**David Jones-** **Memphis Tigers - 6 feet 4 inches-210 pounds- 22 years old- Senior**

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**The source was asked what is the most transferable skillset for David Jones?** The source responded that the most transferable skillset for Jones is definitely his scoring. He is a great scorer when he is going to his left. He makes tough shots. His game should be able to translate to the point he is able to come off screens and catch and shoot but they didn’t put him in too many of those situations. The source thinks Jones would thrive in that. He will be very good when it comes to coming off screens. In Memphis they didn’t really put him in that many situations where he was flying off and coming off floopy screens and that stuff but he is a good shooter. The source thinks Jones will be able to move to that point where movement shooting might be in his forte. The source likes that Jones is a very confident shooter to the point where he can take and make tough shots. He has made more tough shots than he has made open shots. The source feels like if Jones gets the reps in and he gets those open threes then he will be able to knock those down because he is moving. He definitely moves off-ball and can score at a high level against a lot of different kinds of defenders. The type of defenders he finds most success against when scoring is definitely a smaller wing. He can post those guys up and really get to the basket on them more. If he has a bigger wing on him he can dribble to the point where he can kind of create some space and get his shots off. If it is a big athletic defender kind of guy he might struggle a little bit but the source would definitely look for Jones on smaller wings and guys that are a little more slow footed. He is absolutely their go to scorer for their team. He was their main option.

**The source was asked how Jones was being defended at the college level compared to how he will be defended on the NBA level?** The source responded that at the college level Jones was the main point of the defense so he was being defended very heavily. They were making sure he was just out of the game being denied. You don’t want him to get the ball. In the NBA the source feels like Jones would be more so of a role playing guy. He is going to kind of have the same game a bit. He is going to be a second round pick so obviously nobody is going to build their team around him. He is not going to be high on the scouting report but teams are definitely going to respect his shot and they are going to box him out because he is also a great rebounder as well. He is going to be boxed-out and is going to have to be known. Teams are going to be aware of him at all times on the court for sure. They were definitely sending a lot of doubles at him. The way he would handle this is he is a little shaky ball-handling wise and his vison making so he had a problem trusting teammates this year. When it comes to like handling double teams and they send 2 at him he is sometimes going to try to force that shot for sure so he needs to do better trusting his teammates, playing out of those situations, getting the open guy, and trusting those around him. The source believes that when Jones is in the NBA he should be able to do that.

**The source was asked about his thoughts about Jones’s aggressiveness during games?** The source responded that Jones is very aggressive. He is giving you all 40 minutes. He is trying to win every game so he is playing fiery. He is spotting up, hustling, and doing everything he need to do to win for sure. He is also very good at creating off deflections and loose ball opportunities to get out and run in transition. He creates offense from his defense somewhat because the source doesn’t think Jones is the best on-ball defender but he is definitely a disrupter. When Jones is at his most aggressive version he reminds the source a lot of Jaylen Brown in college. It is a simple way to put it but if you know how Brown played he is trying to score balls to the wall. He is trying to do everything he can for the team to win. Jones was an efficient scorer this year. The few seasons before them he wasn’t as efficient but the source believes those teams weren’t as good as well so he kind of had some better options around him. The season he had with them would be his most efficient season. The skills that he shows his aggressiveness in are attacking the rim, shooting off the ball, rebounding, and getting in the passing lanes. It is these kinds of things where he thrives the most. He is a well-rounded player when he is aggressive. The source would consider Jones a very well-rounded player. The source would say Jones is over aggressive. It is manageable. The source wouldn’t like Jones to be a little less aggressive. He is at his best when he is over aggressive. The source wants Jones playing 100 percent like as aggressive as possible. That is when he is at his best. He is the kind of guy like if he is mad you are going to see. He is going to make you feel it.

**The source was asked how he feels about Jones’s ability to perform under pressure and in big moments?** The source responded that Jones has the ability. He hit a lot of big shots for them this year for sure. They called on his name a little too much and he showed. When they call on his name a little too much the pressure didn’t get to him. He wants that shot. He for sure wants the shot and he trusts in himself to make the shot. The ways he makes his impact late in games is definitely scoring. He can crash on the glass when other guys aren’t crashing. He basically is just being a pest on defense. He is not always going to stop his man but he is definitely impacting in some way. There are some games where he had 6 plus steals so he makes himself known on the court. He is picking up guards from the backcourt and applying resistance making it hard for guards to bring the ball up because their playing style was that they were pressing teams. He is definitely picking up guards from the backcourt. They sent him deep front of the line for sure. Guards had difficulty bringing the ball up when he did that. He used his length and athleticism to definitely force some turnovers when they were in their press.

**The source was asked how he feels about** **Jones’s physicality and if he’s ready to play at the next level?** The source responded that yes Jones is very physical. The source does believe Jones is ready to play at the next level. He can body up with some of the good defenders. He is strong enough to do it without knocking him off his spot. The source would compare Jones’s to like a smaller Dillon Brooks in a sense. He is like 6 feet 6 inches and maybe like 210 to 215 pounds. He is definitely strong. He is not skinny. He is not a tank but he is definitely not skinny. There are no adjustments the source would like to see Jones make to his body. He is a pretty big 2 guard. If he was to move up to the 3 he could probably get a little stronger but if he is playing the 2 the source thinks Jones has the right size for it. He should just keep doing what he is doing when it comes to his body. He can keep that same body for sure. He can stay working and get stronger because obviously everybody is going to need to get stronger.

**The source was asked what are** **Jones’s motives to play the game at the next level?** The source responded that Jones’s motives to play at the next level is that he wants to provide for his family because he is from the Dominican Republic. He lost his dad so he kind of came from some hard times out there. It seems like he really has the mindset to go out there. He wants to be the best, he wants to win, and he wants to just do what he needs to do for his family and himself. Jones seems like a very big family guy when the source has been around him. After games he is always on facetime with his people and checking in with his guy. His family isn’t with him and are in the Dominican Republic. The source remembers where they had 1 game where they flew Jones’s sister out to come see him for senior night. The source doesn’t know if they are all with Jones or not.

**The source was asked what kind of teammate Jones is?** The source respondedthat Jones is a good teammate. He is a fun guy. Sometimes if he is not performing as well he can get in his own head a bit but the source does believe Jones is a good teammate. He is trying to hype guys up a bit. He is not really down on anybody. He is not going to make you hear it. He is more of a doer than a talker. Teammates like that Jones is more of a doer than a talker. This helps elevate them as well with their mindset in a sense because they can trust him to do what he needs to do on the court. As the source said earlier Jones needs to do a better job trusting his teammates and not being afraid to pass to the open man when they are so wide open. This was his game and what he was called to do at their school. The source is hopeful this is something that Jones will change. The thing with him was he was hitting tough contested shots all year so it got to the point where he would take the shot but they knew it was going in. This is just what he was doing. It might have been light frustration in the beginning among teammates. When he got to show who he was, that he can actually make those shots, and he is winning games for them the frustration definitely calmed. The type of interactions that Jones has with his teammates are definitely just fun goofy stuff. He is always playing around. He is a fun loving guy. He is always joking around when he is cracking jokes and things of that sorts. He is a good dude. Jones is a leader. He is a lead by example kind of guy. The ways that he leads by example are that if you ask him to go out there and play 34 to 40 minutes he is going to do it and he is going to do it to the best of his ability. He plays hard and then that leads to his teammates playing harder which shifts momentum. He definitely has a energy about himself when he plays that can shift the momentum and make teammates get up, do more on the court, make them want to play harder, and clamp up more on defense. He is very good at it. He is very infectious. The Athletic Director at Memphis loves him for sure and they want him back.

**The source was asked how is** **Jones’s ego and if he is coachable?** The source responded that Jones is coachable. He does have a slight ego which a lot of guys do. If things aren’t going his way he is going to pout a little bit but he is coachable. You can tell he is coachable. He has improved a lot under coach Penny Hardaway. You can kind of see where he took the thing that coaches gave him and got better. The way Jones responds to criticism from the coaching staff is 50-50. It depends on the day with him. He is inconsistent with it. Some days he takes it and works with it and some days he doesn’t work on what they say. This is the best way to put it. He is not going to leave the gym or anything but he is definitely going to put his head down and sometimes he might not look at the coach. It is a little ugly characteristic that should be worked on for sure. He is not a nuisance. It is not like is not shutting down practice or anything. The way he would go about improving this characteristic is more so the position that he is in. If he is fighting for a roster spot then you have no choice but to listen and do what you have to do to better yourself and get yourself in the right place. It is more experiences than winning. You have to go through that. The source doesn’t know if Jones had a lot of winning experiences and a lot of situations where he wasn’t that best guy. He is capable of fixing it. The source isn’t concerned about it at all because he does believe Jones is a very good person. He treats everybody well around the gym so the source isn’t too worried about this.

**The source was asked how is Jones’s work ethics and if he does more than what is required?** The source responded that Jones has a great work ethic. He is working out at the gym and he is getting in before the gym getting shots up. The source believes this is a great work ethic. Even before games he will get shots 2 to 3 hours before the game. He has a good work ethic. The skills that he is working on in these workouts when he is doing extra work are definitely getting to his spots, getting open shots, shot creation, and things of this sorts. They work on his playmaking in practice and it is highly encouraged for sure. They encourage him to playmake and they want him to pass the ball. He is more of a willing passer when they talk to him. If you let him know he is willing to pass it. If you are letting him know and you are in his ear telling him to pass the ball he will pass the ball. This shows the source that Jones can improve and take that criticism. When he is doing these workouts and getting extra work in he is medium to high intensity. He is a gamer. He likes to get into the game more than the practice for sure.

**The source was asked what is Jones’s level of basketball IQ and if he can carry over the scouting report to the court?** The source responded that he would give Jones about a 6 or 7. He can carry over the scouting report for sure. Sometimes on defense he gambles. This is his problem. He likes to gamble so him being a gambler makes him a disrupter as well. He is not going to throw them off and go do something completely different. This can lead to them having defensive breakdown when he gambles too much. These gambles can lead to defensive breakdowns because he is trying to get out and run. There is no frustration with this. There is more frustration in his own ball movement than staying in front of his man. The source doesn’t know if you can be frustrated too much because that is just who Jones is and it does work. It doesn’t completely break the defense but every now and then there would be some. An improvement area and aspect with the game plan that Jones needs to improve on is that it is more so he needs to trust the game plan a little more. He is good. He is able to execute, do what he needs to do, and follow it but a lot of his problems is not putting enough faith in everyone else than more so himself. The ways that Jones shows his basketball IQ are that he knows how to get to his spots very well on the court so offensively he likes to pump fake, head fake, keep his man on his toes, and attacking his man when they are biting on his moves. The scouting reports at Memphis are pretty medium in terms of being detailed and complex. They are good. They are easy to follow in the source’s opinion. They are medium but not too complex.

**The source was asked how Jones responds to in game adjustments?** The source responded that Jones seems to respond pretty well to in game adjustments because his game is so predicated on the way he gets his shot but he is going to get those shots regardless so it doesn’t really affect him too much. He can definitely be liable to turn the ball over which can force him into a lot of thinking situations. The source would probably rate it at like a 6.3 to 6.8. It is somewhere around there. The type of in game adjustments that Jones had to respond to are doubles, ball pressure, and trying to deny him the ball. It is things of that sorts. The changes to his game that he would make when other teams were doing this to him are that he would need some more work on his off-ball movement for sure. Sometimes he can get in ball watching and kind of watch other guys do things with the ball. The source thinks that is where Jones needs a lot of improvement as well. He started to get better at flash cuts, running to the basket, and things of this sorts. The source believes that this is where Jones needs to work out his game. He needs to not get too caught up in just watching other guys. This is why the source said he believes Jones needs to become more of a movement shooter and come off screens. He is good at coming around screens. He is fluid and quickly getting around them and getting to his spot. He is good at it. They just didn’t need that out of him because of their roster construction. It is more of like he has the ability but the way the team is constructed he doesn’t get to show it as much in terms of this area of his game.

**The source was asked what will be one reason Jones will be successful and one reason he will not be successful at the next level?** The source responded that one reason Jones will be successful at the next level is the fact that he can just flat out score. He was one of the best scorers in the nation. The source knows Jones is going to do everything. He is going to put the ball in the basket and the source knows that is what the NBA needs more than anything which is somebody who can just put the ball in the basket. Jones being a bench player compared to him reaching starter level depends on the situation and who the wings and the guards are in front of him. He is more of a bench scorer. He can definitely get to the point where he is a sixth man for sure. He is a microwave kind of guy. He can get hot. The source views Jones as more of a spark off the bench. The source would prefer Jones to be that. The source believes if Jones doesn’t get out of his ways where he has his head down because he is not succeeding or if he can’t get his on-ball defense better and staying in front of someone then that is where he will be having a problem. He is more of an off-ball defender getting steals and deflections and then getting out in transition creating offense from his defense. He is exactly this. The source thinks Jones can be an effective role player despite his off-ball movement needing improvement and him getting stagnant sometimes. He can be an effective role player with the right coach and the right team because to the source Jones is not going to have any choice so the source thinks Jones will be able to do it. It is just about buying in.

**The source was asked if Jones ever failed a drug test?** The source responded that no Jones has never failed a drug test that he knows of.

**The source was asked if there are any personal and social red flags for Jones?** The source responded that there are no personal and social red flags for Jones. He treats everybody good. He treated the source well, he treated the managers well, and even bus drivers. It is anybody. He was a cool guy. He doesn’t have that ego when it comes to treating people well. He doesn’t at all.

**The source was asked how is Jones’s competitive level in practice and does he push others?** The source responded that if it is getting competitive Jones is going to be the most competitive guy in the gym. This is when he is going to start talking. You are going to hear him and he is going to make you work. He is trying to kick everybody’s as\*. If it is a competitive five in the gym then he is going to be a competitive guy. If they are kind of doing some light workouts kind of thing he is not going to be too loud. The ways that Jones shows his competitiveness in practice are just being relentless, attacking defenders, getting his shot, and getting all up into a guy’s grill as they are talking. It is things of this sort. He is letting them know that he is there basically. You want to know he is there. This absolutely raises the competitive level of practice. Guys are going to go back at him and he is going to respond coming right back at them. He is not going to let up. He is not going to fold. He wants to agitate you in a sense.

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