

Zach Edey- Purdue Boilermakers- 7 feet 4 inches-295 pounds- 21 years old- Junior

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Source: Shawn Swords- U19 Team Canada Men's Basketball Coach

The source was asked what is the most transferable skillset for Zach Edey? The source responded that the most transferable skillset for Edey is his rebounding. His mobility is not great so it is a bit of an issue, but his size, once you get into a half-court scenario, his rebounding on both ends of the floor is something that should help him. He has touch and great hands as a big man and does a good job inside. He is improving and getting better and better. The source thinks Edey's issue and what teams are going to try and figure out is how he will cover a pick and roll and if he will be mobile enough to go into drop coverage. They will keep the guard in front of him or at least not allow his man to flip behind him and force tough shots. This is the major issue that will happen.

The source was asked how Mitchell was being defended at the international level compared to how he will be defended on the NBA level? The source responded that when they had Edey it was U19, so most teams didn't have anyone even close to his size and nobody in the world almost does. When defending him, they were trying to front him. A lot of times you can't really push him out because he is big and strong too, so they were trying to front him. The United States tried to push him out and make him catch it further outside the key and get into his body, not letting him get down the floor. In the NBA, the source thinks teams will play Edey straight up. They will try and push him outside the key, make him catch it further out, and then see what he can do facing up to the basket.

The source was asked about his thoughts about Edey's aggressiveness during games? The source responded that Edey's aggressiveness has improved a ton. The source always thought that Edey was fairly aggressive. The source had Edey years ago now and thought that Edey was pretty aggressive then but watching him at Purdue Edey is getting more and more aggressive. The source doesn't think this will be a factor. He shows his aggressiveness by just trying to get contact. As a big guy a lot of times you want bigs to not shy away from contact inside and want them to be looking for contact. This is something he does very well. He looks to try and create the contact not absorb it. He is the one trying to set the tone with that, so the source thinks Edey did that a lot of times. On post ups, he tries to find bodies. When he is trying to set screens and roll, he is trying to find a body to hit. It is a lot of situations like that in which he shows his aggressiveness. The source thinks Edey's aggressiveness is good if anything it would be more over aggressive than under aggressive. The source believes this is a good thing.

The source was asked how he feels about Edey's ability to perform under pressure and in big moments? The source responded that at a young age Edey did a

good job of it. Some could say at Purdue maybe he slowed a little bit because they didn't do well in the tournament this year, but the source doesn't think Edey shies away from the moment. The source doesn't think the moment affects Edey at all. He just plays his game no matter what the scenario is. He doesn't shy away from any moment. He plays the game. It doesn't matter if it is the first game of the year or the last game of the year he is just going to step up and play.

The source was asked how he feels about Edey's physicality and if he's ready to play at the next level? The source responded that Edey's physicality is fine. His physicality will be easy to handle at the next level. The source wouldn't like to see any adjustments made to Edey's body. He made some great in roads this year, but he just needs to keep working on his foot speed. If he can do that, he can have a good career.

The source was asked what are Edey's motives to play the game at the next level? The source responded that he doesn't know Edey's motives to play at the next level. He hasn't been around Edey long enough to know that. He only worked with Edey a couple of weeks with the national team.

The source was asked what kind of teammate Edey is? The source responded that Edey is a good teammate. He is a very good teammate. He works hard and wants his teammates to work hard and tries to encourage them to do well. He is a lead by example type of leader. Teammates respond well when Edey is leading by example. They love playing with him. He makes others better and allows teammates to elevate their play. Once they realize how good Edey is he does for sure. The way he dominates inside opens the floor up for other players.

The source was asked how is Edey's ego and if he is coachable? The source responded that he doesn't think Edey has an ego. He plays hard, wants to work on his game, wants to improve, wants to be a good player, and is a good teammate so he just plays the game the right way. When he gets criticism from the coaching staff, he takes it in and tries to do whatever he needs to do. He doesn't want to prove coaches wrong, but he just wants to play the game and if you can help him, he will take the input.

The source was asked how is Edey's work ethics and if he does more than what is required? The source responded that Edey definitely does more than what is required. He puts the time in and wants to get in the gym and get his stuff in. If there is more to do, then there is more to do but he is definitely a hard worker.

The source was asked what is Edey's level of basketball IQ and if he can carry over the scouting report to the court? The source responded that Edey is a high IQ player, and he can definitely do this. He will watch the video and pick up on all that stuff easily. The scouting reports for Team Canada are very complex and detailed.

The source was asked how Edey responds to in game adjustments? The source responded that Edey responds fine to in game adjustments. He is good at adjusting. The type of in game adjustments he had to respond to with team Canada depended on

what defense they were going to change to or on offense, what was working and what wasn't working. It was going from man to zone defense and he did well with this.

The source was asked what will be one reason Edey will be successful and one reason he will not be successful at the next level? The source responded that Edey's work ethic is the reason why he would be successful. A struggle would be potentially his footspeed. The source thinks Edey has the potential to improve his footspeed because, from what he saw in the combine Edey's footspeed is a lot better than what he did previously. They didn't have access to improving Edey's footspeed. They don't have much of a training camp. He basically came in and they had one practice and then played games with him. They aren't working on development at that point, and they are working on winning.

The source was asked if Edey ever failed a drug test? The source responded that they typically do drug test at team Canada but doesn't know if Edey did or not fail the drug test.

The source was asked if there are any personal and social red flags for Edey? The source responded that there are no personal and social red flags for Edey.

The source was asked how is Edey's competitive level in practice and does he push others? The source responded that Edey is very competitive in practice. He is really competitive, wants to win, has intensity, and is trying to bring his teammates with him. He tries to push harder.