

Branden Carlson vs Cal – 3/2/2024 – Film

Offensively, Branden displayed a versatile scoring ability, demonstrating he can score from virtually anywhere on the court. He effectively utilized jump hooks in the post and showed a reliable mid-range game by knocking down face-up jumpers from the mid-post. Branden also showed nice touch connecting on two 10-foot push shots from the short corner, as well as showing his hands as he had two drive-and-drop dunks. Additionally, he shot it well from the 3pt line, in pick-and-pop situations and as a trailing shooter in early offense. However, his passing out of the post needs improvement, as it led to four turnovers during the game.

Defensively, he was impressive particularly as a weak-side shot blocker. He displayed good timing and ball-tracking skills, utilizing his length to contest and block shots effectively. His activity on the defensive glass was notable, as he secured rebounds outside his immediate area, showcasing good anticipation and effort. However, Branden did struggle with interior defense, often being physically overpowered by opposing big men.

Branden showed great potential as an all-around player with his ability to score from various spots on the court, including the post, mid-range, and three-point line. Defensively as a weak-side shot blocker and his active presence on the defensive boards were significant. To elevate his game further, Branden needs to improve his passing out of the post to reduce turnovers and work on his interior defense to handle physical matchups better