

Kyle Filipowski vs. Arkansas 11/29/23 - Film

To start the game Duke went right to Filipowski on the R Block. He did an up and under move to get to his L hand but went up soft and got his shot thrown on the first play. The very next possession Filipowski gets the ball and turns it over. 2 turnovers to start the game and his soft play continued throughout the game. To start the second half Duke ran the same play from the first possession of the game and got Filipowski the ball. He did the same soft up and under move and got blocked again. Filipowski did make a very skilled move a little more than midway through the second half. He drove R, he did a spin dribble to his left into a Euro Step and finished over top his defender with a same foot same hand floater. The next possession he made a good catch off the PNR roll and used a series of shot fakes to get defender in the air. He then he then went into the defender, drew contact, and finished the layup. Filipowksi was 1-5 from three, but he did rebound the ball pretty well.

Filipowski picked up two fouls in the first 5 mins of the game, 2 fouls before the first media timeout! He picked up both fouls the same way, guarding on the perimeter and being unable to contain quick guards in PNR action. I wouldn't say Filipowksi was being bullied but Arkansas was able to get a lot of open looks at the rim against him. He definitely was playing hard and trying to make it hard on Arkansas but it wasn't enough. Filipowski needs to stay out of foul trouble and really needs to do a better job at containing guards in PNR.

Filipowksi finished the game with 26 points and 10 rebounds which looks great on paper, but it was a very ugly 26 and 10, nothing that I don't think any scout would really be impressed by if they watched the full game. Offensively he just needs to attack the basket stronger and use his body more to his advantage against defenders. If he stays out of foul trouble defensively I think he can hold his own guarding the post but when he's guarding on the perimeter is where he'll get exposed.