

Cody Williams- Colorado Buffaloes- 6 feet 7 inches-190 pounds- 19 years old- Freshman

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The source was asked what is the most transferable skillset for Cody Williams?

The source responded that the most transferable skillset for Williams is that he has got a lot of great things going for him. The source just thinks that overall Williams is going to grow into his measurables and so he is going to be a lot stronger. Just overall he is going to start using this. He has done it pretty effectively now and so using his measurables and his size to effect the game in a way that a lot of people believe he is capable of. This is why he is listed so highly on draft boards and stuff. The source would say overall Williams has the gifts already and now he is just going to start using them in a more effective way. The source likes Williams's tools and would call him a toolsy player. He has slashing ability. He has a quick and explosive first step to get to the rim and is an athletic finisher. He has shown this multiple times in this year. This is also absolutely a transferable skillset to the next level. The source isn't concerned about Williams's shooting ability. Everybody can always improve their shot. He took a lot of strides this year in this regard. Everybody has got to get better but with him over the long-term he will be ok. He has got a lot better looking stroke than a lot of kids in this class. The percentages he shot speak for itself. The type of shots were just spot-ups catch and shoot. There are a lot of guys that take similar shots than him that don't make them. The source thinks it will be fine. Everybody has got to improve and keep getting better but he has got a really good work ethic and the source sees no reason why Williams doesn't bring this to the next level. The source doesn't think Williams is ball-dominant. KJ Simpson was the one who handled the ball the most and so Williams was playing off the ball a lot. They would run him off screens and everything like that. There were times though that coach Tad Boyle would want Williams to have the ball in his hands. The source thinks Williams did a pretty good job with the ball in his hands as well.

The source was asked how Williams was being defended at the college level compared to how he will be defended on the NBA level?

The source responded that Williams will be defended a very similar way in college to how he will be defended at the NBA level. They obviously had Tristan Da Silva and Simpson so it wasn't like he was always everybody's number 1 guy that was going to have to be stopped. There were times that they would play lanky guys in the PAC-12. They played Florida State this year which is all about length. He did fine. The source doesn't think it will be much different because at the NBA level obviously he is not going to be right away the number 1 option on a team. It will be good for him that he will just be able to grow into what he is and start figuring himself out as a player as well. The source thought Williams did fine when matched up against those lanky guys. He had turnovers this season as a whole but he

was a freshman. If you look at track records of freshman they all for the most part struggled turning the ball over. They didn't crowd the paint against him and force him to shoot when he was being guarded in college because they had to respect his percentages. They did not really crowd the paint against him like this. They would just play him one on one. This is what you had to do because they had Da Silva, Simpson, J'Vonne Hadley who is a really good player and they couldn't leave him by himself, and Eddie Lampkin Jr. inside. If you are just looking at the make up of their team and you watch the film they definitely couldn't leave any of their guys just unattended.

The source was asked about his thoughts about Williams's aggressiveness

during games? The source responded that if you just watch the Colorado State game and the Oregon game when they played them at home games like that you see a guy that is uber aggressive and knew at times he was the best player on the court. He did a lot of great things for them. When Williams is at his most aggressive version he is a monster athlete that can put the ball in the basket in any way. He knows how. He makes a lot of shots and finishes around the rim that are really athletic that not a lot of people can do. The source would say that Williams is a crafty finisher and has great footwork. The source wouldn't say that Williams is under aggressive, medium aggressive, or over aggressive. The source would just say that Williams doesn't take bad shots. He is as aggressive as he needs to be or feels he needs to be. He plays in the framework of a team. They had 5 confident starters this year and 2 really talented bench guys this year on their team and the source just thought that Williams fit into their team really well. There were times that he knew he could be or should be more aggressive and there were times that he felt like it was someone else's turn to be aggressive. He just had a really good feel for their team and the moment. He was playing through an ankle injury. He was a bit limited towards the end of the season. The injury was affecting him. It was pretty public that he had an ankle injury. It wasn't anything super severe but yes he had an ankle injury and this is why he missed 6 games at the end of the regular season. The source wouldn't say that the ankle limited Williams. The source would just say that obviously it is really hard to stay in shape when you have a lower body injury. He is out and having to take time off from basketball because he can't do anything and all these other people when you are at the end of the year are in the best shape of their life. The source doesn't think it limited Williams but it was just a steeper hill to climb back out of than a lot of people give him credit for. It is absolutely not a concern for the source. The source doesn't feel like Williams can be inconsistent with his aggressiveness sometimes and sometimes he can get passive. The source would just go back to when he mentioned that Williams has a really good feel and he is not going to do anything that he doesn't feel like is a good decision. He understands if Da Silva was having a 30 point game then Da Silva is the one who should have the ball in his hands. If Williams is the one that is having a really good game he understand he is the one that is supposed to have the ball in his hands. He just has a really good feel and understands when it is his time and when it is someone else's time. He plays within the flow of the offense.

The source was asked how he feels about Williams's ability to perform under pressure and in big moments? The source responded that they had a game at

Colorado State. They ended up losing this game but down the stretch in the second half Williams was by far the best player on the court for either team. He is just making tons of plays in transition and just taking the ball to the rack at will. He had a really good game against Oregon at home when they needed him to have one. This wasn't really crunch time but it was a really important part of their year. The source thought when they played at University of Southern California and at UCLA in games that they needed to win Williams had really good offensive games. If you watched their games this year you will have a good understand of this. He is not afraid of the moment. His impact late in games is driving to the rim and making a big play. He had a big three against Marquette for them down the stretch. It is really just whatever he needs to do he is going to do it. If that is him scoring, if that is him passing, and if that is him defending he just does a great job doing whatever is asked of him. It just depends if he is seeking last second opportunities or if something is drawn up for him. It just really depends. If he is having a good game he is going to be the one to get the ball. If Da Silva is having a good game he is going to be the one that gets the ball. If Simpson had a good game he will be the one getting the ball. If Hadley had a good game or even if Lampkin Jr. inside they will draw something up for him to post up and get a bucket. They are a really unselfish group of guys. Whoever is having a good day is the one who gets the ball. If they all are having a good game he wouldn't seek it out and wouldn't get frustrated if he didn't get the shot. He doesn't really care about this. They are all unselfish guys. They understand whoever the open guy should be the one who gets the shot. They have no problem with sharing the wealth on this. He plays the right way.

The source was asked how he feels about Williams's physicality and if he's ready to play at the next level? The source responded that as Williams has gotten stronger this year obviously he was willing to be a lot more physical with guys. He has worked a lot this off-season in draft prep at getting stronger and lining to make sure that he can play at the next level. It will be there. The source is not worried about this. The ways that Williams shows his physicality on the court are offensively seeking contact, finishing through contact getting the and one, and defensively just being willing to put a body on someone and play defense. He is not shying away from contact. He is absorbing it and getting to the free-throw line. The adjustments the source would like to see Williams make to his body is that he has still got to put on muscle. He has worked really hard. He is working hard. As long as he is making a good-faith effort physically. With him it is just more physically than anything else. He is doing all the stuff to make himself better and he is really trying. The source doesn't think you can have anything more because this is just something that is either going to be physically possible or not so Williams is trying. The source believes Williams has the frame to add more muscle. He has gained almost 15 pounds this year of muscle so the source thinks that Williams definitely has the ability to keep getting more. When he added this weight and muscle this didn't affect his movements on the court. He didn't become slower, less explosive, and less athletic. He was still the same player throughout the whole year. If you just go back and watch his clips you can see a guy who has been the same athletically the whole year.

The source was asked what are Williams's motives to play the game at the next level? The source responded that Williams's motives to play at the next level is that it is what he wants to do with his life. It is the career he wants. His brother plays and they have always just played basketball. This is what they always want to do. It is in his DNA.

The source was asked what kind of teammate Williams is? The source responded that Williams is a really good teammate. All the guys in the locker room love him. They were really happy to have him for a year. They wish they could have had more time but the time they got with him they were all very happy with it. They weren't upset he declared for the draft. Everybody knew that Williams was going to be a one and done so the source doesn't think anybody was upset. The type of interactions he has with his teammates are the same type of interactions that everybody kind of has with their teammates. You are roommates with them and you are friends with them. It is just a normal kid. Williams is a leader. He is a lead by example. Williams did what he needed to do. Obviously he was a freshman and the only rotational freshman who really played on a group of upperclassman. He picked and chose his spots but it was a lot more lead by example because he understood his place. The ways that Williams leads by example are understanding his place, working hard, and doing what the coaches tell him to do. He just did whatever was asked of him and whatever he felt was necessary to help be a leader on their team.

The source was asked how is Williams's ego and if he is coachable? The source responded that Williams absolutely is coachable. He doesn't have an ego. He is just a normal kid. This is why he fit in so well with their team which was because no one really had an ego like that. He is just a really down to earth kid. He liked hanging out with everybody on the team and just did whatever was necessary to try to help them succeed. The way Williams responds to criticism from the coaching staff is that he takes it like a normal person would. He just understands that it is out of love and they are looking out for his best interests. When this is the kind of approach you have then you are going to fine.

The source was asked how is Williams's work ethics and if he does more than what is required? The source responded that Williams was a good fit for the team and had a good work ethic. He comes in on his own time outside of practice and everything. He would come early on days he had class after and stay late on days that he didn't. It is really dependent on the day and time. All of their guys at Colorado it is kind of a prerequisite that you have to work hard otherwise. They are not going to recruit a guy who their high school coaches and AAU coaches don't feel works hard or gets in the gym extra. Once they get to campus it is kind of a continuation of the same things. You are in the gym all the time and you are always working to get better. If you are not then you are not a good fit for the team. The skills that Williams works on when he gets that extra work in and in workouts are that he is just trying to make himself as well-rounded as possible. Obviously he wants to become a better shooter but he also has guard skills and he wants to keep improving the handle and keep finishing at the rim. Like everybody else he wants workouts to solidify his all around game. Williams is high intensity when he is getting this extra work in and in workouts. This is what they expect

as coaches and them as graduate assistants. It is supposed to be game like or otherwise you are not actually getting any better. These are all high intense workouts.

The source was asked what is Williams's level of basketball IQ and if he can carry over the scouting report to the court? The source responded that if you watched their games this year you would just see a guy that did what he needed to do. All of their guys at Colorado they have to know who they are guarding but also everybody else who is on the team. They get quizzed about the guy on shootaround they are expected to know. If you watch Williams again in his film and stuff you will see a guy that flashes to the rim at the right time and makes good touch. You see a guy that knows how to use his measurables on defense whether it is in the gap or blocking shots when he is in help. A lot of this stuff you can really tell he knows when you watch his film. The ways that Williams shows his basketball IQ on the court are just cutting, slashing, and making the right play. When you watch his film it is pretty clear to see that he has an eye that most freshman don't have especially offensively which leads to a lot of dunks and just easy layup opportunities. He is willing to pass the ball if there are 2 guys on him. The source just thinks there are a lot of ways that Williams displays his IQ. The scouting reports at Colorado are nothing more over the top than any other school has because you get the privilege of seeing other team's scouting reports especially around the tournament time. They are just regular. They are the same as kind of everybody else's scouting reports.

The source was asked how Williams responds to in game adjustments? The source responded that Williams responds really good to in game adjustments. Everybody on their team is really attentive in huddles during timeouts. At halftime everybody when coaches talked they listened and would go from there. It is part of why they were so successful with this group this year. The type of in game adjustments that Williams had to respond varied on a game by game basis depending on who is having a game for the other team and if there is plays that they are trying to run that aren't really working and being executed. It just obviously depends on a game by game basis. It just looked different from game to game for him. The type of adjustments he had to make wasn't consistent. He is adaptable. When you watch their games this year Simpson is obviously their primary ball-handler so Williams is playing the majority of the time off the ball. There were times that they wanted or needed Williams to handle the ball but obviously when you watch their games the majority of the time Williams is playing off the ball. The source would assert that Williams can play off the ball. The source would call him adaptable.

The source was asked what will be one reason Williams will be successful and one reason he will not be successful at the next level? The source responded that there are a lot of reason Williams would be successful at the next level. Overall he is just really raw right now. The source thinks once Williams becomes a finished product then it is over. It might take a couple of years for this. He is going to fill out more, all his skills are going to improve more especially working with an NBA team and their player development staff. The source thinks there are a lot of reason that Williams is going to pan out. The other reasons the source views Williams as successful are that he has got

measurables, he has got talent all over the board, he is a team guy, he works really hard, his ego is very low, and he is a low maintenance person as a whole. There is just a laundry list of reasons that the source feels like Williams is going to be successful. If he wouldn't pan out at the next level the source would say it is because whatever team didn't work hard enough to develop Williams. The source thinks Williams has all the raw tools and intangibles. There have been a lot worse players than him and a lot less talented players than him that have panned out in the league. He has the work ethic, the want to, and the desire to be a really good NBA player. At the end of the day he has got to trust whoever is developing him to develop him.

The source was asked if Williams ever failed a drug test? The source responded that Williams has never failed a drug test. He doesn't go out or anything like that very often.

The source was asked if there are any personal and social red flags for Williams? The source responded that there are no personal and social red flags for Williams. Every guy at Colorado they don't recruit guys that are low character or they know have red flags. There is no red flags with Williams. He is a very clean guy.

The source was asked how is Williams's competitive level in practice and does he push others? The source responded that everybody pushes everybody on their team and that is part of the reason why they were so successful this year. They had guys that had standards for themselves and standards for the team. If you weren't upholding the standards for the team then there were going to be issues. The ways that Williams specifically pushes are that he is just a lead by example guy. If you can't keep up with the guys that are leading by example there is problems. Everybody is competitive. It is just like in a game. They have drills and everybody wants to win the drills. The ways that Williams shows his competitive level in practice are that he gets excited when he does good and he gets pissed off when he doesn't do well. The source would say it is just the same way that most athletes get. It is manageable when Williams does get pissed off.

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