

Anthony Edwards – University of Georgia – 6'5 225 – 19 years old – Freshman Draft Intel Report – September 3, 2020 Source: Octavious Harris "Former High School Coach - Therrell High School"

How did you and when did you meet Anthony?

I've known Ant since he was in the 3rd grade. I use to coach his brother in middle school, so he use to come to our practices. Then I started training brother, then it from training his brother to training him. So I've been around him for a long time.

What can you tell me about him when he was a kid?

He was extra competitive; he always wanted to be the best at everything. He was always ahead of everybody size-wise, but his skill didn't get developed until around 9th grade when he started working on his game. He relied on natural talent before that, you know, like I'm bigger than you, I'm stronger than you, I'm faster than you. But he had an attitude that he didn't mind working.

So you were around during the time both grandma and mom passed?

Yeah, I was there.

Did you notice a shift in demeanor or behavior at all?

Back then, Ant didn't have to worry about taking care of himself or his family; that wasn't really on his mind, so he could focus on being a kid. But when they passed, he had to grow up a little faster. Basketball then became "I love it," but it also became a way "I can take care of my family." You could tell his light-switch came on.

As you saw him progressing and taking basketball more seriously, was there anything you noticed like the mentality or behavior he needed to work on?

In his freshman year, his brother played on the team, so he deferred to him a lot, but his brother was a better basketball player, skill-wise, and looked up to his brother. The year after, he realized he was the best player on the court. But what he had to grow into and what he's still working on is that he can be the best person on the floor and affect the game even when his shot isn't falling.

When he transferred to Holy Spirit, is that when he reclassified down?

Yep.

He was with you guys freshman and sophomore year, and then he transferred over there?

He played the first half of his sophomore season with us, and then he transferred in December. Then he reclassified and came back as a sophomore, and then his junior year, that's when he blew up nationally.

Were there been any significant injuries during his high school career?

No injuries at all; he's never had an injury.

In your opinion, what was the deciding factor in him making the move to Holy Spirit?

They gave him something that we couldn't allow him to be in a different environment. He had to take it, and I encouraged him to do so. And at the time, Holy Spirit was starting to play a national schedule.

Were there every any behavioral issues off the court?

No, nothing major he was a typical kid, he would get into a little stuff but no fights, and he's never been suspended or anything.

What's the family dynamic like, I see his brothers and sister at almost every game?

They are a close-knit family; you know they went through a lot with losing mom and grandma. His brothers and sister are all he got when it comes to family. So they are incredibly close.

What would you say his overall mentality is?

He's mentally tough, but he did have to learn to listen and take instruction. He always tried to take the stuff that you tell him and apply it to the best of his ability. You never had to worry about him coming out after a timeout; if you told him to do something, he would do it. I never had to worry about him going off-script.

What was he like as a student?

He was a hard worker; he was an A&B student; you know he always worked hard. He turned in the work, he wasn't one of those naturally gifted students, but he didn't mind working for it.