

## **Jared McCain 2/3/2024 vs North Carolina - Film**

McCain had a very efficient overall game offensively displaying the ability to knock down catch and shoot threes and create for himself by getting downhill both in transition and in Duke's half-court offense. There were several layups where he was off balance and forced to finish through contact. McCain also did a solid job of getting the ball out of his hands early on his layup attempts and finishing high because Carolina's defense collapsed on drives and contested most shots in the paint. On multiple plays, it looked like McCain was about to get blocked but his high scoop layups prevented Carolina players from blocking them. For example, at the 15:38 mark of the second half, McCain split the Carolina defense driving left and then finished with a scoop layup with his left. Less than a minute later, he drove right and finished a scoop layup with his right. His quick release from three allowed him to get his looks off fast before the defense was able to fully close out and contest. For example, at the 5:08 mark, McCain caught the ball on the left wing, and quickly set his feet and let it fly, resulting in a made three.

McCain's on-ball defense continues to be a positive for him because he positions himself well off the ball, consistently communicates with his teammates throughout actions, and slides his feet while maintaining ball pressure during possessions. His transition defense stood out because he was the first line of defense and his lack of blow-bys aided the anchor by putting less pressure on the rim. For example, at the 14:21 point of the first half, he prevented a straight line drive to the rim in transition by moving his feet and walling up, then he forced an off-balance shot, which resulted in a miss. McCain also did a nice job cleaning up the glass for Duke leading them with eleven rebounds, nine of which were defensive. He showed he is not afraid to get in there and get chippy which helped Duke in a big way.

McCain exhibited the ability to get downhill and finish layups over bigger bodies in transition and off the bounce in half-court offense. His defensive rebounding and transition defense helped close possessions for Duke. One area of improvement for him is to know his personnel better and not jump out to contest non-shooters and try to run them off the line.