

## **Taevion Kinsey (Marshall) 6'5" 185 CG (Film 12/13/20 vs. Ohio)**

The first thing that needs to be talked about with Taevion Kinsey is his elite athleticism. Kinsey is one of the best athletes in all of college basketball and uses it efficiently. He plays above the rim, he sprints the floor, and elevates on his jump shots to a point where no one else is near him at the peak. He is more of a wing and plays a lot at the 3/4 position which makes him slightly undersized. Kinsey played backup point guard but putting a position on him is tough.

He scored 28 points on 10/13 shooting and 7/8 from the free throw line. He was excellent in transition. Multiple times he was next to or behind most guys on the floor and sprinted past them for easy baskets. Kinsey posts up in the mid-post often and gets to the rim where he usually finished. He has great touch around the rim and finished through contact often. He hit a mid-range jump shot off the dribble where he elevated over the defense. His skillset is a little behind the rest of his game. His handle doesn't seem to be all that great yet but he is capable of playing point guard and did so for a little bit. The biggest question in his game is his shooting. Both of his attempts from beyond the arc were difficult shots off the dribble but looked good and one went in. He is currently shooting 50% on the season but on only 18 attempts. A Brightside is he is also shooting a career high 84% from the free throw line on 55 attempts. Kinsey shoots 33% from three and 71% from the free throw line in his collegiate career thus far and this season has been a career high in both categories.

On the defensive side of the ball he seems to be a great on ball defender. He sits in a stance, pressures the ball, moves his feet, and is able to contest shots. He is athletic enough and big enough to cover 1-4 in college and I think he will be versatile enough to defend wings in the NBA even though he is giving up a couple inches. Off the ball he can definitely improve, I do not know the teams rotations but it did not seem as if he was completely locked in. On a stunt he got beat back door and a couple times he did not rotate on the weakside. Usually Ohio missed the shots so it is possible they were not rotating over to weaker shooters. He did a great job when guarding Jason Peters who was the best player on Ohio.

He plays with great intensity throughout the game and seems to be a great teammate. Taevion sprinted across the floor to help one of his teammates up after they fell. He also seemed to be just as happy when his teammates scored or made a defensive stop. From the film he seemed like a great teammate.

I love Taevion Kinsey's potential and believe he should be an NBA draft pick. He scores around the rim with ease and is one of the most athletic players in college basketball. The thing I love is not only is he athletic but he understands how to use it. At 6'5" he is going to have to develop more guard skills instead of playing on the wing. If he can shoot the ball anywhere near the rate he has so far this year he has first round potential.