

**Kel'el Ware: 7'0, 242 lbs Sophomore**

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Intel List

Family background. How were they raised and by whom? Who has the most influence on him? Who knows him best? Family outside of the family. Who is in the inner circle? What are their motives and agendas? Will anyone be living with them in their new NBA city and why? What city they were raised from

***Brother was around a lot. Father figure is his agency. Agent Name Richey. Didn't see his parents a lot. Agency CAA. Girlfriend***

Personal and social red flags past, and present. How they are preserved even in the common ty and on campus. Do they take their academics seriously? Drugs, alcohol, video games, tattoos, etc. Is he single or is he in a relationship? Any kids?

*They can see the leftovers from Oregon. They had to drag him to the gym and try to get him to have his head on straight the first week he arrived. Coach brought that out of him in the beginning. In July a flip switch in his head. He got a girlfriend which helped him focus. Once he got in shape, his mindset changed.*

Love for the game? Provide examples to prove this. What is his motivation to ay basketball? Could they live with the out basketball and what else would they rather do? Play because he is supposed to like to love to, play or obese ed with playing. Which level best describes him?

*Ohio State game he had no interest in playing when struggling and the coach held him accountable which made him have a better second half. Adapt throughout the season. He came to Indiana to become an NBA player.*

What kind of teammate? Provide examples. Will he buy into being part of a culture? Can he handle not being the man?

*No issue with teammates. Most love players but still a quiet guy. Wasn't a cancer on the team. Well like everywhere he goes.*

How competitive? Provide examples. How does he play on the road as opposed at to home?

*Very competitive kid. Don't shy away from competition. Has an edge to him and doesn't want to lose. Take losses personally. Took a leadership role once Xavier got hurt. He knew he was the best player on the court and was vocal on the court. Knew his role on the court as well.*

Work ethic. Will they do more than what is required without being old? Provide examples to prove this.

*Coming back and forth from LA now to work out. Started badly to get him to the gym but changed throughout the year. Change around July. Coach will host long practices and he still will work out before and after practice. He didn't make threes in practice but liked to shoot in the game.*

What is their level of basketball IQ? Can they carry over from the scouting report and huddle to the court? Can they apply something during a game that has not been practiced? In-game adjustments?

*Improve passing after being a double team. Learn the difficult defense that Mike Woodson fast and was able to teach younger players. Iowa game he had to learn that he can dominate when having smaller big on him. Mention have good mental awareness of his role.*

Mental health. How mentally tough or weak? How do they handle adversity, success, injuries, coaches' criticism, and ignored? Provide examples.

*He handles adversity decent throughout the year. He was talking back to his coaches at the beginning of the year but wanted to be a coach towards the end of the year. He can be in his head when opposing teams go on runs but improve by keeping his composure.*

One reason why he will make it and one reason why he will not?

*One reason he will make it is because of his length and ability to stretch the floor. Also, he has gotten better at figuring out where the ball needs to be when having it in the post. Way better in-game shooter than in practice. They try to tell him to finish at the rim*

*besides fading away. Got stronger in the year.*

*One reason he won't is because of lapses and breaks mentally. Wonder if he can make it through an 82-game season*

*How do you earn his trust? Show him it's a place of love and be a man of your word. He needs to hear positive affirmations when he is playing.*

*What motivates him to play? He wants to get to the NBA. Also, to help his teammates to succeed*

*What makes him special? His timing is great when he gets to his shots and also protects the rim.*

*How does he handle confidence swings? He needs someone in his ear. He stays even kill throughout the year. Wasn't checked out during the end of the year and am still in the gym now.*

*Who holds him accountable? Coach Woodson. Agent in his ear but he doesn't be in the way at all.*

*What does a successful NBA career look like to you? He said he would be surprised if he was a star but will be a solid pro if he can continue to find a jumper and stay competitive.*

*What is his diet? The strength coach was stuffing food in his mouth to get him stronger and bigger. He ate the right way and people all around him recommended to eat more to bulk up.*

*Other than basketball, what are his other hobbies he likes to do? Basketball, hanging with his girl, and a lot of video games.*

*How does he pregame before games? Stretch he does the same routine. On the court 75 min before the game. He is a routine guy.*

*What is his birthday? April 20.*

*What type of music does he like to listen to? Listen to rap.*

*What is his basketball comparison? The ceiling will be Kristaps but better at the rim. The floor will be Nick Claxton*

*What is his major in school? Sports Management*

*Who is his favorite athlete? Giannis*

How confident and mentally prepared is he to go to the league? *He is prepared now especially being coached by Woodson.*

Does he play any other sports in high school? *No*

During scuffles, is he the type to push, stay out of the way, or break it up and calm down players?

*Don't shy away from scuffling but will mind his business.*

Transferable NBA skill(s)\*

*Shot blocking and his moves in the post.*

How the prospect is being defended on the college level as opposed to how he will be defended on the NBA level based on his current skill set/level.

*He was being double every game in college so he will have more on one situation which can help. His passing improved which will be helpful in the pros.*

Confidence grade: B

-Talent\* A

-Love for the game\* grade- B

-Athletic ability/athleticism grade- A+

-IQ grade\* A

-Feel grade- A

-Alpha male/dog or not\* YES

-Toughness grade: B

-Aggressiveness grade? A-C

-Production grade? A for them.

-Consistency grade? B

-Ready to play (Physically) Yes

-Durability (Physically) – Didn't get hurt and don't get hurt.

-System fit- Playing on a fast team and surrounded by shooters as well. Hard to guard with space.