



Name: Benedict Mathurin

Team: Arizona

Position: G

Age: 19 (6/19/2002)

Height: 6'6

Weight: 210 lbs.

Game Scouted: vs UCLA, Feb. 3, 2022

1st Half Stats: 6 PTS, 4 REB, 1 BLK, 1 STL, 2-4 FG, 0-1 3PT, 2-4 FT

2nd Half Stats: 5 PTS, 3 REB, 1 STL, 2-4 FG, 1-2 3PT

Final Stats: 28 Min, 11 PTS, 7 REB, 2 STL, 1 BLK, 50% FG, 33.3% 3PT, 50% FT

Scout Report

The first thing that stands out with Mathurin is how smooth of an athlete he is on the court. He runs in transition, moves laterally as an on-ball defender, can rise up for floaters or jump shots and has the strength to crash the glass among bigs like Koloko or Riley from UCLA. Offensively Mathurin only took eight shots up showcased the ability to score at every level. He hit a catch and shoot three, drove to the basket for an and-1 floater, pulled up in the mid-range from the short corner and used some solid footwork to hit a reverse layup for an and-1 finish. When the ball is in his hands Mathurin can get to his spots and still score effectively even when his three point shot wasn't falling. He is a traditionally solid FT shooter so 50% from the line isn't overly concerning. Defensively he did a great job staying with his man in on ball situations and really limited UCLA's Tyger Campbell for much of the first half. He picked up two steals by jumping passing lanes and helping on dribble drives to poke the ball away. His highlight play of the game came near the end of the first half where he ran in stride with Jules Bernard and then blocked his dunk attempt with one hand. Lastly, he is a strong rebounder for a guard and crashes the glass constantly. One big area of improvement is Mathurin's off ball work on both sides of the ball. Offensively he seemed to stand along the perimeter if he didn't have the ball and only really moved to come get the ball out of a big's hands. With his athleticism more off ball movement could lead to easy cuts to the rim or jump shot opportunities off screens. On defense he had multiple late or completely missed closeouts, was not often in a defensive stance off the ball and even completely lost track of his man a few times.

Final Thoughts

Mathurin has the physical tools and offensive skills to play along the wing at the next level. His ability to score from all areas of the court, athleticism and rebounding ability all should translate well. When engaged defensively he made life difficult for UCLA's smaller guards and has the athletic ability to make big plays such as steals or blocks. Mathurin looks to be a top ten pick with his efficient, from every level scoring ability, natural athleticism and willingness to rebound.