

Justin Bean (Utah St.) 6'7 215 lbs. SF -Junior (11/25 VCU, 11/27 UNI, 12/5 BYU, 12/18 N. Colorado, 12/21 & 23 San Jose St., 12/31 & 1/2 Air Force, 1/14 & 16 San Diego St., 1/19 & 21 Colo St., 1/25 UNLV)

Last season was named third-team all-Mountain West and to the MW all-defensive team. Also, was the MVP of the Jamaica Classic after averaging a double-double of 14.0 points and 13.0 rebounds per game against LSU and North Texas. Ranked 17th in the nation with 16 double-doubles during the 19-20 season, the most by an Aggie since the 1976-77 season. Averaged 11.9 points and 10.5 rebounds per game to become the first Aggie to average a double-double since Mike Santos in 1976-77. Scored in double figures 21 times, including a season-high 24 points at St. Mary's (11/29). Shot 51.8 percent (155-of-299) from the floor, 27.6 percent (8-of-29) from behind the 3-point line and 80.6 percent (87-of-108) at the free throw line. Had a season-high 16 rebounds against Boise State (2/8). Totaled 356 rebounds last season, led the team with 51 steals on the year, averaging 1.5 per game to rank second in the Mountain West.

Offensively, his perimeter shot off the catch is a little funky in terms of how he loads it, which causes him not to get much lift on the release and is why it is short a lot. (3-22 from 3pt range this season) Is a decent shooter off the dribble from mid-range but is most effective shooting on the move from mid-range off the catch. Is a below the rim finisher and gets his shots blocked a lot and struggles to finish against size. Needs to develop single or double fake moves, gets more trips to the FT-line or clean finishes. Hits the OREBs hard and is the best offensive rebounder in the MWC this season.

Playmaking wise, is fluid moving with and without the ball and his handles are effective against pressure but isn't a primary ball-handler. Nor is he put in situations where he has to attack going down-hill. Decision making is very questionable, and he attacks the rim aggressively and draws fouls, but also picks up charges. Hasn't shown to have any floater or passing off the dribble skills.

Defensively, has a limited wing-span and vertical presences. However, he does do a good job of keeping dribble penetration in front of him, doesn't foul and effectively contests shots or passes. However, he is not a lock-down defender and his limited wingspan and verticality really limits his ability to make one-on-one defensive plays or consistently lock-down his matchups. In Utah State's defensive system, they switch all PNR and hand-offs involving Bean unless it is Queta that is guarding the screener or hand-offer. He struggles with screens in these situations and generally struggles with off-ball screens.

Intangibles: Decent basketball IQ, plays hard and isn't afraid to be physical on either end, but is an average athlete with limited measurables for the SF position at the NBA level.

Bean plays hard and is fundamentally sound but hasn't shown to shoot the ball effectively enough from 3pt range, be a reliable enough of play maker and finisher to have NBA potential as a SF or SG and doesn't have the measurables or elite athleticism to be a small-ball F. Defensively, projects to struggle defending those positions and overall.

NBA Positions: SF

NBA Player Comparison:

NBA Career Potential: Mid-level international league level.

Agent: