

### **Title: Stephon Castle vs Butler 1/5/2024 –Film**

Castle demonstrated he can put the ball in the basket in multiple ways against Butler. He scored in transition two times during the game which one of those attempts led to an And-1. He revealed that he is more comfortable creating shots for himself in the mid-range area. He sizes up the defender to get to his pull-up mid-range. He also caught the ball in the high post and was able to get to the line by using his shot fake. He got the ball stolen from him when catching in the high post and also lost the ball when spinning into a defender when attacking the rim. The opposing team went under on all picks that were set for him and he didn't shoot a jumper in those situations. He made 3 points shot which was on the catch. He was a point guard for UConn this game and showed he can be a facilitator for his team by initiating the majority of the offense actions. He displays he can penetrate the paint and find the open man. He also shows effort in attacking the glass on the offensive and showing hustle in loose ball situations.

He displays the ability to stick to his defender when guarding his man in P&R actions and during off-ball screen actions. He did show effort in playing the lanes and making it hard for the players he was guarding to receive the ball. He got the ball stolen from him and immediately stole it back showing his effort getting back on defense. He was getting scored on when stronger forwards drove through his chest when attacking the rim. Struggle to guard bigger players. Display good intangible by jumping straight up when protecting the rim as a help defender.

He displays the ability to attack the rim when in transition, but I would like to see him finish at the rim more in half-court situations with the ball in his hand. He likes to create shots for himself in the mid-range area, but curious if he can create for himself from behind the arc. He showed he could initiate the offense and showed off his combo guard skills. He shows he can defend guards on and off the ball and find ways to cause turnovers. Stronger players tend to score on him, but he does show effort in guarding and does a good job keeping his hands up to contest layups.