

Reed Sheppard vs Oakland 12/5/23 – Film

Reed Sheppard struggled against Oakland in an elimination game scoring and getting his teammate open against their 2-3 zone. He was 1-5 from the field missing all his shots at the rim which was floater and scoop layup with his right. He couldn't penetrate the 2-3 making him stagnant in the game. He struggles to make timely and accurate passes due to the pressure being provided by Oakland. He threw 2 passes out of bounds not being able to recognize where his teammate was. He also threw a bad alley-oop when their team was trying to make a run. He didn't let the ball stick to his hands and kept it moving throughout the game. The only field goal he made was a C&S 3 from the right wing. The zone made it hard for him to create shots for himself, but I can say he forced any jumpers in the game.

He struggles on defense the entire game trying to guard off-ball screens. He will fight through screens but multiple times in the game he fell for a shot fake leading to the opposing team making their jumpers. He will lose sight of the opposing players looking for screens and passes when guarding off the ball. He did adjust in the second half. When he did stay on his feet and go through the screen, the opposing player was able to shoot over him due to his height. When defending the ball handler, he stayed with them and forced them to pass the ball up. He struggled with his switches as well leading to him constantly chasing players which made it harder for his teammates to guard.

Overall, this was one of his worst performances of the season. He ended up being a liability throughout the game by struggling to create for himself and teammates which played a major role on the offense for Kentucky. On defense, he was exposed to guarding shooters in off-ball screens. Even though Oakland player "Jack Gohlke" made 10 threes during the game against Reed and his team, you can tell his confidence was gone and he seemed to be lost on the court.