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Q. Sam talked about as you're coming up in the basketball world you went from like a 6'3" guard to this 6'11" guy that also has guard skills and kept all that. What's it like going through a growth spurt like that?

OUSMANE DIENG: I mean, I didn't really feel it because it was like -- I guess growing up, I knew I was growing, but I didn't really see, and then just like keep playing like I played before, and that's it.

Q. What's the mood been like coming from your homeland to a brand new place to Oklahoma City? How has that gone for you on a personal level?

OUSMANE DIENG: It's not that hard because I went to Australia, too, so that's another big trip. It's okay.

Q. Who do you compare your game to? I've heard different variations. Anybody you pattern your game after in the NBA or overseas?

OUSMANE DIENG: I don't think I'm modeling my game on somebody. I'm just trying to take some move or everything from everybody, like KD, Paul George, all the big players.

Q. Where do you see your strengths?

OUSMANE DIENG: I think I'm really versatile. I can do a lot of things. I just want to help the team to win.

Q. Have you ever played with (indiscernible) and if so can you talk about it?

OUSMANE DIENG: Yeah, I played with him in the under-16 European championship. Yeah, we're good friends.

Q. What's been your sense of just figuring out a way to get a role on this team through training camp? I know in the past the Thunder has liked to send guys down to the Blue to get some playing experience. What's your expectation of trying to be with the Thunder the whole time and maybe having some back



and forth?

OUSMANE DIENG: I'm just focused on the training camp and the preseason right now. I'm trying to learn every day, working out every day, learn from the vets. Yeah, I'm here for whatever because (indiscernible).

Q. What do you think will be the biggest thing you have to work on, playing pickup with some of the guys? What do you think you have to improve on?

OUSMANE DIENG: I think I have to do a lot of things. My physical is a big part, and keep improving on my shot.

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