**Russell Westbrook**

Dynamic Athlete

Team: **Oklahoma City Thunder**

6’3 Point Guard

Scouted By: **Frank Preston**

**Offense**

Russell Westbrook is one of the most physically gifted athletes that the NBA has to offer. Westbrook is like a race car coming at you 200 MPH, all game long. His speed, quickness and athleticism give him and advantage over any defense he faces. Westbrook is dynamic in the open court; he is at his best on the fast break. He has begun to perfect the mid- range jump shot. He loves to drive full speed ahead and pull-up on a dime for a nice mid-range shot. Westbrook is a good but not great distributor; he needs to continue to work on his 3point shooting, as he barely shoots the 3ball over 30%. Westbrook also needs to have more patience and take a much better selection of shots.

**Defense**

The same attributes that make Westbrook great on offense, are the same things that help him defend well. Westbrook is up around 2spg year in, and year out. Westbrook is both a good on and off ball defender. Westbrook has great lateral quickness. He’s also a great rebounder for his size and position; he averaged almost 6rpg in the 2013-14 season. Westbrook is athletic and physical enough to guard both guard positions.

**Floor Game**

Westbrooks floor game is what makes him special. He sees the floor really well and He can get where he wants on the floor, He’s outstanding in fast-break situations. Westbrook does a good job creating for his teammates, but he needs to limit his number of turnovers. His assist to turnover ratio is barley 2 to 1. He has great hands and feet, and his athleticism is off the charts.

**Conclusion**

On most nights Westbrook will be the most athletic player on the floor. His athleticism allows him to be dominant on offense and defense. Westbrook is a triple-double waiting to happen. When he’s on top of his game, he affects the game in several different ways. When he’s not on his game his shot selection can be a real detriment to his team. At the end of the day, Westbrook is a top 5 NBA PG.

**In-Depth Scouting Breakdown on next page.**

**1- Non Existing**

**1.5- Developing**

**2- Below Average**

**2.5- Sub Par**

**3- Average**

**3.5- Solid**

**4- Superior**

**4.5- Elite**

**5- All-world**

Players Name: **Russell Westbrook**

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Height: 6’3

Position: PG

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**Shooting: 3.75**

Hand: Left Right: x

Jump Shot: 3.75

Catch & Shoot: 3.25

Off the dribble: 4.25

Free Throws: 4.25

**Scoring:** **4**

Create Own Shot: 4.50

Post Up: 3.75

Face Up: 3.50

**Floor Game: 5**

Ball Handling: 4

Penetration: 4.5

Passing: 3.75

Playmaking for others: 3.75

Athleticism: 5

Open court/ Fast-break: 5

Hands: 4.50

Foot-work: 5

**Defense:** **4.50**

On Ball: 4

Help Defense: 4

Versatility: 5

Rebounding: 4.50

Steals: 5

Blocks: 3.25

**Overall Rating**: **4.50 (Elite)**