

Stephon Castle- University of Connecticut Huskies- 6 feet 6 inches-215 pounds- 19 years old- Freshman

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Source: Barry Browner- High School Head Coach Newton Rams

The source was asked what is the most transferable skillset for Stephon Castle?

The source responded that the most transferable skillset for Castle is that he is a high IQ guy. He uses his size and strength to get to the basket. He is a really good shooter. He hasn't shown that he could shoot the ball as well but in high school he was a really proficient shooter. He is a guy that you know he is on the floor. He demands attention while he is on the floor.

The source was asked about his thoughts about Castle's aggressiveness during games?

The source responded that as Castle became bigger he became more aggressive. He became more aggressive and the source thinks that Castle is really aggressive as far as being able to get downhill. He is a tough guy to stop when he is downhill. He shows his aggressiveness by attacking the basket. The source would say that Castle is medium aggressive. He is more aggressive. Late downhill he is tough to stop. When Castle is at his most aggressive version he is so physical. He is going to dominate smaller guards. He is someone that seeks out those mismatches. The source thinks because of Castle's aggressiveness he seeks out those matchups.

The source was asked how he feels about Castle's ability to perform under pressure and in big moments?

The source responded that Castle has been doing this since he picked up a basketball. He has the ability to perform. He has always been a gamer. He impacts winning. When he is on the floor you have got a chance to win any game. It doesn't matter who you are playing. He just makes winning plays.

The source was asked how he feels about Castle's physicality and if he's ready to play at the next level?

The source responded that Castle has an NBA body already. Because of his physicality he is ready to play right now. If you watch his games he shows his physicality just by how he moves. There are no adjustments the source would like to see Castle make to his body. He just needs to keep doing what he is doing.

The source was asked what are Castle's motives to play the game at the next level?

The source responded that Castle's motives to play the game at the next level are that he is a guy that has a chance to be a 15 year pro. He wants to be a pro as long as he can.

The source was asked what kind of teammate Castle is?

The source responded that Castle is a great teammate. He is a great leader and great teammate. He is a great team guy. The interactions with his teammates are great. He is a tremendous team guy. He is both a vocal leader and a leader by example. He shows this leadership by leading

by example and guys following his lead. He is telling guys and trying to get guys in the right position and put them in the right place. Teammates responded well to this.

The source was asked how is Castle's ego and if he is coachable? The source responded that Castle is very coachable. He has no ego. He responds well to criticism from the coaching staff because he is very coachable. He takes it and works on it when he get criticized from the coaching staff.

The source was asked how is Castle's work ethics and if he does more than what is required? The source responded that Castle is always in the gym. The skillsets that he is working on when he is in the gym most of the time are shooting, ball-handling, dribbling, and decision making. Castle was probably the hardest worker that the source has been around.

The source was asked what is Castle's level of basketball IQ and if he can carry over the scouting report to the court? The source responded that Castle loves it so he has a very high basketball IQ. He is a student of the game. The scouting reports of the Newton Rams are detailed. He did a better job at translating the scouting report onto the court compared to other kids on the team.

The source was asked how Castle responds to in game adjustments? The source responded that Castle is a coach on the floor so he is somewhat controlling the in game adjustments on the floor. The type of in game adjustments he had to respond to are his defensive coverages and offensive adjustments. On the defensive end he had to deal with switching versus not switching.

The source was asked what will be one reason Castle will be successful and one reason he will not be successful at the next level? The source responded that one reason Castle will be successful is just the way that he plays the game. Just like the source said Castle is a student of the game. He is a student of the game and he is able to make adjustments well and make certain plays. He has the ability to be able to change the game from his adjustments. The source thinks it is going to be hard for Castle not to be successful. The source doesn't think Castle's shooting will be a hinderance. He shot it more in high school. It is more like he has the ability to knock down shots but the source thinks what Castle's role is right now doesn't allow him to shoot.

The source was asked if Castle ever failed a drug test? The source responded that Castle has never failed a drug test. They don't conduct drug tests in high school.

The source was asked if there are any personal and social red flags for Castle? The source responded that there are no personal and social red flags for Castle.

The source was asked how is Castle's competitive level in practice and does he push others? The source responded that Castle pushes others. He pushes others to make them better. The ways he shows his competitiveness in practice are that he wants to win every drill and every game in every practice.