

## Zach Edey 7'4 C (Purdue vs Davidson) 12-17-22

First thing that you notice in person is Zach's size. Listed at 7'4 295lbs; every bit of that is true in person. Coming into this game Zach Edey was Big Ten player of the week for 3 straight weeks. He would continue that dominance in this game. Edey got straight to work in this game with his first touch being a hook shot turning over the left shoulder. Turning over that left shoulder seems to be Edey is most comfortable, as went to it over and over and it was unstoppable. The size of Edey was too much for Davidson to handle throughout this game. Edey would use his size well to post up and move defender to get close to the rim. Impressed with the aggressiveness he plays with; really wants the ball every possession and doesn't mind the contact. Edey isn't always just looking to go straight up off a post-up as Davidson would send triple teams at Edey he would make the right play to the open teammate. Never saw Edey roam out around the three-point line; he stayed right around the rim waiting for an opportunity for put back or entry pass. Edey Runs up the court well; getting right to a spot he likes around the rim and posts up. This game would force Edey to work a little more for his post ups as Davidson would front him with 2 defenders at times. When that happened, Edey got his points from offensive rebounds. Edey Had a strong stat line of 29 pts and 16 rebs. The most impressive thing in this game was Edey's conditioning. Edey would play 34 minutes in this game, being the most minutes played on his team. For a guy his size, it was impressive to see him play those minutes and just continue to play hard throughout the game. Edey kept a lot of action of the paint for the most part. Opposing players would start to bring Edey out of the paint and beat him off the dribble to the rim. Edey drop coverage is also slow. PnR defense seemed like a challenge for him to guard in this one. I would say there was a few plays that Edey showed good foot work to prevent getting beat. He has good enough footwork to not get beat too quickly; giving his teammates time to slide over and help. Great play from Edey in this game. A game like this would keep him in talks for another player of the week.

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