

Reed Sheppard G 6'3 (Kentucky VS Miss St) 01-17-24 FILM

Reed Sheppard showcased his ability to play make and knock down open shots. Reed will enter the game and first play he will make will be a cross court assist. Reed didn't show any desire to force shots in this game. Took quality shots and made passes to set teammates up to score. Making full court, drive and kick, and passes out of the double team in this game. Reed will have few plays that will stand out. One coming around the 4:29 mark in the first half as he gets the rebound and launches a full court pass to a teammate on the break for an assist. The next play will be at 16:20 in the second half as Reed crosses right from the top, drives right attacking the rim, then gets in the air and drops a pass off to big man for assist. Reed will finish this game with 9 points and 6 assist on 2/5 shooting from the field and 2/5 from 3.

Defensively Reed Sheppard displayed his ability as a help and off ball defender. A play stood out at the 14:38 mark in the first half as Reed starts to follow his man that is cutting baseline but sees the play developing as an entry pass is coming to the big man. He stops following his man and comes back to jump the passing lane for the steal. Then throw an outlet pass for assist. Reed was alert and aware defensively in this game. He was able to play the gaps well and communicate on defense.

While Reed Sheppard exhibited his ability as a help and off ball defender, his on-ball defense wouldn't be as impressive as I have witnessed in the previous games. He will just seem a step slow and gotten beat off the dribble a few times in this one. I enjoyed seeing him continue to play aggressive defense even through the early mistakes. I still believe in Reed's on ball defense; however, he will be a step slow in this one.

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