

**Jalen Rucker** (Army) 5'10" 180 PG (Film 11/28/20 vs. Buffalo)

The freshman out of Baltimore is the starting point guard for the Black Knights. Listed at 5 foot 10 and 180 lbs he is slightly undersized. He is not exactly ideal size for a Division 1 point guard. He struggled at times throughout this game but he is still learning the college game.

On offense he couldn't get his shot to fall and did not exactly help himself with his shot selection. He took two tough 3 point attempts that missed and a couple tough pull ups. He did show his ability to finish around the rim with a couple tough finishes including an and-one in transition off a euro step. He has a smooth handle and has some good assists. He raised once and made a nice jump pass to a rolling big. He showed patience coming off a ball-screen that led to a tough finish with his right hand over the big. He will be the floor general for the Black Knights for the next four years but he still has ways to go.

Rucker drew a tough matchup with the lightning quick Ronaldo Segu. Keeping Segu out of the lane was an issue for Rucker. He fouled him a couple times and gave up baskets on other drives. It was just not the ideal matchup for Rucker who seems to be a fine defender. I think he will make strides defensively just was not fast enough for this one.

Jalen Rucker showed promise and flashes of what he will be down the road. I am excited to see his development from here on out. He needs to improve his shot selection but he has good vision and a solid handle to pair with it. The shot looks clean so if he can get off more clean shots I believe they will fall. It is early for the freshmen and these are growing pains but he has not been a disappointment by any means.