

Devin Vassell – Florida State University – 6’7 200 – 20 years old – Sophomore Draft Intel Report – September 6, 2020 Source: Steve Bouye “Director of AJ Bouye Elite”

How long did Devin play for AJ Bouye?

I got Devin when he was 15 years old, he was playing for some little church team I think. When I got him, he was about 6’1-6’2 and he wasn’t getting any playing time with that team. Coach Rivers from Shiloh told him to check us out. So his Mom brought him to one of my practices and about 5 minutes into the practices, he goes up for what I think is a typical layup and he turns it over and slams it. At that moment, I knew he was going to be special. So I decided not to play him with his age group, I played him with the 17u to toughen him up.

So you said that you played him up for toughness, what was that process like, did he embrace it, or was it more of a culture shock for him?

He bought in, that kid is a competitor. And when I saw how competitive he was, I was confused about how the other coach could not play him. After that, I just took him to the best tournaments around the country and matched up with whoever the other team’s best player was. Then he finally starts to pick up some offers, Cal Bakersfield and Texas Tech for his first offers.

When did FSU come into the picture?

I had been telling Coach Hamilton about him since I got him and I finally convinced him to come see him at a tournament in Indianapolis to see but Coach was not sold. But then I reached out to C.Y. “Charlton Young” and told him he had to come see this kid, he came up and met him at his high school and C.Y. saw him go up and down a couple of times and said, “ I don’t need to see anymore, we’re going to offer him right now.” And even after all of that Coach Hamilton still wasn’t sold he wanted to send him in a prep school for a year. Then they were talking about redshirting him. I remember talking with another coach from FSU, I don’t want to mention his name but he asked me if I thought Devin could play at Florida State? And my response was “Coach he’s a pro and I want you to remember this conversation when he leaves early and gets drafted”.

What's the family dynamic like, who is around?

He comes from a great family both Mom and Dad are in the home. He is very close to his mother; she is his best friend, from what I know they talk all the time. The family attends most of his games; they are supportive of him. They are just good people. I keep in touch with them; I talk to them at least once a week.

Where there any behavioral or authoritative issues that you had to deal address with him?

Let me tell you, something man, if I had a daughter I’d want her to marry him. He is just a good kid, he’s respectful, you know “yes sir, no sir” he’s a team player. He a great player but a much better person, there is nothing more you can ask for from a kid.