

D'Marcus Simonds – Georgia State University – 6'3 195 – 21 years old – Junior

Draft Intel Report – March 29, 2019

Source: Jerome Weaver – Former AAU Coach and Family Friend

The source said D'Marcus is the most competitive kid he has ever been around, he has known him since the 5th grade. Says he is misunderstood by people who only go by what they see in small sample sizes.

Source says, D'Marcus does not trust people easily, he is used to people wanting something from him so most of the time he appears unapproachable.

I asked the source, how well D'Marcus handles adversity on and off the basketball court. He stated on the court he will attack whatever it is head on, "I'd always want to go to battle with him." Off the court he has the tendency to shut down or shut people out, he always comes back around but it has to be when he is ready.

I asked the source, what kind of leader is D'Marcus. He stated that he is very vocal and will get on his teammates if they do not fall in line. I then asked him, do you think he can take someone getting on him and he responded it would have to be someone that he respects, someone that he feels is not on his level he will struggle to listen to.

I asked the source, how was D'Marcus' relationship with his college coach. He stated that D'Marcus along with most of his teammates did not have a lot of respect for Coach Hunter but they did all gravitate to the assistants who he and his teammates were close with.

I asked the source, what has been the lowest point you have seen D'Marcus in and can you explain his mental state during that time. He stated that while was in 9th grade D'Marcus briefly left his AAU organization. The team found out that his mom passed while they were away at a tournament, they called him to express their condolence. When they arrived, back in town D'Marcus showed up at practice shortly after he broke down and stated that he just wanted to be around his team and called them his family.

I ask the source if he thought D'Marcus was coachable. He stated without a doubt and stated that he never had a problem with him while he was coaching nor did he have any major issues in High School. The only time it has been called into question was during his time at GSU under Coach Hunter.

I asked the source if he was aware of any drug use. He stated that he was not and had never heard anything about him doing any drugs.

I asked the source if he has ever known D'Marcus to be violent. He stated that he has never seen him violent on the court; he said he will talk a little shit but that is about it. In addition, stated that he has not seen or heard about any violent activity off the court.

Overall, the source thinks D'Marcus will thrive at the pro level with his ability to attack the paint and he will receive exceptional coaching. Source also stated that he thinks he should have come out last year after he won conference player of the year.

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Draft Intel Report – November 10, 2018

Source: Mark Simonds – Father

I met D'Marcus' father Mark at a High School Basketball tournament in November of 2018. Jerome Weaver introduced us. I explained to him who I was and that I had scouted his son 7 times the previous season. He asked me a few questions to see if I really knew his son's game, then he asked me about my background and how I got into scouting. I guess answered all his questions well enough that he felt comfortable with me and we began to talk about D'Marcus, his upbringing and how he ended up at Georgia State.

He told me that D'Marcus grew up poor in Gainesville and he has somewhat of a chip on his shoulder because he grew up in a bi-racial household with a White Father and Black Mother.

He told me that the kids in the neighborhood picked on D'Marcus because he is mixed. The kids would call him "White Boy" so he would get into fights from time to time.

He told me that D'Marcus was actually a football player first and that is why he plays with such aggression. He stated that his son is Night and Day on and off the field/court.

I asked him if he they thought about testing the waters last year after such a great season. He stated that it is his son's decision and he tries his best to stay out of the way. He said if D'Marcus asks for his opinion, he will give it but if not he, just tries to be a supportive and loving father.

I asked him, how making it to the NBA would change his life. He stated not very much, he said my son is laid back; he is not into material things and he spends most of his time at home with his Cat. He said, I am not sure if you have noticed but my son wears the same beat-up sneaker and old sweatpants after every game. He will not let me buy him new clothes and he has a car that he never drives. He said he has to come into the city every few months and drive the car around just to make sure it is still running because D'Marcus like to skateboard everywhere.

I asked him how he ended up at Georgia State, he told me that D'Marcus was pretty much under the radar until Coach Kevin Ollie the then Head Coach at UCONN came to his High School to recruit one of his teammates. D'Marcus had a great game and they offered him on the spot. From that, point on he only received High Major DI offers. He originally committed to Mississippi State but after a coaching change, he re-opened his recruitment. But truly only wanted to stay in the state of Georgia. Therefore, a childhood friend who attended GSU and a previous relationship with a member of the coaching staff led him to choose GSU.

I asked him, what do you think D'Marcus' biggest weakness might be. He stated that he thought that he loses his temper too much during games, He said that when you have eyes on he has to do a better job of keeping his composure.

Overall, dad said he just wants the best for his son and wants him to achieve his dreams and says if he makes it or not he will love him just the same.

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Draft Intel Report – December 12, 2018

Source: Anonymous Student - Works in the Athletic Department at GSU

Source told me that over the summer before the 2018-2019 season D'Marcus was kicked out of basketball assigned housing due to repeated complaints about noise and weed smell. Had to move in with someone from the basketball staff in an off-campus apartment.

Source told me that she had smoked weed with D'Marcus, his girlfriend and several other players on the team. She then told me that there was a rumor that D'Marcus and his girlfriend both used heavier drugs other than weed. I asked had she witnessed firsthand and she said no but two different players on the basketball team told her on separate occasions.

Source told me about an incident at a football game where D'Marcus punched a male student in his face and drew blood because the night before his girlfriend told him that the guy hit on her at a party.

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Draft Intel Report – (2017-2018) & (2018-2019) Seasons

Source: James Williams – Between the Lines Sports

Over the course of 2 seasons, I have scouted D'Marcus Simonds 17 times in person and another 6 times on TV. I have scouted him more than any other player in the past 2 years. I feel like I have a good understanding of the kind of player that he is and a healthy knowledge of what he is like off the court.

Depending on whom you ask around the campus or the team, he is either an asshole or a great person but that can be said about most people so that does not tell you anything about him.

I have seen him out several times around the GSU campus and 99% of the time is walking alone with some dirty blue or yellow shoes and old grey sweat pants.

I would call him social aloof; he comes off very distant or standoffish but in actuality, he just likes being alone.

I have seen him get into arguments with his head coach about being subbed out of the game when he did not think he deserved to come out. He has also gone on tirades on the bench or during timeout towards his teammates about a missed defensive assignment or missing shots when he wanted the ball. From what I have seen, he did not take criticism from his coaches or teammates very well. To me, he seems like a person that has to lead from the front.

Off the court, he has always been polite to me from the first time he father introduced me to him. After games he typically comes out speaks to his friends and family then he leaves. He does not socialize with people that he does not know. I have been close enough to hear him say, "We didn't deserve to win that game" after a tough loss to a conference foe. I have seen him sneak out without speaking to anybody at all. After a game where he played particularly bad, I saw his dad and step-mom as I was rushing out to beat the traffic. His dad said he was just going to wait on D'Marcus to come out then he would be right behind me. As I made it outside D'Marcus was already outside walking away from the arena, so he did not speak to any of the people who were waiting on him.

He has a pet Cat named - Kylo

He does a great British Accent

Girlfriend - Brooke Shank - GSU Volleyball Player