

Pacome Dadiet- Ratiopharm Ulm- 6 feet 8 inches-210 pounds- 18 years old- Professional

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The source was asked what is the most transferable skillset for Pacome Dadiet?

The source responded that it is difficult to say because when Dadiet was younger and when he was playing with them, he was more of a two-way guard with a lot of situations where he had got the ball in his hands, and he was creative with the ball. For now, with Ulm he is more of a three and d player right now. Back in the day, Dadiet's ability to go through contact and score, like finishing near the rim. The source would say this was Dadiet's most transferable skillset back in the day, but the source doesn't watch a lot of Dadiet's games right now, but it seems like it is different from back then. The source wouldn't say Dadiet was a good off-ball mover. He was a good finisher like around the rim on the drives. The source doesn't remember Dadiet as a good off-ball player. The source thinks Dadiet was average as an of-ball mover. This was not his primary role with them. He was initiating the offense like every time. He was playing a bunch of minutes so that is why his role really changed.

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

The source responded that Dadiet will be defended pretty much the same. He is going to shoot the three well so people are going to play defense on him. It is not like a hot closeout and not a cold closeout but like a normal guy that can hit shots. When he was with them he is like a 32 percent on threes so the source thinks that Dadiet is a respectable shooter. It is not like other French guys where they have got length and athleticism but not the shooting. He can shoot the ball more than the other French guys so this is good for him. He has like really weird mechanics but it is still smooth. It is not like Shawn Marion type of mechanics. It is smooth and it is fast. For a guy like that tall it is a really good thing to have like a shooting mechanic that fast. The source doesn't remember if the team tried to change Dadiet's shooting mechanics earlier in his career or anything about that. Even when he was working with the pro team nobody tried to change his shots. It is not like he was getting a weird shot at the beginning. This is like a normal shot. The release is dependent on what kind of shot it is. When he is taking a pull-up, the release is like really high above the head. When he is taking a three, the release is probably like near the chin. When he is taking a catch and shoot shot, the release is like more at the chin level. When he is taking a jump shot like a pull-up for example the release is like higher. The source would say it is more of a push shot when Dadiet does catch and shoot threes. It is more like this. The source doesn't know if Dadiet changed his shot at Ulm because this is like 2 years ago so maybe he changed. He really upgraded his body. He was like so skinny. He was faster back in the days. Now he is like a huge and big three and d player so probably this changed his shot too.

The source was asked about his thoughts about Dadiet's aggressiveness during games? The source responded that he is really loving Dadiet's aggressiveness. When he was like pissed off about not getting the calls or not getting the ball at the right time, he stayed aggressive. He kept attacking the rim, drawing fouls, and he is not shy about the contact like Mohamed Diawara. If they compare him to Diawara he is not afraid of the contact. When he is at his most aggressive self he is trying to drive everything he can. He is trying to bully you and be the first to initiate the contact so really he is not shying away from the contact. He is driving and it is more like going for the layup than like a floater or a pull-up. He is really going to the rim. You can drive the ball but finish with a floater. With Dadiet he is always trying to get a layup or a foul. He gets deep in the paint. He is trying to finish everything really near the rim and not with a floater or other shots. It is deep dribble penetration. The source would say Dadiet is medium aggressiveness. The source would still say medium because back in the days Dadiet was really mixing those, taking pull-ups and playing behind the three-point line. The source remembers some games back in the days where Dadiet was in full aggressive mode but it really depends on the opponent especially in the matchup. There is sometimes where he was posting up. There is sometimes where he was facing up behind the three-point line and trying to like bully you. There is sometimes that was like so-so in terms of some drives, some shots, and a mix of all of that.

The source was asked how he feels about Dadiet's ability to perform under pressure and in big moments? The source responded that there is no problem with Dadiet. He is not shy from the contact and he is not shy from the big moments. He is like a normal kid and a really interesting kid when you talk to him. For the big moments he is not like shy. He is not scared of it. If there is some last minute shot or last second shot the source remembers on the Espoirs there were days where Dadiet said let me take the ball and he will try to make something. Even when Dadiet was like 14 and 15 years old when the source first met him he was like that. Even his big brother is like that so the source thinks this is probably a family thing. He was the go-to scorer for the team in the Espoirs. For them he averaged like 17 points per game, 5 rebounds per game, and like 2 assists per game back in the days. He was really the main guy even before Diawara. He wasn't someone where the team looked for him to take the last-second shots all the time. It was not all the time. He was for sure listening to the coaches but they know that was their best player to give the ball to so they can try to win the game. There is sometimes that he was a little bit pissed against his teammates, not setting a good screen to get him to be wide open. This was part of the year when they had a pretty shi*ty team around Dadiet and Diawara back in the day, so the frustration was right, but he stayed focused, grinding, practicing, and trying to improve. He trusted their staff to put him in the best conditions to take the last shot so this was ok.

The source was asked how he feels about Dadiet's physicality and if he's ready to play at the next level? The source responded that he has watched one of Dadiet's games this year because they might be facing Ulm in the EuroCup. He is really huge right now. He gained so many pounds after their season when he went to Germany. He is huge. Now the source thinks Dadiet is over 2 meters. He has got like big arms, he is

really big, and he has a big chest so the source thinks Dadiet is ready to play in the NBA. He is lacking a bit of explosiveness trying to be faster on the move like having faster feet and a faster first step but he has got the body to play defense on 2s, 3s, and 4s right now so this is pretty good. This was after they had him because the year after he went to Germany, he was practicing with the pro team more and he was playing more with the pro guys, so you need to improve on your body if you want to be able to guard those types of players. With them, his body was good to play against U21 kids, but if you want to play at the pro level, you need to improve on your body. He made a really good upgrade on that. He played a few games with the pro team in Paris but not a bunch. He played 8 games, but that was not like really good minutes. That was only garbage time or 1 or 2 minutes, and that is it. In Germany, he played in the third division, and also he was always practicing with the first team so he had to improve there a lot. The source doesn't think Dadiet's body was something that was hindering him from when they had him, and that is not why he couldn't play much with the professional team. He was really young back in the days. He was 16 years old so playing with the pro team at 16 years old is really tough. His body back in the days was not the problem. It was probably depth in his position. They had Axel Toupane who was playing in the NBA, Dustin Sleva, Kyle O'Quinn, and Juhann Begarin that was like 19 back in the days that was playing Dadiet's position too. There is a lot of people in front of him back in the days. The source attributed this to just Dadiet being young. This was exactly the same thing with Diawara. Diawara even played only 2 games before when he played 8 games. They got a bunch of players in front of them. They were trying to stay in the first division until the end of the season, so the head coach didn't want to take the risk like putting a youngster on the court. There are no adjustments that the source would like to see Dadiet make to his body. He just needs to keep doing what he is doing. He needs to try to understand his new body and how to use it properly, but the source didn't watch a lot of games of Dadiet this year. The source knows that now Dadiet is huge, and this is totally different from 2 or 3 years ago.

The source was asked what are Dadiet's motives to play the game at the next level? The source responded that Dadiet's motives to play at the next level is that he wants to play in the NBA for sure. The source saw Dadiet like 1 month ago when he came back to Paris from the holidays and they talked for like 30 minutes. Dadiet told the source that he will figure it out. The source thinks that if Dadiet is in the second round he wouldn't enter the draft and he would wait 1 more year to try to gain more buzz to be a first rounder. He will try to do another season in the EuroCup in the German league so he will keep improving and adding 1 more year with the pro level team. He wants to play in the NBA for sure and he knows that this is the next step for him but he doesn't know when he wants to be ready like when he makes the jump. He wants to be a first-round pick, and he wants to be ready. He is not trying to do like all the French guys who did the draft and stash just right after. He wants to really bring something the first day on. The source doesn't know if Dadiet wants to be a draft and stash type of player. They didn't talk about that, but Dadiet really said that it would depend on the mock draft and the lottery and then what he would earn from the NBA teams. He said he will think about it with his agent and he will try to take the best decision for him and his future. The

source thinks that if a team promised Dadiet that they would take him with a second round pick then he will stay in Europe. For them in Europe the source doesn't think they are receiving money if their players are drafted in the second round and stashed directly. The source thinks that even Ulm Dadiet's team in Germany will say let's bring you another year like Juan Nunez right now and try to send you to the NBA next year, so the source doesn't really know.

The source was asked what kind of teammate Dadiet is? The source responded that Dadiet is like really shy. He is really shy with his teammates. For sure he has got interactions and a special bond with a couple of players with his team more than the others. He is like a normal guy. He is focused on the task. He is really focusing on the task but yes he is a shy guy. He is really shy. The teammates personalities that he has a special bond with compared to the teammates that he doesn't have a special bond with is that he is trying to connect with people that are looking like him in terms of personality. He was clicking with Diawara back in the days because they are like quite a bit the same. They have got the same personality and they are shy like those guys. He is trying to be close to those people that are looking like him. When you recognize that he is more open with you. He is talking and joking with you more. If teammates aren't alike with him they don't really clash. They are trying to joke with him. They are trying to get him out of his comfort zone and trying to connect more. His teammates are like you got new shoes today and these look bad on you. They are trying like to tickle him a little to watch if it is opening him. This is not like a big problem. He is a respectful kid with a good family and a good brother. He is like a really shy guy. The interactions with his teammates are that on the court Dadiet is really demanding of the others. He is the type of guy where he is trying his best so you need to put your best also on that. He doesn't want to do maximum the job and the other guys the minimum. He wants the others to be involved as much as he is involved himself into the basketball game. The source wouldn't say Dadiet is a leader. The source would say Dadiet is between the two of follower and leader. He is really between the two being a leader and a follower. He is not like a follower because there is sometimes he is trying to lead the guys onto the next action but he is not like the guy that will speak in the locker room.

The source was asked how is Dadiet's ego and if he is coachable? The source responded that Dadiet is honestly very coachable. The source doesn't think Dadiet has got an ego. He is taking to the fact that he is shy. He is a really smart kid. Dadiet is probably the smartest kid that the source has ever met in the 4 years he has been in Paris in terms of thinking the game so yes he is very coachable. He will try to apply your succession first as a coach, and then he will later on tell you his point of view. His approach to thinking the game and what he shows in terms of being smart that other players don't show with his IQ are drawing fouls, like how to sell the fouls to the ref, reading the defense, and reading the offense. It is like a chess game with him. He is always one round ahead of you, but this is like back in the days when he has got more of the ball in his hand. The source doesn't know for now. At Ulm he is like an off-ball player and with them he was taking care of the ball and initiating the offense. He was really thinking the game to call the pick and roll and have the shi*tiest defender on you if

they were switching. This was really good for a kid born in 2005. Back in the days responding to criticism from the coaching staff was probably the main thing. Dadiet was 15 or 16 back in the day so the source doesn't know. The source thinks and hopes it changed. Back in the day, there were a couple of times when he was pissed to receive advice or feedback. The coaches let him on the court, and in the next timeout or at halftime, they would give him a little pep talk to discuss it, and then they move on. He is like really good at moving on from a bad thing, like going to the next play or going to the next game. He is really good at it. At the end of the year, receiving criticism from the coaching staff was an area that coaches wanted him to get better at. This was not like totally his fault because, like the source said, they had got a shi*ty team, and at the beginning of the year, this was ok. He was trying to become the best he can and he was trying to work. At the end of the season, he like really pissed about a teammate not rolling to the basket or a teammate cutting when he was playing in his one on one. This was a mix of all of that, which led to his frustration.

The source was asked how is Dadiet's work ethics and if he does more than what is required? The source responded that he doesn't know because Dadiet was really practicing a lot with the pro team and they got like 2 or 3 practice with Dadiet during the U21 year. He played all the games with them but a couple of practices only. He was working before and after with their assistant coach in the pro team but the source doesn't know if that was Dadiet by himself or with the schedule. The source doesn't really know. In the 3 practices the source had Dadiet his work ethic for sure was good. When he was practicing with them for those 3 practices other players tried to go at him because he was the main guy, and he was not practicing with them a lot. He was really playing that like this was a championship game because the other guy went crazy on him picking him up full court and trying to send a body at him. He responded well. He tried to drive everything and tried to grab the win in the scrimmage, so this was really good for him, especially for a 16-year-old kid. This for sure surprised everyone else. The older guys, the like 20-year-old guys and 21-year-old guys, tried to really go at him to see if he would answer the physical clash, and he answered it. He answered it pretty well.

The source was asked what is Dadiet's level of basketball IQ and if he can carry over the scouting report to the court? The source responded that he thinks that Dadiet can carry the scouting report to the court. They didn't put a lot of scouting reports back in the days because this is the U21 league and you are trying to improve the kids. He is really smart. It does not look like he listens to you. It is like he is watching another thing but he is listening to you. He understands and he is saving everything you said. He has got a good memory. Even if he is not watching when he is listening to you, he will understand and have a good memory about it. He is more sensitive to the scouting report. The scouting reports at Paris are medium in terms of complexity and detail. On the scouting report they got the coverage on the pick and roll and is described as either weak so you need to send him left or strong, so you need to send him right. It depends on the players. Also, the players need to know what coverage they do on their defense when Diawara plays the 4 because he can play the 4 with the pro team also.

The source was asked how Dadiet responds to in game adjustments? The source responded that he remembers a game that was against Le Mans where in the game they were down in the third quarter and they tried to go to a zone. The source thinks Dadiet is loving this. He is watching basketball like it is a chess game, and if you are talking with him about the basketball system and X's and O's, he is loving it. He is loving it because he is trying to beat the opponent in a tactical way. The source would say Dadiet is good with in game adjustments. The type of in game adjustments that Dadiet had to respond to are that back in the days trying to recognize faster what he needs to do to be efficient. There are some games in the Espoirs in the U21 where he needed to be more unselfish because the team was really clogging the paint when he has got the ball. On the 2 first possessions, he was trying to drive it and bully in the paint. He needs to be really ready and faster and faster. He needs to recognize this, like trying to watch what the other team wants you to do, also, he was 16, so this was pretty fast for a 16-year-old kid, but the source thinks Dadiet can improve on this. It was impressive for sure. Everything outside of basketball like especially the thinking part like the mental part was impressive with Dadiet. He is not showing a lot of emotions like even when he puts a basket, he is making a good defensive play, or he is making a bad play. There is like no emotion on his face and he is going really fast to the next play. Before this year, the source would say in terms of Dadiet being smart it is the most impressive he has seen in a French kid that he has been around, but now the source is coaching a kid this year, and his name is Swann Penda is the older brother of Noah Penda that is born in 2008. The source thinks that Penda is smarter than Dadiet.

The source was asked what will be one reason Dadiet will be successful and one reason he will not be successful at the next level? The source responded that one reason he sees Dadiet successful at the next level is his versatility, his capability of guarding 2s, 3s, and 4s, knocking down shots, and not being bullied on the post up. The transformation of his body is super impressive. This is his main point trying to be efficient at the next level. The source would say that he doesn't really know for a reason that Dadiet won't be successful. It would probably be the work ethic because the source doesn't know about it. The source doesn't know about it so he doesn't want to say bad things or he doesn't want to say something that he didn't know. The source is really wondering why Ulm Dadiet's team in Germany is not like giving him the ball more in his hands. He is really playing like three and d players, while back in the day, he was like an initiator with the ball.

The source was asked if Dadiet ever failed a drug test? The source responded that he doesn't know if Dadiet took a drug test yet but he is not taking drugs. They didn't have any drug tests in the U21 championship.

The source was asked if there are any personal and social red flags for Dadiet? The source responded that there aren't really any personal and social red flags for Dadiet. He has got like a really good family. He has a brother that is playing pro and that is playing FIBA international competition with Ivory Coast. He doesn't have any type of Sekou Doumbouya background and family so there is nothing to say about it. The source would say that Dadiet's mind is in the right place and he is focused too. He is not

afraid. For example the source talks with Diawara in saying that Dadiet made the right decision trying to live in Germany at 17 years old for a first experience away from France. He is going to a new country and with a new culture. He is like really focused on making it to the NBA. He knows he needs to work and he needs to put money on himself like trying to take risk to succeed.

The source was asked how is Dadiet's competitive level in practice and does he push others? The source responded that when they got the scrimmage in the U21 the other players went at Dadiet and he answered back so the source thinks this is a pretty good sign of it. The ways that Dadiet shows his competitiveness are by playing basketball and not showing his emotions by playing basketball like playing hard, playing defense, and especially leading his team. Back in the day, he was trying to lead his team in scoring and trying to answer by scoring a bucket. Now he is playing like big minutes for Ulm and playing big defense on better players. The source doesn't know now. The source would say Dadiet plays free flowing basketball with not overthinking much at all. He has a good feel when it comes to this. He is a smart player that is loving it as a chess game. He is trying to read the game, but you can also put him in a closed system like they got, especially in Europe. They don't have any of this NBA type of offense like free-flowing flowing but yes Dadiet can fit in for sure.