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Hello, it's Laurent Rucier.

You know that the friend Florian Gazan has his own podcast.

Ah yeah, thanks to this podcast, you will soon have incredible anecdotes to share.

Hello, it's Florian Gazan.

In a minute, you will know why at Limoges,

we will follow a little more than elsewhere the career of Victor Wembanyama.

Ah yeah?

Yeah, because outside the NBI parks,

the driver named our new superstar of the basketball is Weston.

And Weston, despite his name, is a French brand created in 1891 in Limoges by Édouard Blanchard.

Weston, in fact, is the name of the city of Massa Chassets,

where his son Eugène learned the technique that makes the brand specific.

Ah yeah?

Yeah, and if Wembany chose them,

it's because their skin tannery is located in Saint-Léonard-de-Noblard in Haut-de-Vienne, a city where his grandparents have a house.

And above all, because only Weston was able to take the challenge of making him a giant moccasin, hang on, 57.

Ah, it's not feet, it's the ski.

To give you an idea, the average point of a French is 43.

It's a foot of 27 cm long,

he is 37 cm 10 more.

As you can see, at Weston, we had never made moccasins of this size.

Which, in addition, should be expensive to support his now 2.25 m and 112 kg.

Ah yeah?

Yeah, it was done in the spring before the draft NBA.

We took the measurements of the foot of Wembanyama in Paris

and after, we had to start from scratch,

because obviously, we couldn't base ourselves on an existing model.

In particular, for the cambryon, the vertebral column of the shoe,

a hidden metal piece that connects the heel and the nail.

And so there, of course, it took a longer time.

A puzzle solved by the 15 people dedicated to this field,

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but Kokoriko lives the French artisan in less than 2 months, knowing that it takes 150 steps to make a Weston. Wembany had his shoes, rich leather models, and blue velour moccasins with small coquetry. Under the sole, engraved a W for Weston and Wembanyama, 12 pairs in all, plus 4 for his dad and his little brother Oscar. Well, little, he's also a basketball player, he's 16 years old, and he's already 2.02 meters tall.