

**Kel'el Ware - Oregon Ducks- 7 feet 0 inches-210 pounds- 18 years old- Freshman  
Draft Intel Report- Conducted March 18, 2023**

**Source: Cliff Spiller- Director of Strength and Conditioning Oregon Ducks**

---

**The source was asked what is the most transferable skillset for Kel'el Ware?** The source responded that the most transferable skillset for Ware is his athleticism and shot blocking. You can't teach a 7-footer to move at his size. Shot blocking is just timing and understanding pick and roll defense and that comes with time and reps. This will definitely translate. As he gets stronger and learns how to be more physical the rebounding will transfer. The source thinks the first year is a challenge for Ware because he had to adapt to getting to understand how hard you have to play and how physical you have to play every time. The source believes his athleticism and shot blocking will transfer right now.

**The source was asked how Ware was being defended at the college level compared to how he will be defended on the NBA level?** The source responded that Ware is starting to realize how physical he has to play. At the next level guys are going to realize he is 19 and they are going to be physical with him. The source thinks this will take time and continuously hitting the weight room. He was good in spurts this year, but the source wants him to be more consistent. The source thinks he could have done a better job holding Ware more accountable in that area, but the source was also trying to prepare him. It is a two-way street meaning the source makes himself available, but you must come. The source can't always tell him to come all the time. You have to come on days when you don't want to come. Ware has definitely sought out the source, but he needs to be told what to do and needs guidance. There is a problem when the source is giving him guidance, but he can't hold Ware's hand forever. He has to prepare guys to be pros, whether it is professional playing basketball or professionally in life. The source's job is to tell Ware what time to be there, and he is going to be available from a certain time. He shows up when something is a mandatory lift, but when it is an optional or open weight room, he hasn't been coming to those consistently.

**The source was asked about his thoughts about Ware's aggressiveness during games?** The source responded that Ware could be more aggressive at times. In the last week and in practice yesterday is when they saw a flashlight and a really big flash of him being aggressive, but they are in the end of their season. He should have been aggressive this entire time, but he just didn't know. The source said that Ware has been under aggressive. Now we are starting to see glimpses of Ware being more aggressive. He displays his aggressiveness when he tries to dunk over people or try to go for shots.

**The source was asked how he feels about Ware's ability to perform under pressure and in big moments?** The source responded that Ware is now finally starting to figure it out a little bit. The source thinks it is too little too late. They are in the NIT tournament, and they play tomorrow, but Ware is starting to show some glimpses now

of that stuff. The lightbulb is finally starting to click on for him now. With Ware, it is not easy, and the source thinks he will struggle. The source thinks Ware is so used to being the biggest and most athletic. The source thinks as he gets older and more mature that will change.

**The source was asked how he feels about Ware's physicality and if he's ready to play at the next level?** The source responded that Ware would benefit from the G-league for a veteran heavy system where he has a really good veteran and infrastructure. Ware is naturally strong so for him he would need to be consistent in the weight room. He will need to want it for himself and not have someone tell him what he needs to do. When the source tells him he comes but some days you are going to have to want it for yourself. The source can't make everything mandatory.

**The source was asked what are Ware's motives to play the game at the next level?** The source responded that he is still trying to figure out if Ware loves basketball. The source thinks Ware loves what basketball brings him. The source doesn't know if Ware truly loves the game. The source thinks that because Ware is tall and good at basketball, people have been telling him he can make money at it. The source thinks this is his motivation and factor but doesn't know if Ware is coming in late at night and getting extra shots up. Many times, he will get their player development coach to work with him, and he will also get extra work with the source, but it would drop off. He needs to find that internal love for the game on his own. The source finds it concerning that he has to motivate Ware because he isn't going to have it at the next level. At the next level, he isn't going to have grown men chasing him to do things. At the next level, Ware is projected to be a late first rounder, so teams aren't going to cater to those guys. They will help you, but then you have to figure it out on your own. You will have veterans telling you what to do and helping you, but if you don't figure it out quickly then it is going to be a long uphill battle. The source finds it important for Ware to have veteran leadership on his team to teach him and help facilitate what he needs. Ware will need to figure out what works for him and sticking to it.

**The source was asked what kind of teammate Ware is?** The source responded that Ware doesn't smoke weed or drink a lot but still hangs out with the guys that do. Ware plays a lot of video games. Ware is 18 he knows what he knows. He doesn't have a good system in place for him to learn from, and his leader Will Richardson wasn't the best. Ware was a freshman, so he didn't know any better.

**The source was asked how is Ware's ego and if he is coachable?** The source responded that Ware is very young and immature. He is 18, and he's never really been around grown men, so he had trouble navigating around grown men. In the beginning, he didn't want to be coached, and then later on he started coming back. The source thinks Ware can be very coachable and has the potential to be coachable. Ware needs structure and accountability. He wasn't coachable in the beginning, but then there was a stretch where he was very coachable and being receptive but now the source feels he has reverted back. The source believes Ware needed to benefit from a good culture and

structure. Ware is very immature so he will always say something back when he gets criticism. He is 18, so he thinks he knows everything.

**The source was asked how is Ware's work ethics and if he does more than what is required?** The source responded that Ware would ask for workouts. He would show up and do a workout, and there were times he wouldn't show up. He wouldn't show up for treatment and open weight rooms. Unless the source told him to come or unless Ware said he was coming, then he wouldn't come. It was inconsistent. This is based on what the source sees in the training room and weight room. He doesn't really know their routines when they are getting shots up.

**The source was asked what is Ware's level of basketball IQ and if he can carry over the scouting report to the court?** The source responded that Ware has struggled. He is probably going to need somebody to break down film consistently almost everyday. The scouting reports at Oregon are very simple. They are not really complex at all. They are straightforward. They go over what an opposing player does and what he shoots. It is very straightforward and not complex at all.

**The source was asked how Ware responds to in game adjustments?** The source responded that he doesn't know that because he doesn't know if they make too many in-game adjustments. Ware responds well to adjustments in the training room and weight room. Usually, they will come to the source if something is bothering them, so the source would give them a modification, and Ware does well adjusting to that. The source doesn't typically modify it, but if they have anything causing them discomfort, then the source would modify it for them on the spot then, from there Ware is pretty good at adjusting to that modification.

**The source was asked what will be one reason Ware will be successful and one reason he will not be successful at the next level?** The source responded that Ware's upside is through the roof. The source thinks consistently playing hard will provide a challenge for Ware at first.

**The source was asked how is Ware's competitive level in practice and does he push others?** The source responded that Ware and Bittle push each other. Ware was pretty competitive in practice. On the court, the source doesn't think Ware is competitive enough. On the court, for Ware to improve his competitiveness the source would like to see Ware play hard every time he is on the court. That is just it, and there isn't really a science to it.