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Josh Caldwell (Army) 6'2" 185 SG (Film 11/28/20 vs. Buffalo)

Caldwell was all over the floor in this game, he did everything he possibly could to help his team come out with a win. From defending the best player, to scoring, to running the floor, rebounding, Josh did every single thing that he does. He is a winning player that made winning plays and it is as simple as that. He is fast as lightning and uses his speed to his advantage on both sides of the ball.

On offense he had 19 points on 7 of 9 shooting, had 3 assists, and his lone offensive rebound was the biggest rebound of the game. He sprinted the floor which gave him easy buckets throughout the game. His first basket came when he was multiple feet behind the Buffalo player and simply out-sprinted him down the floor, caught the ball and led to an easy and-one. Josh was able to turn defense into offense scoring off of a couple of his steals that then lead to fast break baskets. He displayed good body control in transition by scoring either through or around guys often. He was able to catch and attack the gap without any wasted dribbles. He had two turnovers when trying to make passes off his drives. He did not create too much for himself or others in the half-court, he is more of a finisher than a play maker. Caldwell was simply just too fast for Buffalo to stop him in the open court and played a simple yet efficient offensive game of basketball.

Caldwell was dominant defensively in this game. At 6 foot 2 he was asked to guard the bigger, Jeenathan Williams and drew an offensive foul on him and got him in foul trouble. Then switched onto Graves and held him in check for most of the game and ended up guarding Segu in the final minutes and forced multiple turnovers to win the game. Caldwell is just as quick laterally with moving his feet and staying in front of the offensive player. He was also able to use his speed to get around Williams when he posted up and forced a turnover. Off the ball he was active, when in help he was able to anticipate a spin move which led to a steal and basket the other way. Any loose ball in his area was his. He ended with 5 steals and had 9 defensive rebounds. He was easily the most impactful player on the floor throughout the game.

In this game Josh Caldwell was exactly what you would expect from a West Point player. He outworked everyone, he was gritty, he was tough, and he was unselfish. He is just a winning player. He did not show a whole lot of offensive skill throughout in terms of shooting or skill but he played within himself. This is the type of player every team would love to have and hate playing against. Speed kills and he was a prime example of it. I loved watching him play and impact winning basketball without taking a bunch of threes or any flashy plays that will make SportsCenter.