

Jabari Smith Jr. (November 26, 2021, vs Syracuse Orange)

In this game Jabari Smith Jr. was able to score in many different ways. He was dynamic and was able to operate on catch and shoots and create his own shot off the dribble. His catch and shoot opportunities came from three-point range. When creating his shot off the dribble he was able to get to his spot from mid-range and the perimeter. He had a fluid release on his jump shot and wasn't shooting as many contested shots. Smith Jr. didn't attack the rim that much in this game but was settling more for jump shots. His lack of attacking didn't result in as many foul shots as in previous games in the season. In this game Smith Jr. played more off the ball and was able to get high quality looks with timely cuts to the rim. When cutting to the rim he was an athletic finisher. A play in the game where he showed the ability to be an athletic finisher at the rim off a cut to the open space was when he caught a lob from Devan Cambridge with 18:38 min left in the first half.

Smith Jr showed flashes of playmaking in this game. In previous games he would force passes and make tough passes that his teammates couldn't handle. He wasn't able to find the open man but in this game he did. He was also getting his teammates passes to their spots where they could be successful. He was setting up his teammates for lobs at the rim as a big man.

On the defensive end Smith Jr didn't get as many opportunities to contest shots on the perimeter. Smith Jr. was getting out to the shooters but was slightly slow on rotations and closeouts and they were able to knock down three-point shots over him. Even though he didn't have as much impact guarding the perimeter, he was still able to alter and block shots at the rim as a rim protector.