

Zaccharie Risacher- JL Bourg - 6 feet 8 inches-204 pounds- 18 years old - Professional

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The source was asked what is the most transferable skillset for Zaccharie

Risacher? The source responded that the most transferable skillset for Risacher is first it has got to be his shot. The source will say Risacher's shot because he can already shoot from deep range with a good percentage. He is really good on catch and shoot threes and doesn't hesitate on them. Another thing is probably his catch and go. He is really good on 1 or 2 dribbles, catching the ball, and driving to the basket, especially in the NBA, because it will be less than in Europe. The source is sure Risacher can be that type of guy who doesn't dribble too much, but whenever he gets the ball, then something happens. The source attributed Risacher's lack of off-ball movement to more of the game that they play in Europe, which is less moving without the ball and player development that they have there. It is more focused on skills with the ball, and then he just needs time to improve and play with much better players who will have the ball in their hands more, so he has to find ways to shine with them having the ball and him less having the ball. The source spent 2 years with Risacher, and from what the source noticed, Risacher cutting and moving along the three-point line is not one of his natural strengths. He is not willing to cut to the rim. He is more around the three-point line, and whenever he gets the ball, then he creates something. Just like any other skills, how it works with basketball players if he is not willing to do something then it is going to take more time. He has always tried to get better with the ball because he feels like he can do so much more playing pick and rolls and stuff like that, so he always works on this. He doesn't really work on cutting to the basket. It is not like the player development skills that he works on during the summer, for example. He won't shine with this so the source guesses it will come with the time when Risacher gets to the NBA.

The source was asked how Risacher was being defended at the international level compared to how he will be defended on the NBA level?

The source responded that he is unsure how they will defend Risacher at the NBA level. What the source can tell us is that in Europe now, they don't want to let Risacher shoot, for example. They know he doesn't go too much for the offensive rebound. They don't want to let him run or shoot because whenever he catches defensive rebounds, he is really good at putting two to three dribbles on the floor and running the court. He is a good runner, so they don't want him to get speed, and they don't want to leave him open, but now he has gotten better on the one dribble pull-up. You can't just say run him off the line, and we will see. You have to consider it because he also became a good closeout player. He became really good at this. With one or two dribbles, he can really create something now to score, and when the help comes, it gets harder for him to read the help in Europe, but since it is less help in the NBA, the source thinks Risacher will be fine.

When defenders closeout on him he knows how to shield off defenders and get his floater up against smaller players.

The source was asked about his thoughts about Risacher's aggressiveness during games? The source responded that he thinks Risacher has improved a lot in the past couple of months. He was way too soft in the source's opinion last year still, but last year he was going to school, and that is something we have to consider as well. He was going to school; he had many things to deal with, like managing, he went to the Next Generation Tournament, and things like this, so it was hard for him to really feel like a pro and get involved 100 percent in everything they were trying to involve him in. Now he is a professional player 100 percent, so he works a lot. The source feels like Risacher is way tougher defensively and offensively. Of course, he has room to improve still, but he did also do a good step moving from ASVEL to JL Bourg, which is like leaving the house to live by himself almost, so it helped him a lot. The ways they viewed him as soft and the areas they would like him to improve in are defensively, like whenever somebody drove to the rim and he was in front of him, he would be too nice. He didn't want to hit anybody. When it came to contact, he didn't like contact too much. This year, he is doing much better on contact. Anytime they would ask him in Europe, they would tag a lot and want to close the paint. He was not too comfortable doing this. This year, he's doing it better. Offensively, if he decided last year to attack the basket, be aggressive, and you stopped him, it was done. He would take a step backward and pass the ball back to somebody. Now, if he gets hit, he is trying to put that extra dribble to go by you in the same direction or changing directions, but he doesn't just stop because of the contact, which is a lot different than what he did last year. Right now he is middle in terms of his aggressiveness. He was under aggressive last year. The source thinks now Risacher improved so much than 3 to 4 months. He is still improving. Playing EuroCup helps a lot, obviously, because it is a higher level, and he gets minutes. This is the thing. He gets real minutes, not like last year. The source thinks Risacher can still do better, but he is average right now. He is middle aggressive.

The source was asked how he feels about Risacher's ability to perform under pressure and in big moments? The source responded that if you watch the last 5 to 7 games, Risacher has shown much better abilities to shine in clutch moments. Last year, he was different also because he was younger, but now he has made big shots lately, so of course, he still has room to improve, but he surprises the source. His role in big moments and the way he can make an impact late in games is that right now it is more about making open shots on spot up catch and shoot but not only by himself. It can be contested shots, but still, he can make big shots even contested. The source now wouldn't say that Risacher is able to get the ball and make a decision or create a play. The source wouldn't say that and that is not Risacher but maybe next year or by the end of this year maybe he will get opportunities to try and then this is when we will have the ideas of can he do it or not.

The source was asked how he feels about Risacher's physicality and if he's ready to play at the next level? The source responded that Risacher is for sure ready to play at the next level. The source would say right now, Risacher is like Bilal Coulibaly, who

just got drafted and is playing really well right now. They are not like big but they are solid. They can resist contact and can really jump. Risacher can really jump. He is just like his father, who was a famous basketball player. He can really run the floor, jump, finish the fastbreak in transition, finish with the foul now and contact, and can really drive to the rim. Honestly, the source thinks Risacher is ready now. He made a big step forward from last year to this year, and it is not over since they have 6 months of the season left. The adjustments the source would like to see Risacher make to his body is moving sideways, like lateral steps on defense. Maybe he can do a little better. He is too upright and not in a defensive stance. He is tall and upright, so players can blow by him. He is good overall. He really has tall legs so it is hard for him. He is opening up with one foot either the left one or the right one so of course good players they attack him. They attack his foot. He is still adjusting. He is doing much better than he did last year, but the source thinks this is the main thing that he would tell Risacher to work on. The source also thinks it will come with time because right now, he gets beat, and he kind of knows that he is getting beat, and he wants to block the player. He wants to catch him at the rim but it is not going to be enough in the NBA. If you get beat those guys they are too quick and you probably will never see them again. He made a big step forward this year. Last year, he wasn't ready. All the scouts that came to the gym said he's too soft and that he will not make it to the NBA. He will not be a good NBA player, but now he's so well educated who is such a nice person that when things go right for him, just like this year with the JL Bourg, he gets more confident and everything becomes easier. Now the source thinks Risacher adapted well to this and he can resist more to any adversity like contact and fouls. He doesn't stop playing like he used to. He was that shy young guy that you are scared to give minutes, and he is not the same. He is a real pro now. You are not scared. You put him on the court, and you just watch him. Of course, he is going to make mistakes, but he needs to so he can learn. It is obvious, and all the young players need that. The source thinks we will be surprised to see Risacher improve still even more within the next couple of years.

The source was asked what kind of teammate Risacher is? The source responded that he would tell us from last year, but it probably changed because last year, Risacher was the shy young fellow on the team. The source instead opted to speak of what kind of human being Risacher is. As a human being, he is so nice. He has a great education. He is not super smart like in school. He wasn't doing great, but he is smart enough to be nice with people and stay away from the bad intentions of people. He is well followed by his parents. They are still by his side and helping him a lot to make decisions. He doesn't have too many friends but he has real friends so he is connected to like the real world. He is not one of those kids that you can doubt that they are going stay healthy and mentally healthy when they make it to the league and they get more and more money. He is not like Victor Wembanyama, but the same type. He comes from a good family and good parents. He is smart enough to roll and get a little of money but still work to improve because he likes basketball. He doesn't want to shine. He just wants to be happy and improve, which is how he will shine. He is never going to be Wembanyama, but he is the same type, the source would say. Last year, the interactions with his teammates were like if somebody yells at him or whenever

somebody yells at him or says something but not in a polite way or correct way, then you would lose him. They would lose him because he's a quiet kid, and instead of just starting to argue with somebody, he would just leave or stop talking and then go home. When he gets home, he probably talks to his parents, and then his parents would come back to them saying there is a problem. He was just 17 last year so we have to take that also into consideration. Now, of course, he is growing and making his own decisions, so this is just from last year, from what the source knows. The source doesn't view Risacher as a leader. It is not natural. The source believes that Risacher will never be a vocal leader because he is a quiet kid, and the source doesn't think Risacher is going to lead by example. If you are talking about just coming 2 hours before practice, leaving 1 hour after, and having the right behavior, the source thinks that Risacher will not be a leader by example but he can lead in a different way, like being the nice guy just trying to help his teammates like whenever somebody needs something or being the guy who can just listen which is important also especially now all those guys want to talk so much, want to be right, and want to be the man. He can just be the quiet guy of the locker room, listen to any problems that one of his teammates has, and maybe react and help. He can be that guy. Otherwise, on the court, the source doesn't see Risacher as a leader. He will still communicate even though he is shy. He will give you short answers and like the shortest answers possible. If you ask him something like how it was in the Next Generation Tournament and he would just say it was good, then you have to ask what happened, and then he responded they finished third. It was hard for the source. The source is almost 40, and he was 17, you are part of the coaching staff, and it might be different if you ask one of his teammates. Maybe he will tell you something different, but with the coaching staff, he was still a young guy, so he was always a little shy and quiet.

The source was asked how is Risacher's ego and if he is coachable? The source responded that Risacher is super coachable compared to all these kids that they see right now. Even in Europe, they want everything right now, like right away. They want to have everything without working. The source thinks Risacher is super coachable if you keep it real with him and tell him that we are trying to reach that point and right now you are like in between and this is what you need to work on but don't worry it is going to come. If you keep it real with him you can take him with you anywhere as a coach. Responding to criticism from the coaching was one point where he was a little weak last year. If you yell at him or tell him something and you are stressed out or for any reason it doesn't come out the right way, then you can lose him. He would just lose confidence. Once again, this was last year, so the source thinks Risacher did a better job this year because the source sees Risacher sometimes taking bad shots, for example and then his coach tells him something and yell then next play, Risacher would shoot another jumper, which to the source is a sign that right now Risacher is not any more stressed by any criticism. The source believes you need the ego, and Risacher has just enough. He might not have enough if we are talking about going to the league and shining. He has a little ego, but he is so well educated that you don't really see it. It is not at all a detriment to the team.

The source was asked how is Risacher's work ethics and if he does more than what is required? The source responded that last year, Risacher didn't really do more than what was required. Whenever they asked him to come and they had practice at 11, they would tell him to come at like 9:45 he would get there at 9:44. If you tell him to come at 8:00, he would come at 8:00. He is very respectful of the organization and whoever asked him to come earlier but it doesn't come from him. They would be there at the gym early because his parents would have to drive him early because they had something to do after. He would just stay in the gym and take a couple of free throws, but he would not just work by himself. There are those players that you can see that have a fire inside them where they have to work, and they have to go hard because they know why they do it. Maybe they are struggling, maybe they lost one parent, or maybe they have to get money so their family can survive. He is not that kid. He always grew up in a good situation. He has a nice family, good enough money, and always enough food on his plate, so he is not hungry really. He does it. If you ask him to come 2 hours before, he will come 2 hours before, and if you ask him to stay after, then fine, he will stay after, but he is more respectful than really driven by his own project. The source would, of course, like to see Risacher improve on that and become more willing to get the work in by himself. According to the source, these are things that you cannot control. You cannot change somebody. You can maybe show Risacher an example or try to create that desire to give more, but you cannot force nobody to give more. It is like something so personal. Of course he will make a huge step if he finds that fire inside himself but right now the source doesn't know where Risacher is at. This is also from last year, according to what the source knows about Risacher. Maybe this year he improved also on this but the source is not sure because he moved somebody with him that was with them at ASVEL and he signed for JL Bourg just to work with him as a player development. He is like Risacher's personal coach, so the source is still sure that Risacher is still following that flow of having somebody tell him what and when to do it. The source doesn't know if this is going to change. This isn't a concern for the source because the source thinks it is pretty much the same everywhere in the league now. They will have many people that you can work with, and also, all of the players nowadays have a player development and their own guys like physiotherapists. As long as he has good people on his side and they tell him what to do and when, he will be okay. It might just be a concern if he wants to reach that all-star level maybe but we are not there yet, so the source cannot say it is a concern. The source thinks Risacher needs at least for maybe his first 2 years, and for sure, his first year, he needs that support because he needs to feel loved and carried. He is not tough enough to do things by himself, especially in a world where people need basketball to live and survive. The NBA is not just like Europe, where you can grow up in the same team, be the man, and everybody likes you, and you know everybody. The NBA is not the same. It becomes a real business. When you get there, those guys need that job, and they will kill you to get it. They want to step on you, so the source is sure Risacher is going to need to be carried and helped at least the first year, and then maybe in the next couple of years, he can figure out a way with the help of the organization to do things by himself and be his own leader.

The source was asked what is Risacher's level of basketball IQ and if he can carry over the scouting report to the court? The source responded that this is a tough question for him because he feels like the players now a days they want to have fun and they are less and less concerned about the scouting reports. This is what the source sees even in Europe. The source thinks Risacher is concerned with the scouting report, but he forgets a lot. Last year, he used to forget a lot, but you also have to keep in mind that one more time, he was going to school, and he had millions of information to keep in mind. Whenever he leaves school, it is different in France because it is not school and basketball. It is like two separate things. He would go to school from 8 to 11 or 8 to 12 and then practice and then go back to school from 3 to 5, then practice again and then watch video, so maybe it was too much for him. The source doesn't know about this year, but last year Risacher would forget a lot of information like as simple as this guy is a lefty and he is so good driving left we want to keep him right as much as possible. Next thing you know, he gets on the court, and first play, this guy drives left. The scouting reports at ASVEL are medium in terms of detail and complexity. Last year, it was a little more precise. For Europe, the source would say medium, but he doesn't know about the NBA. It is not that simple, but they kept it simple with Risacher though because sometimes he would miss video since he had to go to school. They would just show him or tell him a couple of things like those guys the wings you are going to guard this, this, and this guy, so this one keep in mind he is a lefty, and this one make him a driver because he is a sniper. This is simple information for the source, so they kept it simple for Risacher. The improvements the source would like Risacher to make with the scouting report is being more focused. It is just as simple as this. He needs to be more focused and interested in who he is guarding like who he is going to play and what he does good and bad. It is maybe more love of the game because, to the source, it all starts from this. If you love the game, then you will want to watch more, and if you watch more, then you learn more. It is just like what was mentioned earlier about him coming on time, and whenever you tell him to come at 10, he will come at 10 or he will show up at 9:59. It is the same thing like if you show him a scouting report and just watch the scouting report once then, of course, he is going to forget one or two things, but if he loves the game enough to watch a lot of games then the scouting report is more like quick feedback from the coaching staff, but he already knows pretty much everything.

The source was asked how Risacher responds to in game adjustments? The source responded that Risacher is usually average with in game adjustments. You have to keep in mind that last year he was just 17 so imagine if you forget sometimes the scouting reports then in game adjustments will be hard. Sometimes, he didn't even have time. When you are young in France, and you make mistakes, then sometimes they take you out at the EuroLeague level, so you don't even have time to adjust. The source would say just because Risacher is not stupid, he tries. Last year he didn't have the chance and leeway to learn from his mistakes. He did, but not enough and, just a couple of times during the season. This year, he can really learn from his mistakes, and he is doing it well. The source has to give Risacher this. He knows he is going to play, so he has the best support of the team, the whole organization, and the coaching staff.

He makes mistakes and then he adapts, adjusts, and he gets better. This is what the source sees from the last 3 or 4 months.

The source was asked what will be one reason Risacher will be successful and one reason he will not be successful at the next level? The source responded that one reason Risacher will be successful at the next level is that he has a great family and environment by his side, so if he keeps it, like if his mom moves with him and if they stay around him, he will probably be successful. It can also be the reason why he won't be successful because the source is sure that at some point, Risacher will need to grow by himself, face tough situations, and handle them by himself. The source is sure about this, and right now, the source feels like Risacher is not completely able to. He never faced real problems like life problems, and he never struggled. Everything was quite easy for him. He went to the French national team, grew up in Lyon, and didn't have to move from his house. This year, he made a step because he left Lyon, but Bourg is just 50 minutes away from Lyon, which is nothing compared to the U.S. The day he moves to the States, if he moves by himself and he faces, let's say, a situation where he is not playing because it happens when you are a rookie and he plays once in a while or you send him to the G League. The G League would be so tough for him because in the G League you have to get the ball and create. You have to get your own stuff, and the source doesn't think Risacher can do it. He has to be in a good environment so he can grow. The source would tell us the same reason why Risacher could succeed and why maybe he can't succeed. It depends on what life gives him next year. The cultural issue won't be an issue for him. As long as he doesn't live this by himself, then it is going to be fine. He is not a curious kid. The source is sure Risacher could go to the States and spend 3 months just being home and going to practice without visiting anything and without being curious. He is this type of kid.

The source was asked if Risacher ever failed a drug test? The source responded that Risacher has never failed a drug test. The source doesn't even think Risacher drinks. He is really well educated.

The source was asked if there are any personal and social red flags for Risacher? The source responded that there are no personal and social red flags for Risacher that he knows about.

The source was asked how is Risacher's competitive level in practice and does he push others? The source responded that in practice, Risacher doesn't push others, but he works hard. He wants to win. He works hard, and the source has to give him that. He wants to win even in practice. He wants to be competitive. The source gives him this. He is more of a follower than a leader, but like if somebody tells him before practice, like the source said before, Risacher is so respectful that even a member of the coaching staff tells him today we are going to have like 60 percent since it is practice, but you have to go 100 percent that is what we expect from you, do your thing, go hard, play defense as much as you can then he will do it. He will follow, but he will follow somebody else's work. He will not follow the group, but whoever told him what to do, he will do it. The way he shows his competitiveness in practice is just being

aggressive. The source has examples in mind where they have this guy Nando de Colo, who is a famous guy in Europe, one of the top guards in Europe ever who played a little bit for the San Antonio Spurs and Toronto Raptors, and he would tell Risacher to stop fouling him for example. Risacher would just keep playing the same defense. He could have just shut down because such a star told him before to stop playing defense like this so aggressively, but he would just keep going. He kept going last year, and any time he would play defense, he acted like nobody said anything to him. To the source, this is competitiveness, like you focus on the right thing and keep going. You are on your own path and don't care what others think. It didn't rub teammates the wrong way. It never did.