

Devin Askew (Kentucky) 6'3" 198 PG (Live 2/13/21 vs. Auburn)

Askew is listed at 6'3 but the first thing I thought was that he was small. I felt as if he was closer to 6'1-6'2. Nothing physically for him really stands out. He seems to be an average athlete at the college level. He does not have blazing speed or insane jumping ability. Seeing him live I thought he was even slower with the ball in terms of beating people off the bounce but better moving on the defensive side of the ball. He brings to the table a sense of leadership. He seemed to be talking well and even communicated in a positive manner with refs to which they even hugged each other after.

He struggled to create separation and seemed to just be throwing up floaters to bail himself out. Askew got his first two shot attempts blocked and they were both floaters. One was blocked by Sharife Cooper who is an undersized point guard. Askew hit one floater going to his left with his right hand, but a lot of his shots seemed to be more him hoping the refs bail him out than shots. He got blocked in the second half on a drive again. Askew seemed to struggle against the length and athleticism of Auburn. He hit his lone three-point attempt which came on a step-back three. He has a good stroke and shoots the ball better than I believe his 29.5% says. Shooting 78% from the free throw line is a positive indication that he will hopefully shoot better.

Defensively he moved his feet and stayed with Cooper on most of his drives. I was impressed with his ability to move his feet and not get beat off the dribble. Devin worked hard too. When he got switched onto bigger defenders, he got around the post and made it difficult to make the post entry pass.

Askew is not physically imposing. I do not see him being drafted this year. I would not be surprised if he transfers out of Kentucky or comes back for multiple seasons. I believe his best chance of getting to the NBA is to be a really good college player because it is tough to see the upside until he starts producing more in games. He is a tough kid who is still adjusting to the speed, length, and athleticism of college athletes. I can see him making a living being a backup point guard in the NBA who is just solid and steady throughout his career.