

Hunter Dickinson (Michigan) 7'1" 255 C (Film 2/21/21 vs. Ohio St)

Dickinson is a legit 7 footer who can dominate a college basketball game. More of an old school throwback center. The freshmen doesn't move great laterally and is not an outstanding athlete. He seems to be a legit 7 footer though.

Offensively he did not show much ability to score from the perimeter. He is more of a back to the basket player who uses his size and strength to finish around the paint. He showed good touch on some of his finishes around the basket and getting the ball to the rim quickly. Most of his offense was either setting screens or posting up. He shoots 75% from the free throw line so that is promising in terms of potential to develop a jump shot. His passing ability really stood out to me. Hunter was constantly seeing double teams in the post throughout the game but he passed out of them with relatively no problem. He saw over the defense, stayed calm and made the right play as he often through skip passes. He finished with only two assists but it generated offense throughout.

On defense he struggled with guarding a big that could stretch the floor. Ej Liddell constantly got his shot off against him. He was popping off ball screens and even came off a couple screens off the ball. Dickinson was too slow to get through screens or recover. He also struggled to stay in front of guys who took him off the dribble. He did manage to recover and get a block off the backboard once. I am worried he may not have a big enough presence in the paint to overcome his deficiencies on the defensive end.

Dickinson may just be a great college basketball player. I am not sure how his game translates in terms of defensive versatility and the ability to stretch the floor. He may be in the wrong generation. He can clearly work on these things but as of now I am concerned about those two things for the freshmen big man.