

Kyle Filipowski vs Notre Dame 2/7/2024 - Film

Offensive Skills:

In the game against Notre Dame, Filipowski struggled to convert on shots primarily in the paint and looked very pedestrian throughout the match. He also did not take care of the ball well finishing the game with three turnovers. His lack of ability to make solid passes to his teammates was on full display. On the first play of the game, he drove from the free-throw line, and on the first bump from his defender, he lost control of the ball, resulting in a turnover. On multiple attempts close to the rim, he shied away from contact and was off-balance while attempting these shots. For example, at the 18:42 mark of the second half, he set a high ball screen and rolled. He received the ball on the roll near the free-throw line, took one dribble toward his defender, and was bumped. Immediately, he threw up a shot while off balance fading away, and was blocked. Luckily, he recovered the ball, took a couple of dribbles initiating and absorbing the contact, and finished strong with his left. On another play at the 12:22 mark, he picked up his dribble on a drive near the free-throw line and had nobody to pass the ball to. He desperately pivoted to find an open teammate, and when he was unable to find one, he just threw up a shot that hit the top of the backboard. With that being said, Filipowski cleaned up missed shots off the glass well ending the game with five offensive rebounds.

Defensive Skills:

Filipowski has a bigger frame but he struggles to guard stronger players in the post and quicker players out in space. He looked slow and a step behind laterally while guarding the ball too. He finished the game with four fouls and had undisciplined plays defensively. For example, at the 8:49 mark of the first half, he was in the paint fighting for position and ended up getting into a wrestling match with him and swung him to the ground in hopes of getting a better position and preventing an easy post-entry pass. On another play in the second half, he was beat off the dribble near the pinch post and gave up an easy layup. While guarding the post he has a habit of jumping too early sometimes which can get him out of position and sometimes even get cheap fouls.

Final Thoughts:

Filipowski struggled to gain a rhythm offensively and was not able to convert on shots near the basket. He had multiple undisciplined plays that gave his opponent good looks at the rim and put himself into foul trouble. One area of improvement for him is to work on his free throws and finish through contact in the painted area instead of avoiding it.