to be Willing to give your your maximum effort even if it's only for 1 minute or 2 minutes you know if I get in for a minute at the end of the game and we're up 30 I still want to give my maximum effort because I don't want to let anybody down I don't wanna let my teammates and my coaches down by letting other teams score like 2 buckets in that time Like I I still want to do good and that's That's a big part of the program is is no matter what time and score is no matter what your role is like you better do your role you better contribute to the team You better care about each other That's like that's something that you can't say about every college teams there's there's been a lot of you know I've had there's been there's people everywhere but I think we got a really good group I think I got a great group who are bought in for each other Yeah kind of that moody the thing I remember when I was on my visit like I talked to Hanna about that and like I have a word tattooed on my arm that says agape And um What agape is it's a biblical term and it means like God's love like unconditional love So no matter what the condition is if you do me wrong or if you betray me like I still have love for you Like there's no condition that will make me not love you and Mudita kind of yeah same as Mudita exactly synonyms and when he and like Coach Oates and like uh Coach Pinone and Preston like we all talked about it And I was like yeah man that's like once I heard that I was like this is the place I want to be

because that like that's like everything That's what matters most to me But I think you know going back to like Modi I mean what a two performances like legacy type performances double double in both games I think the first game he had like 14 and 16 dude he's a People forget he he played in that really good conference in in New York of all those private schools and he was the player of the year and there's a lot of NBA players that have come out of that conference So he was he's a big time player in high school and obviously last year he had a little bit of a different role He's a younger player and we brought him in to play defense play really really hard and offensive rebound And he's definitely showing like wow that may be the cornerstone of his game right now He's he can put the ball on the on the ground He can get out in transition He's gonna make shrink threes He's you know he's gonna make that extra pass He's just trying to play the right way and play hard Coach Oates kind always he says like if your mindset's like about the right shit like Good things take care like the game takes care of you So if you're playing super hard and all you're worried about is like damn how can I help my team win You get you get lost in the game and that's so fast yeah because like all you're worried about is money And then like it's crazy once like people start to do that then like oh shoot I'm open for a shot let me just shoot this and then you're not thinking about the arena the environment you're you're just thinking about what's on the court you know Yeah and then we got to um so like obviously I'm not playing right now You I mean you've gotten in one I thought it was My teammates sold me a little bit I thought I was gonna get in a couple more but a couple of these hey some of the mid-major teams we played early on are pretty good They made a little comeback against us and I thought I thought we were gonna uh kind of widen the gap that we had to have but I don't I don't really get bothered because I I actually don't care how much I play or For how little I play because as long as we're winning I'm good with it but obviously like I would like our our margin of winning margin of victory to be more you know we win by more it means the team's really playing good but You know I think we've been winning We obviously lost the one at Purdue Which we figured out yeah that was one of the craziest environments that probably the craziest environment I've ever For like a single game not like tournament play That's gotta be one of the toughest place isn't though That was interesting They're just like Midwesterners So tomorrow we play Oregon um in like the players championship so that should be exciting I know we'll be definitely prepared we'll be locked in to go out there take care of business and win this game I

think we have like a lot of a lot of good team um it's been good A lot of guys' families have been out here so that's mostly what everybody's been doing in Vegas is just kind of hanging with their families um especially on like this downtime we get but obviously we have practice in around like an hour or two so that should be a lot of fun um but yeah Oregon's next gotta take care of business hopefully we get the chance I believe we'll get the chance to win this win this money um and win this tournament or event and everybody Everybody will be happy They've got a they've got a good team Yeah they have a really good team Oregon's always super consistent We played in my freshman year We end up losing by like 5 when they had like real Will Richardson and uh But they're always just they play super hard they're talented They have like a lot of size They play really good Yeah they always have real big like kind of funny like because we played we played them last year and they had a bunch of like 64 65 combo guards and then like real big dudes and like good point guards Nate Biddle was my teammate for AU for my last two years of AU yeah Well one of the years got canceled because of COVID but it's been good Sorry about that Wait what team did you play for West Coast Elite Under Armour circuit but then we uh but before that I was with the Oakland Soldiers when I was in the Bay Area Generational I know it's been a lot of fun Well I just wanna thank uh Studio Place again Um you know for providing this opportunity um I think it's great like it's a great place to express yourself and more importantly it's a great place to just sit down and have a conversation with the people you love and just learn about people Um so I appreciate you Max Max Scharnowski everybody for coming on the podcast and I appreciate you guys for having me on Next time uh catch hanging with Huey