

Julian Champagne (St. John's) 6'8" 220 SF/PF (Film 12/11/20 vs. Seton Hall)

The leading scorer for St. John's tried his best to keep them in this one. Champagne, playing more of a forward than a wing in this, spent a lot of his time on the block. At 6'8" and 220 lbs he played the 4 but is able to play all around the court. St. John's plays small where he was either the biggest or second biggest player on the field for most of the game.

On offense you can see his perimeter ability, he can handle and shoot the ball without a doubt. Hitting a stepback mid-range two and a three when they sagged off of him, with a smooth looking jump shot. He was asked to play more on the block and around the rim though. He used his size to backdown smaller guards and even score on some bigs around the basket. He is crafty and uses his body to his advantage to get off his shot around the rim. The clear cut best player on his team I wish he was able to create for others more. He had no assists to his two turnovers and both turnovers came off of drives.

Playing as a forward he did a pretty good job at protecting the rim. He had 3 blocks and they mostly came from him helping from the weakside. His on the ball defense wasn't particularly as good. He jumped at ball fakes too much which led to guys getting into the lane too easily. Then he allowed Seton Hall to turn down two ball screens which led to easy baskets. I believe he has the ability to guard on the perimeter. It is just a matter of him being disciplined enough. At 6'8" he was often significantly smaller around the rim but he showed a good job of defending post ups and he played bigger than his size.

Scoring 22 points per game at this point of the season and his season low currently being 16 he has been pretty consistent as the leading scorer for St. John's. I need to see more consistency on the defensive side of the ball as well. He needs to make a bigger impact on the game outside of scoring and create better shots for his other teammates since he is the best player on the team.