

Isaiah Mobley-#17 UCLA vs #16 USC Scouting Report

Game Scouted: vs UCLA, March. 5, 2022

1st Half Stats: 8 PTS, 4 REB, 1 AST, 1 TO, 3-4 FG, 1-2 3PT, 1-3 FT

2nd Half Stats: 12 PTS, 4 REB, 1 AST, 1 TO, 4-8 FG, 0-1 FG, 4-5 FT

Final Stats: 37 MIN, 20 PTS, 8 REB, 2 AST, 2 TO, 58.3 FG%, 62.5.8 FT%, 33.3 3PT%

Scout Report

In the final/biggest game of the regular season Mobley was his usual, efficient self. This game highlighted Mobley's potential NBA fit as a "point forward" and future as a small ball big. Numerous times he secured a defensive rebound and turned up court as the primary ball handler. This was highlighted with a coast-to-coast finish at the rim early in the second half and throughout the game where he was tasked with breaking the UCLA press as both a passer and ball handler. In the half court he is constantly looking to dictate action either on the perimeter or down on the block. He knocked down a catch and shoot three from the corner and multiple times had the ball on the wing where he used his handle to get into the paint for quick hook shots or floaters. While he only posted 2 AST, he does move the ball well and flashes solid passing out of the post and plays with his head up. He secured an offensive rebound and had the court awareness to shovel pass the ball to an open teammate for a dunk through three UCLA defenders. Defensively, Mobley struggled at times trying to contain UCLA's Jaime Jaquez who had a game high 27 points on 10-16 shooting. Some of this was tough shot making by Jaquez but multiple times Mobley left his feet leading to fouls or And-1 opportunities. He was active as a rebounder but did little as a rim protector in blocking or contesting shots. With UCLA relying on guard and slightly undersized forwards it was disappointing seeing Mobley not impact the game as a defender more.

Final Game Day Thoughts

Mobley has a complete offensive game that sees him creating off the dribble, finishing in the paint or hitting the three. His comfort as a ball handler and playmaker also bode well for his ability to transition to the NBA level where his size combined with perimeter skills should fit in today's small ball, spread the court offenses. Defensively he has the length and size to play in the paint but lacks explosive athleticism to really defend the rim at a high level. Teams should look at Mobley as a player that can be ready to contribute to a second unit right away but there are legit questions about his ceiling as he lacks elite athleticism and projects more as a consistent if unspectacular role player.