

### Walker Kessler (December 18, 2021, vs Saint Louis Billikens)

In this game Walker Kessler was operating as a rim running center. He ran well to the rim which resulted in easy dunk opportunities. He also operated well in the pick and roll as a lob threat. He set good picks and was able to absorb contact for the screen, freeing up the ball handler. He had good hands making him able to catch tough passes and had nice finishing touch around the rim. He was able to absorb contact when going up for lobs. An example of play in this game where he operated as a pick and roll lob threat was at 6:28 mins left in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half. He set the screen on Wendell Green Jr. and Green Jr. set him up for an uncontested lob at the rim. In this game, he didn't get many post-ups but when he did, he showed good footwork and patience and was able to get deep post positioning.

Kessler rebounded well. He was able to get tough contested rebounds in crowds which limited the Billikens ability to get extra possessions and second chance opportunities on the offensive end.

In this game, Kessler was able to play interior defense. He was making it hard for Saint Louis Billikens to score inside. He was altering and blocking shots at the rim while jumping vertically and rarely fouling. He was a good help defender and was able to come with key rotations and switches which lead to a blocked or contested shot. On the perimeter, Kessler was slow and was either getting blown past by opponents, or his opponents would shoot from mid-range and three-point range for an uncontested shot.