

David Jones vs Tulane

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Film

Offensive Skills:

Jones shot the ball very well beyond the arc, finished well at the rim, and made unselfish plays for his teammates. He cleaned up missed shots and created more opportunities for Memphis with his effort on the glass. Off the catch, he has the ability to knock down deep shots far past the three-point line. He has sneaky athleticism that allows him to finish above the rim and through contact. His change of pace and ability to score the ball on all three levels makes him a threat and hard to cover from everywhere on the floor. He is willing to shoot pull-ups and floaters showing versatility with his shots on the offensive end. He also knows when to cut away from the ball on dribble penetration from his teammates. For example, on the last play of the first half Jones did a nice job recognizing his matchup had his head turned away from him and the paint was open for an easy layup so he cut when his teammate drove and attracted help and got a two handed dunk to close the half. His playmaking for others also stood out because he drew double teams and brought so much attention to himself, which allowed others to get open looks. For example, at the 11:21 mark of the second half, Jones caught the ball near the right elbow, drew a double team, and passed it to his cutting teammate from the corner which resulted in an and one.

Defensive Skills:

Defensively, Jones was super active away from the ball and in the gaps. Memphis pressed for portions of the game and had him at the head of the press. He was able to come away with multiple steals and deflections which led to transition points and opportunities at the free-throw line for Memphis. Jones was looking to double team and trap Tulane's guards near the sidelines which forced turnovers. A play that stood out to me was at the 12:39 mark of the first half when forced a steal in the backcourt while in a press due to his active hands, then made an unselfish play passing the ball to his cutting teammate down the lane for a layup. At the end of the second half, Jones showcased his defensive versatility coming up with a block against a bigger matchup while defending the low post.

Final Thoughts:

Jones shot the ball well from beyond the arc connecting on four three-pointers while also finishing well around the rim and distributing the ball to his teammates. His active hands and high activity forced turnovers for Memphis. One area of improvement for him is to not foul so often because that will force him to sit for longer periods on the bench when his team may need him.