

DaRon Holmes vs Davidson
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Film

Offensive Skills:

Offensively, Holmes's presence was felt because he was able to attract multiple bodies, draw fouls, and sprint the floor hard in transition. In the first half, his touches were down, but he set solid screens, was posting up hard, and also ghosted screens which you do not see many players at his position do. Throughout the game though, Holmes struggled with consistently getting the ball out of his hands quickly and not turning the ball over when he drew doubles in the low post. On one play he retreated and dribbled out of the double and turned it over attempting a skip pass, and on another, he spun baseline from the left block to avoid the double coming from the top side and lost control of the ball resulting in a turnover. Many of his points from this game came from the free-throw line and at the rim. Another play that stood out to me was at the 15:37 mark of the second half, he pump-faked from three from the corner, used an escape dribble, and then quickly attacked hard for the poster dunk.

Defensive Skills:

Defensively, Holmes stood out and showcased his versatility in guarding guards and wings on the perimeter and doing a fine job containing and preventing them from turning the corner to get downhill. He also protected the rim well on the drive, from the post, and in help. For example, toward the end of the first half, his teammate was beat on a drive and he was the last line of defense, he was able to time the shot well and come up with the block. On another play early in the second half, he stayed attached to his man's hip, changed his driving angle, and blocked the layup attempt. His wingspan and alertness caused more turnovers on defense.

Final Thoughts

Holmes showed the ability to draw fouls and convert at the free-throw line. Most of his points from the field were at the rim and defensively he guarded the perimeter and protected the rim effectively. One area of improvement for him is to make quicker decisions and make the simple read from doubles out of the low post. Sometimes he can be indecisive and panic with his decisions.