

Zaccharie Risacher- JL Bourg- 6 feet 8 inches-204 pounds- 19 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 obviously his shooting. He is a sharpshooter. If the source compared when he was playing with Risacher and this year this past season he was just in shape physically. He can transfer it to a game through individual work to actually go on the court and play. He has a feel for the game and be comfortable with game shape. He definitely is in game shape and being in game shape will work out and bring more confidence. With a lot of confidence you saw that Risacher was shooting like 50 percent from three for a minute. He had a little slump when he was back shooting well but he had like a hand injury. He is still like a young player. He was 18 and 19 years old so it is kind of tough to comprehend when this period of time is coming and hit no shot or you feel like you are in the hole and everybody is actually watching you performances. This is a period that every young athletes have to face. Risacher responded pretty well to it after a month. For 1 month he was not hitting shots. He kept shooting and stayed the course with his mechanics and his routine. Everything was about mindset. What the source likes about Risacher's shot is that it really looks effortless. It looks effortless because he is tall at 6 feet 9 inches and 6 feet 10 inches with shoes so to block his shot from three you really have to get out early. It is really like a quick release and it looks effortless. He spaces the floor really for point guards, forwards, and centers. If you leave him wide open he is going to score. He is going to score his shots. Physically right now he is not developed yet and he still has room to improve. With Risacher's ball-handling the source thinks if he does the right program and the right role he can fit perfectly and be effective right away. When it comes to his transition play he is really good in transition. He is quick bringing the ball up as a ball-handler and can leak-out fast. He finishes athletically on the rim and it is hard for opposing teams to keep up with him. In transition he is either getting fouled or he is going up for a dunk or layup. This year there was room for him where he improved to be more able to play more with the ball in his hands but this was more in the half-court. On the open court for the fast break after a rebound or a first pass he was able to really attack the rim and provoke some fouls this season because he is a good shooter. He really improved on the physical part where he is way more aggressive towards the rim. This is something that he will have another room to improve because he is still going to get better physically and more athletic. The source thinks that Risacher is just touching the surface. It is tough for the source to say if Risacher needs to get better moving without the ball by cutting or moving along the three-point line. The source attributed Risacher getting stagnant and lack of off-ball movement to being more dependant on the team specifics. The plays were drawn like that because over there in Europe you mostly have to follow the plays. If you are a 3 man most of the

time you have to stay in the corner on the crack and wait for the ball for the catch and shoot. He is not like playing with the ball or without the ball that much. You have to do it but within the system. To get what you want if you see the gap you have to connect your teammates so this is still different. He had a good knowledge of the game so he actually knows what to do. On defense he is a good off-ball defender that is a glue guy. As on the ball defender he can be a bit too upright and struggles to move laterally so he might struggle with defending isolations. The source thinks that Risacher will get better. Physically he is really touching the surface this year because last year he was still like having knee problems. Now he will be able to work more on his body and get even stronger, faster, and more athletic. It is not about work. Risacher is a hard worker so the source doesn't think it will be a problem. After that defensively as he is 6 feet 10 inches with shoes if you are a little guard that is 6 feet 2 inches, 6 feet 3 inches, or even a 6 feet 5 inches guard attacking him it can sometimes be a little tougher for Risacher but he has got so much length so most of the time he can block it. At the NBA you have talented guards so as a defender you cannot stop everything but you don't need to stop everything at the end of the day. He just needs to rely on the team system and sometimes just to make one stop but one stop can be a key stop. The source thinks that Risacher has the mindset to do it and physically he will still develop and grow. He will get stronger and stronger in a year or two. The source thinks Risacher's knee injury slowed him down a bit with this. It was not a big issue but this slowed him down because he was still growing. When you are like 17 you need to be out there on the court and work. You need to be out there on the court and play. When you are 17 you just need to eat, play, practice hard, and sleep so being hurt sucks. You cannot do what you love and you cannot work on the physical part because you cannot put weight on the legs as a result of the injury. You feel like it is wasted time but when it is time for rest and recovery you have to rest and recover and come back stronger. This is what he did. The source didn't see frustration with Risacher during the injury. There was no frustration around that. First of all his role with them was like the young fellow and he had good veterans around to talk to him and help him to go through the motions but he kept working. He kept working even though he couldn't actually run and practice. He was still shooting even sitting. He is a really hard worker. The frustration was not the main thing.

The source was asked about his thoughts about Risacher's aggressiveness during games? The source responded that everything is connected. With physical shape and minutes the more aggressive Risacher is becoming. He was a point guard back then when he was younger. He started the game as a point guard so he can actually put the ball on the floor. Obviously he grew up fast so he had to adjust to his size and length. What the source is saying is that the role that Risacher was this year there was already a point guard and a two guard. There was actually 2 point guards and 2 two guards that was handling the ball so Risacher couldn't really do that. He still has room to improve on it but he is capable of doing it. He just has to keep working on his craft and get shots during the game but the source is sure that Risacher can be that type of player. When Risacher is at his most aggressive self he is impressive. The

source was watching a game where Risacher scored 28 points. He went to dunk like 6 times in this game. This was different than what he does all the time. The source thought this was impressive because last year he was early and sometimes could barely dunk. Now you see him doing takeoffs on people, being really high, and being high volume. The source said to Risacher that is great young fellow and that is what he is supposed to do so this was impressive. The source would say Risacher is medium aggressiveness. He still has room to improve. The next step that Risacher can take to improve his aggressiveness is creating off the dribble and creating separation from the defender when shooting. The source thinks Risacher can have all this in his bag but he just needs to be able to make quick decisions either catch and shoot, one dribble pull-up, attacking the rock. Every time he has to be able to be in attack mode all the time. This is tough to do when you come from Europe where basketball is different. This is the biggest adjustment the source thinks young fellows have to do. With Risacher's natural qualities and shot ability if he tries to adjust to this part he can be really good. The source thinks Risacher is capable of making this adjustment. He is capable of doing it. This is just mental. It is confidence and mental. The confidence comes from the mental work and he is doing the mental work so the source thinks Risacher is going to be good.

The source was asked how he feels about Risacher's ability to perform under pressure and in big moments? The source responded that as a 19 year old kid what the source is seeing so far it is pretty promising. Some time this year Risacher carried the team of Bourg to EuroCup. They went all the way and not just because of all him. It was not just him but all the team. He carried the team and he was their best scorer before he started getting hurt so the young fellow has what it takes. He is just going to need to actually raise the role that he is going to have and try to do the best he can with his abilities and not worry about missing anything or losing because there are so many games in the NBA all the time. He is going to need to disconnect from the result from time to time to raise the process. This is going to be the toughest thing to adjust to for him because as a winner you want to compete every game all the time. As a young fellow that is what he wants to do but you have to understand that sometimes there is going to be tough games for him. Risacher is smart enough to do that so the source isn't worried. He doesn't get scared in big moments in a hostile environment. He can handle this. He is not scared of this. He just love the game of basketball. He just wants to enjoy it every second on the court. For real he just wants to be on the court and play. Risacher doesn't really worry about anything else so no the source doesn't recall anything like this.

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 offensively yes Risacher is ready to play at the next level. Offensively he will do his thing. The kid is tough. He will have to adjust to the physicality, rhythm, back to back games, and all of this. After the adjustment he will be good. The source thinks Risacher will be really good. The source would describe Risacher's body as having the frame to get stronger. He has the frame to get stronger. He can put on some weight. The source thinks Risacher will do it over

the years. He has already gotten stronger and tougher with contact. He is not shying away from the contact. As he puts a little more weight he is going to be tough to guard because he is really tall. This year against ASVEL there was a lot of physical defenders they put on him. He struggles against those physical defenders. Sometimes he changes the way he goes for layups and shies away from contact rather than absorbing it. This is because the defender they threw at him was stronger than him but he still managed to find solutions. There was a game in Bourq where Risacher kind of hurt them. He is the one that hurt them in Bourq where he started taking the game over and start scoring three-point shots, pull-up jumpers, and going to the rack. The game at home they had managed to put him more under pressure and make it tougher for him. This is just something that he still need to improve on in terms of playing with a defender, using their strengths against them, and using more quickness on his feet and his legs. There are no adjustments that the source would like to see Risacher make to his body. He should keep doing what he is doing. He is doing great work. You can see within a year. If you compare a year before to this year you saw the gap already. He has got a good team around him of people that really help him improve so he needs to keep on doing the good work. He will get a little bigger, get a little stronger, and all that but he is not going to be bulky and transform to someone that he is not.

The source was asked what are Risacher's motives to play the game at the next level? The source responded that Risacher's motives to play at the next level is that this is his dream. He wants to be in the NBA. The source told Risacher that he thinks Risacher will be an NBA player. The source doesn't really think people agreed with him that Risacher will be a great NBA player. The source bet with one teammate that within the next 10 years we are going too see. In 10 to 15 years he is going to be at least an All-Star once. This is how much the source believes in the kid. All his teammates believe in him. They were just talking this year about it. There is a lot of French kids in this draft this year and they played against Risacher, Tidjane Salaun, and Melvin Ajinça. A teammate was comparing them. The source was like the skillset that Risacher has is above the other ones' skillsets and the shot ability is above them too and the length is still above them. The source isn't saying that Risacher is above them because he is 6 feet 9 inches, 6 feet 10 inches with shoes, and maybe a 6 feet 10 inches wingspan. The source is saying that the skillset, shot ability, and the IQ because Risacher has got a high basketball IQ that happen a lot during the games. The knowledge is something you cannot just teach but he is going to get the physicality, he is going to get the weight up, and he will adjust to the NBA style of basketball. The source is sure of this. It will maybe take him a couple of months but as far as a project the source thinks Risacher will be a great NBA player.

The source was asked what kind of teammate Risacher is? The source responded that Risacher is a pretty nice teammate. He cares about others. He is kind of shy at first but when you get to know him he cares about others, he talks a lot, he likes to joke, and likes to laugh. He really has a good attitude. When you don't know him he is shy at first. His personality is that he is upfront. When he knows people around him he likes to communicate, ask everybody how they feel, and be a cool guy. He is team oriented.

Risacher being shy was not a hurdle that they had to overcome at first and it was not hard to overcome. It wasn't tough at all and once you know him you realize. The source as a team captain and as the older player went through that and he was a shy person himself. The source knows how to see that. It is not a bad thing at all. Risacher is more of an introvert. The source mentioned to Risacher that he has to open up more. They talked about it. The source told Risacher and he is way better. They talked about it and he did it. Even more this year the source saw Risacher in Bourg with the expression and everything. When he was dunking the ball he was yelling and everything. He started to be more and more confident which is great. Risacher encourages teammates. He is really an unselfish guy. He is an unselfish guy who is really team oriented. He encourages teammates, praises teammates, and celebrates the teammate's wins. If a teammate has a very good game he is going to celebrate it, congratulate him, put him on his social media, and put great game for his teammate. He is lowkey as a leader. He is a leader. Risacher welcomes new teammates no doubt about it. It is tough for the source to say that if Risacher elevated his game or other teammate's games because when Risacher was playing with them he was a young buck. It is a challenge. Risacher likes challenges to try to contest, one on one, and all the stops so in some way the source would say yes. When teammates are successful Risacher is happy for them. He is hyped for them. Once again he is really team oriented so that is great to have that type of mentality if you want to win. When Risacher experience failure he doesn't really trip about it. He doesn't really trip about it. He really focuses on what he can control as opposed to what he really can't control. At this point he just goes back to the lab, works, and get through his emotion by working. The source would say Risacher handles adversity well because the year he was with them he wasn't really playing but he kept working every day. He kept working every day instead of complaining. When he got hurt he was working with physio and came back and worked again. This is the right attitude. This impressed the source with Risacher being a young fellow. The year before they had Victor Wembanyama. Wembanyama was really impressing so when he was not playing it was the same thing. You see this new generation of kids that are so eager to get better so they are working. You can see that they have goals and they have big dreams and they want to achieve them so this is the right path. The source is not comparing Risacher's mentality to Wembanyama's mentality when he was his teammate. They are not similar with this thing. You cannot compare someone to Wembanyama because Wembanyama was different. He is completely different so it will be good for no one to compare them to Wembanyama. Risacher was great as far as work ethic, attitude, and the energy that he was bringing. When teammates experience failure Risacher is supportive. He is supportive and encouraging them to go to the next play. He is telling them stay present. This doesn't usually happen with young players and this is something specific to Risacher. Not every young player is thinking that way. It is just the way Risacher is built. The source thinks this has got to do with education and wants to play the game at a higher level. He knows the game and how to handle those moments. Experience speaks better than words. The way Risacher is when he experiences success is that as a kid he is happy about it. He is happy about it and is enjoying it. This is totally normal. Afterwards when he finishes enjoying he goes to the

next thing. He goes to the next call, next game, or next practice. He moves pretty fast. The interactions when they traveled on the road with Risacher are that you can talk about a lot of stuff. He is pretty smart and open but situations where you communicate a lot he is not in his own bubble. He communicates with the others. He is not in his own bubble and he communicates with others during the trips. Risacher is a leader. He is more leading by example. He can be vocal. He can talk to the teammates and show the same type of stuff on the court but it is more leader by example. He is going to be more and more vocal. As he gains more confidence within the people around him and within his role on the team he is getting more and more vocal and confident but he leads by example at first. The way he leads by example are by bringing the energy and he has the activity when they watch him work, him dunking the ball, learning the handshakes with the teammates, and bringing stuff on defense. Everybody is hyped about it, bring the extra effort to hustle back on defense, and doing those little things that nobody can really see if you don't know the game. This is how you lead by example and this is what he is doing. When he is doing this his team actually is different. The source feels comfortable openly interacting with Risacher. That is his guy. When teammates hold Risacher accountable he listens. He worked on what they told him to work on when they were holding him accountable. He is smart enough to know but at the end of the day he was on a team with a lot of veterans so he was listening. He was listening and asking questions. This was the right mindset. He was totally trying to soak up all the information and pick their brains. This is what he was doing and he keep doing that sometimes when they talk. The source just sees what he sees and told Risacher what he thinks about it. He had a great season. Risacher wasn't really holding teammates accountable because he has the pressure of a young fellow. It wasn't his role or place to do that so it was just staying lowkey, work, do the little things, wait for his chance and for him to be called, and when he was out there do his thing. It was more like them helping Risacher than Risacher helping them with holding each other accountable. He was 17 years old. Obviously at 17 it is tough. It is tough when you are talking with grown men that are 35, 36, or over. If he was to tell them you have to do this they would say that young fellow stay in your lane. He really has a great attitude. The source is sure this year with Bourq Risacher was the same. He knew what he want to do and where he want to go so he is listening. The way teammates earn Risacher's trust are by just being real. When getting criticism from teammates he is listening so the source would say Risacher responds pretty well. As a player you don't like to hear stuff like this but you know that it is for the best. When you have people around you that have your best interests then you listen even more. When you have teammates who want to win so you are listening again too. This is where Risacher is at.

The source was asked how is Risacher's ego and if he is coachable? The source responded that Risacher is totally coachable. He knows the game and he will do anything. If the team need him to score he will score, if the team needs him to get the rebound he will get the rebound, and if the team need him to play defense he will play defense. If some day you tell the source Risacher will have triple doubles he would not be surprised because Risacher has a lot of activity, a lot of energy, and is willing to do

whatever it takes to win games. Every player has an ego. If you don't have an ego as a player then that would you are not really involved. As a competitor you need to have an ego. The source doesn't worry about Risacher's ego. He is willing to win. His ego is in the right place. Risacher receives information well from coaches. He is coachable so it is the same thing. When getting criticism from the coaching staff Risacher is a pretty introverted guy so that is lowkey and not really saying nothing. Nothing is possessing him in terms of the way he acts on the court. He is executing the criticism that coaches are telling him. The source doesn't really recall that. He has shown this year the capacity to bounce back after a bad play, bad call, or something like this.

The source was asked how is Risacher's work ethics and if he does more than what is required? The source responded that Risacher is there usually 2 hours before practices working already. He is putting up some shots 2 hours before and he is staying after so he is working his ass off to be where he wants to go and where he wants to be. The skills that he is working on when he is in the gym getting that extra work in are putting the ball in the basket by shooting, by driving, and by playing through contact. It is all of this. He is just working on his capacity of being consistent putting the ball into the basket. He usually starts low intensity, then he is higher intensity when he masters the move, and then he goes game speed. Usually he starts slow going then to master the moves to master the mechanics and actually realize what he wants to do and then he goes from slow to medium to game speed. He is not at all a slow learner. He catch up fast.

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 Risacher has got a high basketball IQ. He knows the game. He has been around the game for a long time now. His pops was a legendary basketball player, a high level basketball player, and a EuroLeague player so he teach Risacher the game the right way. He understands the scouting reports well. The kid is smart. The ways that Risacher shows his basketball IQ on the court are anticipation, extra help, extra pass, and taking some charge. Sometimes he can be slow on closing out on shooters because he either overhelps or he is too aggressive on closeouts which could lead to him giving up a lot of threes. The source thinks this is more within the system. Sometimes team systems, the coach system, or the other guard are opposite inside the paint so they need the rotations on defense. Some coaches don't want that and want you to be more in between depending on the coach's systems. This is more of a coach system thing. The scouting reports at ASVEL are medium in terms of detail and complexity. You have to know the strengths of the players, what they do good, where you push him, if you need to attack him, and strengths and weaknesses. The source would say this is medium. Maybe 1 player particularly has a lot of plays for him so what do you want to do to get that. Generally it is a pretty classic scouting report.

The source was asked how Risacher responds to in game adjustments? The source responded that Risacher just adjusts and keeps playing basketball. He doesn't really worry about this. The type of in game adjustments that Risacher had to respond

to are that it depends on the game. General adjustments are lack of aggressivity, teams did this and he adjust to that, or his team needs to get stops on defense and he can guard either the top player or top point guard. He will do whatever the team needs to be done.

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. There are none at all. For real he is coming from a good education, good family, is smart, and has a good basketball IQ. He is a lowkey guy. He is not going to be the one that you will see on TMZ. He is good. He is a good kid. He just needs to be not this nice guy all the time but he is a nice guy. Risacher has good habits. His good habits is that he is working. He work his as* off every day to get better. Other good habits are that Risacher is interested in different stuff so he wants to learns. He wants to learn about the game. He loves the game. He really loves the game. The source would say basketball is Risacher's main focus. Risacher bad habit could be working too much. It depends on how people see things. Sometimes people don't understand when you are an introvert. He speaks English so there is no language barrier but maybe he is not fluent as he can be. The source doesn't see no bad habits like this. The source doesn't view Risacher being in the United States as cultural challenges to start. The source is not concerned about that. The source is sure that people around Risacher and his family will follow him. They will help him transition and then he will just adjust on his own and that is it.

The source was asked how is Risacher's competitive level in practice and does he push others?

The source responded that Risacher is competitive. Every time he steps on the court he will be competitive. It starts with practices. The way he practices is the way he is going to play. He wants to win in the practices. The ways that Risacher shows his competitiveness in practice are toughness. Even though he was not the strongest his toughness can be mental toughness or physical toughness. The source said toughness in general. Risacher went at the veterans and former NBA players in practice. He was not scared of them. He was not scared. He was going at them. The source recalls there was players that seeked for fouls because he was playing too tough. The source was like that is how you need to do. If people complain then he is in the right path. The source would say this is what Risacher did. The source doesn't know for other teammates if there was frustration or if they were just impressed when Risacher did that. For the source he was like that is good. The others the source doesn't know. The source told Risacher there are going to be people like everywhere that will say this and that and don't worry about this. He doesn't need to worry about the noise and needs to focus on what he does. The source told Risacher to work hard and that is it.

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