

NORTH CAROLINA ST

Cam Hayes:

A top 100 prospect and four star recruit out of high school, Cam Hayes is playing as the backup point guard right now for the Wolfpack. He is listed at 6 foot 3 and 175 lbs he has the ideal size of a point guard at any level. He has long arms and long legs which make him seem almost bigger. His senior year of high school he shot about 36 percent from three, which is where he has shot it thus far in college. He had a mature presence in this game where it seemed as if he was a seasoned vet. For a freshman he played under control, pushed the ball when necessary, and was always moving at his own pace. He was quite impressive in this game.

Cam scored 17 points while having 6 assists with only one turnover. He has long strides and pushes the ball in transition. Cam had a very impressive finish in transition going around one defender and finishing through contact of another defender. He also finished in traffic with his left hand. His lone turnover was a forced pass to a rim runner ahead but outside of that he seemed to always make the right play. Cam played at his own pace throughout the game and was able to get into the lane. With 16 assists compared to two turnovers on the season, he has shown the ability to take care of the ball while handling a playmaking role. He went 3/6 from three with one of them being out of rhythm and a bad miss. His third make was at the end of the shot clock up 20, where he hit a pull up three off a hesitation where he froze the defender. The three went up with no consequences of missing but it did look fluid with potential to increase his arsenal throughout his career.

Defensively he pressured the ball while moving his feet, something that is demanded of him at NC State. He is currently tied for the most steals on the team and talked from the weak side well. On empty side ball screens he was the weakside low man and it was his responsibility to help on the rolling big. Then he was able to get back to the weak side on skips. I just wish he had a little more intensity on defense in general. Sometimes it seemed as if he was just a second slow. He fought hard to front the post a couple times in the game as well.

Overall, I was impressed by the freshmen's poise and confidence. It seems as if Kevin Keatts has his starting point guard for the next couple years. He will likely start by his sophomore year, and will have a chance to get drafted down the road.