

## **Eric Gaines vs Memphis -1-28-24 In Person**

Eric Gaines showcased his ability to create his own shot off the dribble, finishing in the lane, and hitting pull up jumpers. He will show the ability to handle the ball well, not allowing the defense to speed him up, and getting to where he wants on the floor. He will give Memphis trouble with his speed with the ball, whether its out on the break or change of pace in the half court. A play stood out at the end of the first half with 10 seconds left. Eric will bring the ball up and walk the clock down, change his pace into a quick pull up 3 from the left wing to end the half. This will spark his team as they will come out in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half and Eric will hit another big 3 that will keep the energy in the building. Eric will have a big impact on his team's run at the start of the second half that will put his team up by 10. Seemly controlling the game both scoring and assisting on this run. Eric will display the ability to create for others as well. Making full court passes, advance the ball in transition, and drive and kicks.

Defensively, I will be impressed with Eric Gaines energy throughout this game. He showcased his ability to play on ball defense both in the half and full court setting. Throughout this game UAB will continue to switch up their defensive looks, going from 1-2-2 back to a 2-3, and then match up man. Eric will display his ability to have active hands, using his hands well to strip the ball and force pick-ups. Eric will have a play that stood out as he gets beat on an in and out cross, doesn't quit on the play. Uses active hands to strip the ball and force a turnover. Early in the game Eric will have a play that shows his defensive awareness. As he seen a cross court pass coming, jumps passing lane and gets the steal. Pushes the ball up the court to draw a foul at the rim (19:24).

While Eric Gaines exhibited the ability to take care of the ball, he will have 3 turnovers that will happen off careless mistakes. One of these turnovers will come from Eric trying to dribble through a double team and loses the ball going behind the back. He would do much wrong in this game. Will impact the game on both ends of the floor. Eric will end the game with 20 points, 4 rebounds, 4 assist, and 4 steals. Scoring his 20 pts on 7/10 from the field and 3/4 from 3pt.

**Isaiah Giles**