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Q. A lot of people know you as a defensive player. What are some of the things you can do offensively (inaudible)? To be taken more seriously?

CASON WALLACE: I want to be more aggressive, getting to the rim. Take more open shots, being more aggressive offensively.

Q. And then defensively, you guys had that breakout between you and AC coming off the bench. What was that like and what was the biggest thing that you sort of learned from last year?

CASON WALLACE: It was a lot of fun. I found out that we can have a healthy competition going into the game defensively, seeing who was going to cause the most trouble. So that was fun.

Q. What was it like just having the trophy, having your family get to experience Larry O'Brien, just your summer with it?

CASON WALLACE: So I didn't have it this summer, actually. But, yeah, it was great. They were out here when we won it, and we got to share that moment together. That was special. They took a picture with it, held it and all that. So it was fun. Just taking in that moment with them.

Q. Why didn't you get the trophy for a day or two? You live two and a half hours south.

CASON WALLACE: Because they're ball hogs. (Laughs).

No, I didn't know about the rules and regulations with the trophy. So I didn't get it. That was my fault.

Q. I know we talked about before that you didn't grow up trying to be an offensive player. There's a lot of comparisons to being thrown around to you AC, different guys like that. Are there any guys in the league right now that you look at and say I can see myself in their game or you're looking at trying to get some other stuff?

CASON WALLACE: I mean, I go to Lu and AC and ask them many questions, all the questions that I have. So if you want to say them, but I'm trying to be myself. We're all so unique and our games are so different it's hard to pick a person and try to be like them.

Q. Several guys around the league are good at steals and get a lot of steals, but sometimes you just take the ball from people. And it happens too quick for the eye to actually see how it happened. What's going on when you just actually take the ball from somebody?

CASON WALLACE: I mean, they put it right in front of me. So, you know, I just, you know, when that happens, I just steal the ball.

Q. I saw in an interview somewhere that you were playing in like 10-and-under leagues at like five years old. Is that true and you said they didn't allow you to play offense. When did they finally let you play on offense?

CASON WALLACE: Yeah. So my brother is five years older than me. And they used to just put me out there on the court, because I was one of them. They always treated me like a brother, and I was always with them. But Coach put me in this huge jersey and they were like whenever they got a rebound or changed possession, they would try to roll the ball down there to me. I was only five, so I would try to stop it and shoot it.

Didn't score many times. A lot of times it bounced over me. You know, just having fun with the game. I was never old enough to like pass the free-throw line and go outside the three-point line.

Q. Kind of piggybacking off of Barry's question about steals, is it more instinctual for you or have you gotten to the point now that you're watching film?

CASON WALLACE: It's a little bit of both. I try to let my instincts take over more than, you know, the film, because people, they work on a move and they have counters to the move.

The initial move, yeah, I study, and I try to be ready for it. But for the most part it's instincts.



Q. What does being an NBA champion, what has that meant to you personally?

CASON WALLACE: Since that was one of my goals before I even started playing basketball seriously, it means everything to me, knowing that I got it done in year two and I have a lot more time to get more, that's going to be the goal, everybody's goal playing in the NBA. Yeah, it means everything.

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