

Paolo Banchero (November 9, 2021, vs Kentucky Wildcats)

In this game, Banchero showed the ability to score. He was able to create his own shot at all three levels.

When creating his shot, he was able to create separation with his step back jumpshot. He was also able to operate as the pick and roll ball handler. His ability to handle the ball allowed him to come around the pick as the pick and roll ball handler and get to his spot for a high percentage mid range shot. When contested, Banchero used his size advantage and shot over smaller defenders without resistance. Banchero was able to operate in the post using his size, strength, footwork, and finesse against smaller defenders to score and draw fouls. Banchero also played well off the ball. He came with timely cuts and was able to find the open space which led to a high percentage shot at the rim. On cuts he was an athletic finisher at the rim.

Banchero was able to grab a good number of rebounds. When grabbing defensive rebounds, he was able to push the pace by being the ball handler in transition. This allowed for Duke Blue Devils to have many easy fast break opportunities.

In the 2nd half of the game, Banchero wasn't as assertive and aggressive offensively as he was in the first half as he had to leave the game at times with cramps. The cramps limited his offensive ability, and he couldn't move as well as he did in the first half.

On the defensive end, Banchero was a physical defender. He was able to guard isolations well. He showed defensive lateral quickness. He had good defensive positioning and opponents were unable to blow by him. He was closing out on opponents and forcing them into tough contested shots.