

David Collins (3/11/21 vs Temple)

Collins had a much better offensive showing in the American Athletic Conference Championship game against Temple. He finished with 23 points and 3 rebounds and 3 assists in the 73-71 in the win. He came up with timely baskets down the stretch in the second half and helped the Bulls resist a strong push by the Owls inside the final minute. He showed poise under pressure and used his maturity in handling the ball when receiving full-court pressure down the stretch by Temple.

Offensively, he had one of his strongest showings of the season, with 23 and shooting 9-19, including 2-4 from behind the arch. Many times on drives, he collapsed the defense and found open shooters on the perimeter. Inside the last minute of the first half, he drove left, got cut off on the baseline but found his teammate in the opposite corner for a wide-open three. At the beginning of the second half, he had a smooth transition sequence when he grabbed a defensive rebound pushing in transition and dumped a nice pass off to a teammate for a layup.

Defensively, he had a few solid possessions but overall still tended to be disengaged. He finished the game with 1 block and two steals.

Overall, Collins played much stronger offensively but still lacked awareness and effort on the defensive end. He lets his shooting dictate his effort level on both ends and tends to disengage offensively if he hasn't gotten a touch in a while. He has to improve his free throw shooting as he finished 3-10 from the line.

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