

Ajay Mitchell vs CSUN 3/17/24

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Offensive Skills:

Ajay displays the ability throughout the game to make C&S jumpers from the 3 multiple times on the left and right sides. He can make catch-and-shoot jumpers coming off the downs screen as well multiple times in the game. The opposing team plays tight on him when having the ball making him take difficult shots. He was able to make a jumper from the 3 when he pounded dribble into a step back. He was the main ball handler for his team making him the only facilitator as well. He was able to find his teammates open when rolling or moving off the ball, but the timing of his passes was disrupted by tall defenders guarding Mitchell. He was able to make difficult floaters with both hands during the game driving right and left. Like uses his shot fake and jab step before attacking the rim in isolation situations, specifically driving left. He forced many shots in the game even though he was the only one able to create for himself from the perimeter. He was taking step-back jumpers from the mid-range and the 3. He also tries to force in the paint by posting up guards which led to him losing the ball or earning a charge.

Defensive Skills:

On defense, he showed a habit of reaching in when opposing players are in the post and driving to the paint. Even though he reached the lane, he didn't commit a foul doing so. He was able to get stl reaching in on players in the post and anticipating a pass in a P&R action. He committed 2 fouls trying to contest shots by the ball handler getting by him on a drive. Other than that, he keeps his body straight and contests jumpers and layups by jumping straight up. He also stays home beside of running in transition to help with defensive reb. On one possession he was able to get a def reb and go coast to coast to earn a foul at the rim. Not once in the game, he poses as a defensive liability.

Conclusion:

He was able to make multiple jumpers in multiple situations throughout whether it was a C&S, pull-up jumper, or step-back three. He was able to finish at the rim with both hands and was able to get to the free-throw line when attacking. On defense, he can cause turnovers by helping when opposing players drive or are in the post. Even though he was the only facilitator and only able to create shots for himself and others, he was still active on defense and put effort into running back in transition.

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