

Kyle Filipowski vs MSU 11/14/23 – In Person

Physical and Personal Attributes:

Has the required positional size, does a good job of using it to his advantage in the post and on the glass. Not the most athletic, but has good IQ to keep himself out of compromising spots.

Offensive Skills:

Filipowski displayed impressive poise in the post all game. When he had a mismatched defender he attacked it, and when he was double-teamed, he made the right pass to find the open man. All of his assists came from plays he made in the post, including two really nice post-to-post passes for easy finishes. His third assist, in particular, stood out to me. In the second half with 3:05 left to play, he received the ball on the L block and was immediately doubled. Instead of forcing a bad shot or a bad pass, he was patient and found the open shooter in the R corner for the three. He also showed the ability to face up and hit the open jumpshot over smaller defenders. His three point shot was not falling tonight, but his release was clean and repeatable. He did get his shot blocked in the post a couple times by an athletic defender meeting him at the top of his release point.

Defensive Skills:

Defensively, Filipowski did a good job of defending the pick and roll. He was able to get out and hedge the guard long enough for his teammate to come and recover, and then he returned back to cover the rolling big man without giving up the entry pass. He did this numerous times throughout the game. He also did a good job of using his size to bother opponents shots in the paint, and had multiple help side blocks. He also was able to get his hands on the ball for a steal and some deflections.

Conclusion:

Overall, Filipowski was able to effect the game positively on both ends of the floor for his team, as a playmaker in the post and as a rim protector defensively. Despite his lack of athleticism, he was able to keep himself out of potentially disadvantageous situations.