

Chet Holmgren vs. BYU - Jan 13, 2022

Seasons Stats at Time of Game: 24.9 MPG, 13.4 PPG, 8.4 RPG, 2.2 APG, 2.1 TPG, 61.1 FG%, 35.9% 3PT%, 71.5 FT%

1st Half Stats: 10 PTS, 5 REB, 2 BLK, 1 STL, 1 TO 2-2 3PT, 4-5 FG

2nd Half Stats: 2 PTS, 2 REB, 1 AST, 1 STL, 3 BLK, 1-2 FG, 0-1 3PT, 0-1 FT

Final Stats: 27 MIN, 12 PTS, 7 REB, 1 AST, 2 STL, 5 BLK, 2 TO, 71.4 FG%, 0 FT%, 66.7 3PT%

Scout Report

As a basketball player Holmgren displays a high IQ, unique blend of guard/big skills and has some of the most unique physical properties in college. This game highlighted his strengths and also the biggest concerns. Holmgren plays like a guard who happens to be 7'0. He knocked down two catch and shoot threes and due to his size has a difficult to defend release point. Gonzaga is also comfortable allowing him to initiate the offense from the three-point line and even can act as the primary ball handler in transition. In the second half he steals the ball, dribbles up the court and hits a cutting Timme for an easy finish. His best play of the game came from the wing where he drove right into the paint, spun to his left and finished the left-hand dunk over the defender. His ability to shoot and handle the ball constantly put defenders in tough situations as he was a threat to rise and shoot over defenders or use his length to finish at the rim. Defensively, Holmgren has great instincts around the rim where he blocked five shots while only committing two fouls. He rarely leaves his feet and doesn't use his entire body to block offensive players, instead his long arms are a great deterrent. He also was able to switch onto guards at times and hold his one contesting shots and not getting beat off the dribble. The main question surrounding Holmgren is his thin build. Numerous times he would block a shot or go up for a rebound but ended up batting the ball away or having it poked away by opponents. When posting up he does have solid footwork and finishing touch but instead of finishing through defenders like his teammate Drew Timme, he had to fade away or simply use his height to try and finish over or around defenders. Regardless, his presence forces opponents to reconsider all drive attempts and finishes at the rim and his ability to score from three or at the rim makes him a tough cover.

Final Thoughts

Holmgren often time looks better suited to play as a wing than a big. He is comfortable handling the ball in transition, has a difficult to block jump shot and can hold his own defensively on the perimeter or at the rim. Playing on a deep Gonzaga squad helps his efficiency as his teammates prevent defenses from keying in on them allowing Holmgren to expose one on one matchups and he is one of the most efficient shot blockers in the country.