

Ron Harper Jr. (Rutgers) 6'6" 245 SG/SF (Film 12/20/20 vs. Illinois)

At 6'6" and 245 lbs he can use this size to his advantage at the college level. He is heavier than you would like for a wing and has wide shoulders. It looks as if he has a long wingspan for his size which is beneficial for the lack of height. He had a play in transition where he dunked after catching the ball without a dribble; showing he is a decent athlete.

He has been shooting the ball lights out from three. He is shooting 50% on over 7 attempts a game, including 5/8 from three point range tonight. On tape his shot looks clean and smooth. Something that concerns me is he shoots 68.7% from the free throw line in his career and only 62.5% in this season. It also concerns me that he shot 28% and 35% from three before this season. It does make me question if he is now an elite shooter or just on a hot streak. He showed the ability to beat people off the dribble. He beat a big off the dribble because he was quicker and finished through contact then he also beat another man off a crossover and finished through contact again. He is a scorer, he does not create for others too often but he does a good job at not turning the ball over either.

On the defensive side of the ball he was solid. He did a good job guarding an Illinois big in the post while giving up three inches. He is capable of guarding guards, he moves his feet pretty well and contests jump shots with high hands while leaving the floor. He also rebounded well, he had 8 defensive rebounds and 9 total.

In terms of NBA potential his closest comparison may be PJ Tucker. They play significantly different right now but he is listed about an inch taller than PJ and the same weight. Neither are freak athletes. This season he has displayed the ability to score the ball at a higher level but I am not sure if he is the same type of player on the defensive side of the ball. He will need to use his weight and wingspan to guard frontcourt players and space the floor on the offensive side.