

College/International 2019 Prospect Rankings



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Model Details:

With this model, I have made significant adjustments from a previous Random Forest Model. The goal of creating this model was to be able to predict and interpret the future importance of a college prospect, given his statistics during his platform year in college.

There are many draft models on the internet, but many of them use machine learning techniques without any real importance placed on interpreting the variables in the model and the dependent variable. I have chosen to use a college player's highest WAR (Wins Above Replacement) within their first 5 years of being in the NBA as the dependent variable. The reason for using this interpretation as the dependent variable is that it best describes a player's value to a team within the scope of being under team control. In baseball, teams tend to get the most value out of a player within their 6 years of cheap, team control. The first 5 years of a NBA contract follows the same concept.

I created my own BPM and VORP measurement to adjust for the statistical flaws in the original measure to create the WAR metric, with the replacement level being players signed on 10-day contracts.

My sample for the model includes college players drafted between 2001 and 2014.

College Year - Number of years in college

SOS - Strength of Schedule (College-Reference)

PTS/MP - Points Per Minute

AST/MP - Assists Per Minute

BLK/MP - Blocks Per Minute

STL/MP - Steals Per Minute

TOV/MP - Turnovers Per Minute

TRB/MP - Total Rebounds Per Minute

TS% - True Shooting Percentage

FG3a Per FGA - Three-Point Rate

USG Proxy - Estimated Usage%

TS%/FG3a Per FGA - Interaction between True Shooting% and Three-Point Rate

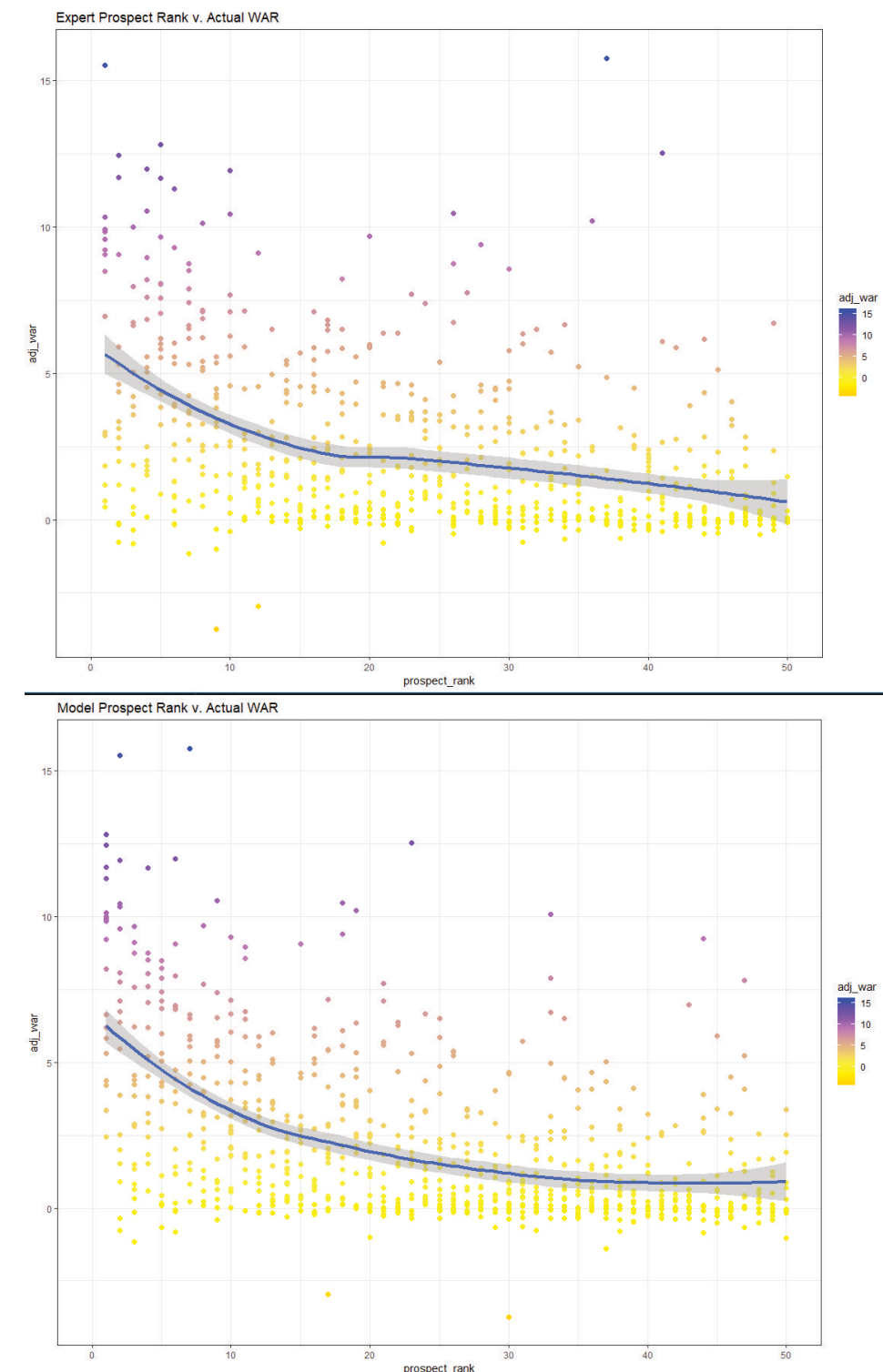
AST/TRB - Interaction between Assists and Total Rebounds

Age - Age during the player's final year of college

Prospect Rank - Chad Ford's ESPN rankings (01-09) and Draft Express' ranking (10-14)

The Model is Not Definitive:

Using the ESPN prospect rankings and the Model's prospect rankings from 2001 to 2014, I plotted the rankings against the player's actual performance. As one can tell, the differences between the performance of the Expert/Model prospect rankings are not substantial. The NBA Draft is an inexact science of determining value.



Model Superstars 2001-2018

Name	Projected WAR	Actual
Ben Simmons	7.62	11.70
Marcus Smart	6.51	5.82
Ricky Rubio	6.39	4.38
Lonzo Ball	6.38	3.34
Victor Oladipo	6.12	10.01
Rajon Rondo	5.74	11.32
Luka Doncic	5.69	6.65
D'Angelo Russell	5.66	4.21
Danny Granger	5.60	6.19
Kyle Anderson	5.57	6.39
Chris Paul	5.53	15.52
Kyrie Irving	5.46	9.22
Evan Turner	5.35	2.43
Andre Iguodala	5.28	8.20
Kris Dunn	5.20	1.54
Blake Griffin	5.15	10.33
Terrence Williams	5.09	0.34
Stephen Curry	5.09	11.67
Josh Jackson	5.09	-0.36
Drew Gooden	5.03	5.32
Dwyane Wade	5.03	12.83
Kyle Lowry	5.03	7.11
Kevin Durant	5.00	12.45

Past Model Evaluations



Stephen Curry
Pos: Guard
School: Davidson
Team: GSW

Per 36 Stats:

Usg%	PTS	FG3R	TS%	AST	TRB	TOV	STL	BLK	WAR	LOW	HIGH
35.8	30.6	.489	.611	5.9	4.7	4.0	2.7	0.3	5.09		

College Report:

Strengths:

- Excellent scoring efficiency on extremely high usage for a Guard
- Generated assists and rebounds at a high rate for a Guard
- Well above average defensive instincts with a high steal rate

Weaknesses:

- Very weak strength of schedule
- High turnover rate

What he actually became in the NBA::

- Throughout his career, he has demonstrated extraordinary shooting efficiency on high usage. In addition to his shooting, he has proven to be an excellent passer. His ability to generate rebounds has been underrated, as well. Finally, his impact through on/off metrics has proven to be otherworldly. In general, Curry has become one of the great players in NBA history



Terrence Williams

Pos: Wing

School: Louisville

Team: NJN

Per 36 Stats:

Usg%	PTS	FG3R	TS%	AST	TRB	TOV	STL	BLK	WAR	LOW	HIGH
18.7	13.2	.378	.522	5.3	9.0	2.5	2.5	0.8	5.09		

College Report:

Strengths:

- Shows the ability to generate assists and rebounds at a high rate
- Showed excellent defensive instincts with a high steal rate

Weaknesses:

- Old at 22 years old as a Junior
- Struggled with his scoring/shooting efficiency, even shooting a very low FT%

What he actually became in the NBA:

- He proved to be a major draft bust. He showed a lot of promise with his ability to generate assists and rebounds. Though he was extremely efficient at the rim, his shooting efficiency was abysmal and never improved. He showed potential to be a good player, but his well below average shooting efficiency effectively ended his NBA career



Marcus Smart

Pos: Guard

School: Oklahoma St.

Team: BOS

Per 36 Stats:

Usg%	PTS	FG3R	TS%	AST	TRB	TOV	STL	BLK	WAR	LOW	HIGH
25.4	19.8	.425	.562	5.3	6.5	2.9	3.2	0.6	6.51	5.47	7.73

College Report:

Strengths:

- Showed the ability to rebound and generate assists, a valuable quality in a Guard
- Tremendous defensive instincts with an extremely high steal rate

Weaknesses:

- Below average shooting efficiency, struggling significantly with 3-pointers
- High turnover rate

What he actually became in the NBA:

- In 2019, he has become a swiss-army knife player with a diverse set of skills; rebounding, generating offense for teammates, and playing excellent defense. Yet, this season he was able to step it up a notch by improving his shooting efficiency, improving to a .568 TS%. Before 2019, he never had shot above .500 TS%. For 2020, he will need to prove that his shooting efficiency was not a fluke. In any case, he has still proven to be a solid player in the NBA

2019 Rankings

Ranking	Name	ESPN	WAR	Floor	Ceiling
1	Zion Williamson	1	6.25	5.26	7.48
2	Ja Morant	2	5.26	4.52	6.06
3	Darius Garland	4	4.50	2.67	8.35
4	RJ Barrett	3	4.36	3.74	5.10
5	Jarrett Culver	6	4.20	3.65	4.73
6	Matisse Thybulle	32	4.09	3.70	4.51
7	Dylan Windler	37	4.06	3.61	4.51
8	Brandon Clarke	13	3.74	3.32	4.18
9	Nassir Little	10	3.66	2.89	4.50
10	Talen Horton-Tucker	33	3.59	2.74	4.47
11	Cameron Reddish	7	3.58	2.91	4.31
12	Bol Bol	15	3.47	2.45	4.69
13	Coby White	8	3.44	2.68	4.23
14	Kevin Porter	20	3.41	2.53	4.38
15	Shamorie Ponds	46	3.35	2.90	3.81
16	Sekou Doumbouya	9	3.35	2.45	3.65
17	Chuma Okeke	38	3.17	2.61	3.71
18	Tyler Herro	18	3.17	2.59	3.76
19	Jaxson Hayes	11	3.08	2.49	3.66
20	Keldon Johnson	19	2.97	2.42	3.52
21	Grant Williams	30	2.97	2.56	3.37
22	Bruno Fernando	34	2.95	2.42	3.48
23	Nickeil Alexander-Walker	22	2.93	2.45	3.43
24	Tremont Waters	48	2.92	2.39	3.45
25	Ayo Dosunmu	NA	2.89	2.33	3.53
26	Romeo Langford	14	2.87	2.35	3.42
27	PJ Washington	16	2.86	2.40	3.40
28	John Konchar	66	2.78	2.33	3.28
29	Goga Bitadze	17	2.54	1.68	2.40
30	Ty Jerome	25	2.50	2.14	2.92
31	Cameron Johnson	21	2.45	2.16	2.76
32	Luguentz Dort	26	2.44	1.83	3.10
33	Carsen Edwards	35	2.41	2.03	2.77
34	Rui Hachimura	12	2.41	2.12	2.72
35	Terence Davis	40	2.36	1.95	2.81
36	KZ Okpala	24	2.34	1.86	2.86
37	Devon Dotson	NA	2.26	1.74	2.80
38	DaQuan Jeffries	44	2.19	1.81	2.62
39	De'Andre Hunter	5	2.02	1.69	2.36
40	Louis King	50	1.95	1.30	2.60
41	Daniel Gafford	41	1.90	1.44	2.34
42	Admiral Schofield	36	1.87	1.58	2.18
43	Mfiondu Kabengele	23	1.84	1.41	2.32
44	Isaiah Roby	39	1.81	1.46	2.19
45	Miye Oni	52	1.67	1.23	2.16
46	Zylan Cheatham	45	1.64	1.17	2.13
47	Deividas Sirvydis	43	1.59	0.56	2.28
48	Ky Bowman	70	1.58	1.19	1.99
49	Luka Samanic	28	1.51	0.69	2.19
50	Quinnndary Weatherspoon	57	1.46	1.11	1.80

*Withdrew from the NBA Draft

Top 10 Guards

Ranking	Name	WAR	Floor	Ceiling
1	Ja Morant	5.26	4.52	6.06
2	Darius Garland	4.50	2.67	8.35
3	Shamorie Ponds	3.35	2.90	3.81
4	Tremont Waters	2.92	2.39	3.45
5	Ayo Dosunmu	2.89	2.33	3.53
6	Carsen Edwards	2.41	2.03	2.77
7	Devon Dotson	2.26	1.74	2.80
8	Ky Bowman	1.58	1.19	1.99
9	Jared Harper	0.68	0.30	1.06
10	Jaylen Hands	0.53	0.02	1.07

Top 10 Wings

Ranking	Name	WAR	Floor	Ceiling
1	RJ Barrett	4.36	3.74	5.10
2	Jarrett Culver	4.20	3.65	4.73
3	Matisse Thybulle	4.09	3.70	4.51
4	Dylan Windler	4.06	3.61	4.51
5	Nassir Little	3.66	2.89	4.50
6	Talen Horton-Tucker	3.59	2.74	4.47
7	Cam Reddish	3.58	2.91	4.31
8	Coby White	3.44	2.68	4.23
9	Kevin Porter	3.41	2.53	4.38
10	Tyler Herro	3.17	2.59	3.76

Top 10 Forwards

Ranking	Name	WAR	Floor	Ceiling
1	Zion Williamson	6.25	5.26	7.48
2	Brandon Clarke	3.74	3.32	4.18
3	Bol Bol	3.47	2.45	4.69
4	Sekou Doumbouya	3.35	2.45	3.65
5	Jontay Porter	3.29		
6	Chuma Okeke	3.17	2.61	3.71
7	Jaxson Hayes	3.08	2.49	3.66
8	Grant Williams	2.97	2.56	3.37
9	Bruno Fernando	2.95	2.42	3.48
10	PJ Washington	2.86	2.40	3.40

Top 8 International

Ranking	Name	WAR	Floor	Ceiling
1	Sekou Doumbouya	3.35	2.45	3.65
2	Goga Bitadze	2.54	1.68	2.40
3	Deividas Sirvydis	1.59	0.56	2.28
4	Luka Samanic	1.51	0.69	2.19
5	Yovel Zoosman	1.38	0.86	2.23
6	Adam Mokoka	0.38	-0.60	0.95
7	Vanja Marinkovic	-0.95	-3.16	-2.48
8	Amine Noua	-1.60	-2.14	-1.41

Differences in Model vs. Media:



Rui Hachimura

Pos: Forward

School: Gonzaga

Age: 21

ESPN likes Hachimura as a top 15 prospect with a strong physical profile and excellent shooting efficiency at the mid-range area and rim. I don't see much to disagree on that assessment other than the judgment of this player's final true value. The replacement level for Power Forwards and Centers is incredibly high, so an above average Power Forward and Center must be able to be a swiss-army knife with many skills. The model likes his strong shooting efficiency from the 2-point area and his above average rebounding rates, but thinks lowly on his 3-point ability and defensive value based on his low steal/block rate. Although he is seen as a top 15 prospect in the media, the model thinks of him more as a top 40 prospect.



De'Andre Hunter

Pos: Forward

School: Virginia

Age: 21

ESPN likes him for having strong measurables as a 6-8 Forward with a 7-2 wingspan and being an excellent defender, guarding well in on-ball and off-ball situations. In addition, he is seen as an efficient scorer, especially at the rim. The model agrees with his scoring efficiency, albeit a low volume of 3-pointers. However, it also sees him as below average in many categories such as rebounding, creation for teammates, and defense. Obviously, steals and blocks are not the best way of measuring defense, but steal rate is very translatable to future success at the NBA level. Does playing for Virginia's slow pace offense hurt his projections, definitely. Am I confident that he is a top 10 prospect? I wouldn't bet on that based on his numbers.



Matisse Thybulle
Pos: Wing
School: Washington
Age: 22

Thybulle is classified by ESPN as the 32nd best prospect in the draft. However, the model sees him as a top 10 prospect. He has probably one of the weirdest profiles as a prospect, being seen as a top-flight defender with well below average offensive skills. He is extremely limited on offense, displaying only average shooting efficiency on a high volume of 3-pointers. In fact, he shows to have one of the lowest usage percentages for a draft prospect in the past 10 years. In addition, he showed to be a below average rebounder as well. Yet, on defense, he showed to be a wizard with one of the highest steal rates in the past 10 years and a well above average block rate. There are not many comps to work off of, but there must be a reason why there are rumors of a promise from teams in the 1st round.



Shamorie Ponds
Pos: Guard
School: St. John's (NY)
Age: 21

He is viewed by ESPN as a 2nd round prospect with strong offensive qualities, but lacking offensive efficiency and strength/explosiveness. I cannot disagree that he tested poorly at the NBA combine, posting below average in the vertical leap tests, being slow in the agility drills, and not being able to put in a single rep in the bench press. However, I tend to not put much stock on the combine, given that the strength/agility tests given tend to not add much predictive power to the college statistics already in the model. In his junior year, Ponds showed strong shooting efficiency, shooting a high volume of 2-pointers and 3-pointers, albeit lower shooting efficiency in the latter portion of the season. He also showed the ability to create for teammates with a high assist rate, while preventing turnovers. In addition, he showed excellent defensive instincts with an incredibly high steal rate. The model thinks of him as a top 15 prospect with the clear diversity of skills that he possesses.

Scouting Reports:



Zion Williamson
Pos: Forward
School: Duke
Age: 19

Per 36 Stats:

Usg%	PTS	FG3R	TS%	AST	TRB	TOV	STL	BLK	WAR	LOW	HIGH
27.1	27.1	.163	.711	2.5	10.7	2.8	2.5	2.1	6.25	5.26	7.48

Report:

Strengths:

- Extremely efficient scorer on high usage
- Excellent rebounder
- Demonstrates excellent defensive instincts with a high steal/block rate

Weaknesses:

- On incredibly high usage, wasn't able to generate opportunities for teammates at even an average rate
- Below average FT% and volume of 3-pointers shows that he will need to develop his shooting

Outlook:

- Easily the number 1 prospect in this draft and would be considered one of the better prospects in the past 10 years. With a high floor and ceiling, he should be a safe bet to make an immediate impact in the NBA



Ja Morant
Pos: Guard
School: Murray St.
Age: 20

Per 36 Stats:

Usg%	PTS	FG3R	TS%	AST	TRB	TOV	STL	BLK	WAR	LOW	HIGH
30.2	24.1	.296	.621	9.9	5.6	5.1	1.7	0.8	5.26	4.52	6.06

Report:

Strengths:

- Efficient scorer on high usage. Shows potential as a jump-shooter with an above average FT%
- Has the ability to generate rebounds and opportunities for teammates, which is extremely valuable trait in great Guards
- One of the highest assist rates amongst prospects in the past 10 years

Weaknesses:

- Extremely prone to turnovers; would have the highest rate in the 2019 class and one of the highest rates in the past 10 years
- Played an extremely weak strength of schedule

Outlook:

- Easily the number 2 prospect in this draft. I would consider Morant to be the most complete player in this draft with his shooting, creation, and rebounding ability. The huge question mark is the transition to the NBA from a small school



Darius Garland
Pos: Guard
School: Vanderbilt
Age: 19

Per 36 Stats:

Usg%	PTS	FG3R	TS%	AST	TRB	TOV	STL	BLK	WAR	LOW	HIGH
24.4	21.0	.426	.664	3.4	4.9	3.9	1.0	0.5	4.50	2.67	8.35

Report:

Strengths:

- Excellent scoring efficiency on average usage and high volume of 3-pointers
- Above average rebounding rate for a Guard

Weaknesses:

- Below average assist rate for a Guard
- Well below average defensive instincts with a low steal rate

Outlook:

- Highest variance of any player in this draft with a starter floor and superstar ceiling after only playing 5 games because of a knee injury. The model likely thinks of him highly because of his high TS%, which would be the highest for a guard in this draft. I would think his shooting success would regress as he played more games. However, it is still hard to make a substantial argument of his true worth based on the small sample



RJ Barrett

Pos: Wing

School: Duke

Age: 19

Per 36 Stats:

Usg%	PTS	FG3R	TS%	AST	TRB	TOV	STL	BLK	WAR	LOW	HIGH
30.6	23.1	.338	.537	4.4	7.7	3.3	0.9	0.4	4.36	3.74	5.10

Report:

Strengths:

- Has the combination of being able to rebound and pass at a high rate as a Wing

Weaknesses:

- Inefficient as a scorer on extremely high usage
- Below average defensive instincts with a low steal/block rate
- High turnover rate

Outlook:

- Clear gap between the top 2 prospects in this draft and him. He has clear weaknesses in his game. His lack of efficiency is especially worrisome with very few successful NBA players that operated with such high usage and low efficiency. However, there is a reason why he has one of the highest ceilings in this draft, which has to do with his ability to rebound and dish out assists



Jarrett Culver

Pos: Wing

School: Texas Tech

Age: 20

Per 36 Stats:

Usg%	PTS	FG3R	TS%	AST	TRB	TOV	STL	BLK	WAR	LOW	HIGH
26.9	20.5	.292	.548	4.1	7.1	3.0	1.7	0.6	4.20	3.65	4.73

Report:

Strengths:

- Has the combination of being able to generate rebounds and provide assists as a Wing
- Above average defensive instincts with a high steal rate

Weaknesses:

- Below average shooting efficiency on high usage
- High turnover rate

Outlook:

- Very similar player to RJ Barrett with the ability to generate rebounds and assists at an excellent rate for a Wing player. The obvious difference between them is their age, which provides Barrett the higher ceiling. However, Culver is an excellent prospect in his own right with the offensive versatility and defensive ability. Yet, he still needs to improve his efficiency to reach his full potential.



Dylan Windler
Pos: Wing
School: Belmont
Age: 22

Per 36 Stats:

Usg%	PTS	FG3R	TS%	AST	TRB	TOV	STL	BLK	WAR	LOW	HIGH
23.5	23.0	.518	.688	2.8	11.7	2.3	1.5	0.6	4.06	3.61	4.51

Report:

Strengths:

- Excellent shooting efficiency on a high volume of 3-pointers
- Displayed the ability to generate rebounds at a high rate, which is the highest in this draft class for a Wing
- Showed excellent defensive instincts with a high steal rate

Weaknesses:

- Played a very weak strength of schedule

Outlook:

- There are very few players that have shot with such high efficiency and volume of usage/3-pointers. This list includes Spencer Dinwiddie, Lonzo Ball, and Buddy Hield. However, the big question mark, like Ja Morant, is whether he can make the competitive leap to the NBA, given the weak schedule his team played. Still, his shooting ability is extremely tantalizing, given how the modern NBA has moved into the direction of finding extraordinary shooters from the 3-point line



Brandon Clarke
Pos: Forward
School: Gonzaga
Age: 22

Per 36 Stats:

Usg%	PTS	FG3R	TS%	AST	TRB	TOV	STL	BLK	WAR	LOW	HIGH
21.4	21.7	.040	.708	2.4	11.0	2.0	1.5	4.0	3.74	3.32	4.18

Report:

Strengths:

- Excellent scoring efficiency on average usage
- Displays well above average athleticism with the ability to rebound and block shots at a high rate
- Overall excellent defensive instincts with a high steal/block rate

Weaknesses:

- Low FT% and low volume of 3-pointers points to him being a below average shooter coming into the league

Outlook:

- One of my favorite prospects with his athleticism being extremely intriguing. He has the similar qualities to Zion Williamson with the ability to score near the rim and defend at a high rate. He has one of the highest floors in the draft, which makes him a safer pick compared to other prospects



Nassir Little
Pos: Wing
School: UNC
Age: 19

Per 36 Stats:

Usg%	PTS	FG3R	TS%	AST	TRB	TOV	STL	BLK	WAR	LOW	HIGH
24.8	19.4	.190	.555	1.3	9.1	2.6	1.0	1.0	3.66	2.89	4.50

Report:

Strengths:

- Demonstrates excellent athleticism with the ability to rebound and block shots at a high rate for a Wing
- Above average shooting efficiency on 2-pointers

Weaknesses:

- Below average shooting efficiency on 3-pointers
- Below average ability to create for teammates

Outlook:

- Much of his future value comes from his prospect ranking, age, and his excellent athleticism. With clear limitations in his shooting efficiency and ability to create for teammates, it is hard to see him with clear outstanding offensive upside. With not having upside in defense like Thybulle, I see enough clear limitations that drive his future value closer to his floor WAR value



Talen Horton-Tucker
Pos: Wing
School: Iowa State
Age: 18

Per 36 Stats:

Usg%	PTS	FG3R	TS%	AST	TRB	TOV	STL	BLK	WAR	LOW	HIGH
22.5	15.7	.416	.492	3.1	6.4	2.3	1.7	0.9	3.59	2.74	4.47

Report:

Strengths:

- Extremely young, would be 18 years old at Draft Day
- Above average rebounder as a Wing player
- Demonstrated excellent defensive instincts with a high steal/block rate for a Wing

Weaknesses:

- Shot a high volume of 3-pointers with low efficiency

Outlook:

- He doesn't have flashy statistics like other players in this draft, but he has something that many of these players don't have; he's 18 years old! If he stayed in college, the hope would be that his game would continue to progress to be a lot better than he was in his freshman year. His ability to generate assists and rebounds should improve. The hope would be that his shooting efficiency would be a lot better than it is. He would be an underrated value pick based solely on his age



Cam Reddish

Pos: Wing

School: Duke

Age: 19

Per 36 Stats:

Usg%	PTS	FG3R	TS%	AST	TRB	TOV	STL	BLK	WAR	LOW	HIGH
24.1	16.3	.618	.503	2.4	4.5	3.2	1.9	0.7	3.58	2.91	4.31

Report:

Strengths:

- Young with a high standing as a prospect since his days in HS
- Demonstrated excellent defensive instincts with a high steal rate

Weaknesses:

- Below average shooting efficiency on high usage and high volume of 3-pointers
- Below average ability to create for teammates
- High turnover rate

Outlook:

- Coming out of HS, he was known as an excellent shooter. However, he struggled mightily as a shooter in his Freshman year. It might be possible that he didn't have a well defined role at Duke that fit his skill-set, playing alongside two Top 5 picks. However, there have been so few players that shot with such high volume of 3-pointers and struggled with their efficiency. With his close comparables being Josh Selby and Malachi Richardson, he would be a risky selection in any case



Bol Bol

Pos: Forward

School: Oregon

Age: 19

Per 36 Stats:

Usg%	PTS	FG3R	TS%	AST	TRB	TOV	STL	BLK	WAR	LOW	HIGH
27.6	25.4	.189	.637	1.2	11.6	2.4	0.9	3.2	3.47	2.45	4.69

Report:

Strengths:

- Extremely efficient scorer and has shown the ability to shoot from the perimeter
- Excellent ability to generate rebounds
- Demonstrated the ability to block shots at a high rate

Weaknesses:

- Below average ability to create for teammates

Outlook:

- He is clearly a talented player based on the small sample of statistics. With the future injury concerns and his extremely low weight at the combine, he is a high variance player that will likely need a developmental year to get himself back physically. Even with the replacement level for a Center being high, he still has the ability to be an impact player because of his diverse set of skills that include being able to stretch the floor as a 3-point shooter



Coby White
Pos: Guard
School: UNC
Age: 19

Per 36 Stats:

Usg%	PTS	FG3R	TS%	AST	TRB	TOV	STL	BLK	WAR	LOW	HIGH
20.3	20.3	.522	.561	5.2	4.5	3.4	1.4	0.4	3.44	2.68	4.23

Report:

Strengths:

- Has the combination of being able to generate opportunities for teammates and rebounds as a Guard
- Showed above average defensive instincts with a high steal rate

Weaknesses:

- Below average shooting efficiency on a high volume of 3-pointers
- High turnover rate

Outlook:

- Not an overly exciting prospect. There is a clear distinction between him and Ja Morant. However, with the low quantity of quality guards in this draft, he has the potential to be a solid starter in the NBA with the ability to dish out assists and generate rebounds



Kevin Porter Jr.
Pos: Wing
School: USC
Age: 19

Per 36 Stats:

Usg%	PTS	FG3R	TS%	AST	TRB	TOV	STL	BLK	WAR	LOW	HIGH
20.8	15.5	.433	.564	2.3	6.5	3.0	1.3	0.9	3.41	2.53	4.38

Report:

Strengths:

- Showed above average efficiency on his 2-pointers/3-pointers
- Demonstrated athleticism with a high rebounding/block rate as a Wing

Weaknesses:

- Well below average shooting efficiency from the free throw line
- Below average ability to create for teammates with a high turnover rate as a Wing

Outlook:

- Porter Jr. Is a raw prospect with a high ceiling. He showed the ability to efficiently create his own shot and show off his athleticism in multiple statistical categories. However, the big question mark is whether his shooting efficiency is real because his free throw shooting was so poor during his Freshman year. After being suspended indefinitely after playing 21 games, there should be concerns if he can meet the high expectations he showed this year



Sekou Doumbouya

Pos: Forward

School: Int. (France)

Age: 18

Per 36 Stats:

Usg%	PTS	FG3R	TS%	AST	TRB	TOV	STL	BLK	WAR	LOW	HIGH
18.9	14.9	.394	.576	1.4	6.2	2.3	1.5	1.0	3.35	2.45	3.65

Report:

Strengths:

- Extremely young; will be entering the league at 18 years old
- Considered dynamic enough to handle multiple positions (SF/PF)
- Rebounding/Block/Steal rate would be considered above average as a SF
- Strong 2-point efficiency with some capacity as a 3-point shooting

Weaknesses:

- Poor ability to create for teammates

Outlook:

- Tantalizing potential because of young age and possibility as a swiss-army knife by showing ability to handle multiple positions. This positional flexibility, alone, would push his floor and ceiling higher than the projections would state. Thus, I would rank him higher than his model projections show and bet on his skills to continue to grow



Jontay Porter

Pos: Forward

School: Missouri

Age: 19

Per 36 Stats:

Usg%	PTS	FG3R	TS%	AST	TRB	TOV	STL	BLK	WAR	LOW	HIGH
19.2	14.5	.462	.574	3.3	10.0	2.8	1.2	2.5	3.29		

Report:

Strengths:

- Displayed strong shooting efficiency with ability to stretch the floor from the 3-point area
- Showed ability to create opportunities for teammates
- Generated rebounds at a high rate as a Forward
- Above average defensive instincts with a high block rate

Weaknesses:

- Tore his ACL for a second time in March and will likely miss the 2019-20 season

Outlook:

- Porter is a perfect in the modern NBA as a stretch 4/5 with the ability to pick/pop. One has to wonder how the second torn ACL on the same knee will affect his athleticism going forward. In my eyes, he is clearly a top 10 talent in this draft, but his knee injury will drop him to the second round. He is worth the risk, but the health of his knee will determine his true future value



Chuma Okeke

Pos: Forward

School: Auburn

Age: 21

Per 36 Stats:

Usg%	PTS	FG3R	TS%	AST	TRB	TOV	STL	BLK	WAR	LOW	HIGH
18.0	14.9	.419	.602	2.4	8.5	2.2	2.2	1.5	3.17	2.61	3.71

Report:

Strengths:

- Displayed excellent scoring efficiency with clear ability as a 3-point shooter
- Has some ability to create opportunities for teammates
- Showed strong defensive instincts with a high steal/average block rate
- May be able to handle multiple positions at the NBA level

Weaknesses:

- Generated rebounds at a below average rate as a Forward

Outlook:

- I truly believe that if Okeke hadn't suffered a torn ACL in the NCAA tournament, he would have been able to elevate himself as a top 15 prospect. He is a talented player that fits the exact mold of the modern NBA stretch 4. He will likely miss 2019-20 season, so his development process will be one season behind this draft class. However, he is worth the risk as a stash in the late 1st/2nd round



Tyler Herro

Pos: Wing

School: Kentucky

Age: 19

Per 36 Stats:

Usg%	PTS	FG3R	TS%	AST	TRB	TOV	STL	BLK	WAR	LOW	HIGH
18.6	15.5	.419	.585	2.7	5.0	1.8	1.2	0.4	3.17	2.59	3.76

Report:

Strengths:

- Displayed strong shooting efficiency, while shooting a high volume of 3-pointers
- Has some capacity as a passer/acts responsibly with the ball
- Strong mid-range shooter and elite free throw shooter

Weaknesses:

- Not as strong of a 3-point shooter as advertised
- Below average rebounding ability
- Below average defensive instincts

Outlook:

- Herro is one of the more strong shooters in this draft class. He doesn't have a ton of skills to work with, so his shooting, especially from the 3-point area, will need to continue to improve, which I think will. However, I do think that he will be a very effective role player in the NBA with his ability to stretch the floor



Jaxson Hayes

Pos: Forward

School: Texas

Age: 19

Per 36 Stats:

Usg%	PTS	FG3R	TS%	AST	TRB	TOV	STL	BLK	WAR	LOW	HIGH
14.5	15.4	.000	.751	0.4	7.7	1.4	0.9	3.4	3.08	2.49	3.66

Report:

Strengths:

- Extremely efficient scorer at the rim with the highest scoring efficiency for a college prospect since 2011
- Demonstrated excellent defensive instincts with an extremely high block rate

Weaknesses:

- Though he is uber-athletic, he gets outmuscled for rebounds as shown by his low rebounding rate
- Won't stretch the floor as a shooter and will likely never command a high usage of the offense

Outlook:

- He is in the same mold as previous Texas centers such as Jarrett Allen and Mo Bamba, demonstrating excellent athleticism, but showing only starter upside. With limited upside as a scorer, I think he fits as a safer bet as a fringe starter/role player with the hope that he gets stronger in time



Grant Williams

Pos: Forward

School: Tennessee

Age: 20

Per 36 Stats:

Usg%	PTS	FG3R	TS%	AST	TRB	TOV	STL	BLK	WAR	LOW	HIGH
23.1	21.2	.111	.657	3.6	8.5	2.5	1.3	1.7	2.97	2.56	3.37

Report:

Strengths:

- Displayed excellent 2-point scoring efficiency
- Excellent ability to create opportunities for teammates
- Demonstrated excellent defensive instincts with a high steal/average block rate

Weaknesses:

- Below average rebounding rate as a Forward
- Below average 3-point shooting efficiency

Outlook:

- Williams plays an old-school game, playing primarily as a back-to-the-basket player. His role will need to change as he makes the leap to the NBA because of the expansion of spacing/3-point shooting. However, he does have some skill as a shooter with defensive skills. Being young at 20 years old, he has time to improve. The question is whether he will adapt his role to the NBA landscape. This will ultimately determine his true value; a role player or true starter



Keldon Johnson

Pos: Wing

School: Kentucky

Age: 19

Per 36 Stats:

Usg%	PTS	FG3R	TS%	AST	TRB	TOV	STL	BLK	WAR	LOW	HIGH
19.7	15.8	.316	.564	1.9	6.9	1.9	0.9	0.2	2.97	2.42	3.52

Report:

Strengths:

- Displayed excellent shooting efficiency from the 3-point line
- Above average rebounding ability as a Wing

Weaknesses:

- Struggled with efficiency on 2-pointers and free throws
- Below average ability to create opportunities for teammates
- Below average defensive instincts

Outlook:

- Johnson has always been known as having excellent physical tools. Looking at his splits over the season, his 2-point efficiency dropped significantly in Feb/Mar. Hence, there is potential for him to improve offensively. He will need to improve his scoring/shooting efficiency and hope that his defensive value shines through intangible metrics for him to reach his full potential as a starter in the NBA



Bruno Fernando

Pos: Forward

School: Maryland

Age: 21

Per 36 Stats:

Usg%	PTS	FG3R	TS%	AST	TRB	TOV	STL	BLK	WAR	LOW	HIGH
19.4	16.3	.035	.662	2.4	12.8	3.3	0.8	2.3	2.95	2.42	3.48

Report:

Strengths:

- Strong scoring efficiency around the rim
- Displayed an excellent ability to generate rebounds, highest in the draft class
- Above average ability to block shots

Weaknesses:

- High turnover rate
- Most of his baskets come around the rim with his back-to-the basket style

Outlook:

- Traditional centers are just not that valuable as they once were. I don't see Fernando in that same light. He shows clear potential as a pick/roll option based on his strength/athleticism. With his above average efficiency from the free-throw line, he shows the potential to be able to stretch the floor. I think of him having better potential than Jaxson Hayes because he has such a diverse of skills that fit well in the modern NBA



Nickeil Alexander-Walker

Pos: Wing

School: Virginia Tech

Age: 20

Per 36 Stats:

Usg%	PTS	FG3R	TS%	AST	TRB	TOV	STL	BLK	WAR	LOW	HIGH
21.4	17.0	.386	.592	4.2	4.3	3.0	2.0	0.6	2.93	2.45	3.43

Report:

Strengths:

- Displayed strong scoring efficiency with ability as a 3-point shooter
- Showed excellent ability to create opportunities for teammates
- Shows excellent defensive instincts with a high steal rate

Weaknesses:

- Below average ability as a rebounder
- High turnover rate

Outlook:

- Alexander-Walker has shown the ability to score and defend at the college level. In my eyes, he is right in the conversation as a top 10 Wing prospect. He shows to be above average in many categories, but not elite other than his steal rate, which is reflected in his model ranking. He could be a player that is better than his draft ranking based on his diverse skill set



Tremont Waters

Pos: Guard

School: LSU

Age: 21

Per 36 Stats:

Usg%	PTS	FG3R	TS%	AST	TRB	TOV	STL	BLK	WAR	LOW	HIGH
23.7	17.0	.428	.552	6.5	3.1	3.8	3.2	0.1	2.92	2.39	3.45

Report:

Strengths:

- Excellent ability to create opportunities for teammates
- Demonstrated excellent defensive instincts with a high steal rate

Weaknesses:

- Below average shooting efficiency on a high volume of 3-pointers
- Can be extremely careless with the ball
- Well below average rebounding rate as a Guard

Outlook:

- Waters has some tools to work with; passing ability and defensive instincts. However, he is a clear-cut below the top 3 guard prospects in this class with his weaknesses being significant.



Ayo Dosunmu

Pos: Guard

School: Illinois

Age: 19

Per 36 Stats:

Usg%	PTS	FG3R	TS%	AST	TRB	TOV	STL	BLK	WAR	LOW	HIGH
21.7	15.9	.380	.532	3.7	4.6	2.6	1.4	0.4	2.89	2.33	3.53

Report:

Strengths:

- Shows some ability as a rebounder
- Displayed above average defensive instincts with a high steal rate
- Showed some capacity to shoot efficiently from the 3-point area

Weaknesses:

- For the most part, displayed below average shooting efficiency
- Below average ability to create opportunities for teammates as Guard

Outlook:

- Dosunmu didn't have flashy statistics as a freshman. He would be a flyer for a team in the late 1st round with the hope that he progresses and improves with age



Romeo Langford

Pos: Wing

School: Indiana

Age: 19

Per 36 Stats:

Usg%	PTS	FG3R	TS%	AST	TRB	TOV	STL	BLK	WAR	LOW	HIGH
22.4	17.4	.316	.550	2.5	5.7	2.2	0.8	0.9	2.87	2.35	3.42

Report:

Strengths:

- Extremely efficient scorer at the rim
- Displayed athleticism with an average rebound rate and high block rate as a Wing

Weaknesses:

- Below average shooting efficiency especially from the 3-point area
- Below average ability to create for teammates
- Below average steal rate

Outlook:

- Langford came into the season as a top 5 freshman with the expectation of being a top 10 pick. However, after having a disappointing year, this outlook is a lot more murky. It was revealed later in the season that he had played through a torn ligament in his thumb, which may provide reasoning for his poor shooting efficiency. Yet, he will be a risky pick with a limited skill set as only a scorer



PJ Washington
Pos: Forward
School: Kentucky
Age: 21

Per 36 Stats:

Usg%	PTS	FG3R	TS%	AST	TRB	TOV	STL	BLK	WAR	LOW	HIGH
22.3	18.7	.214	.600	2.2	9.3	2.4	1.0	1.5	2.86	2.40	3.40

Report:

Strengths:

- Displayed excellent scoring efficiency around the rim and beyond the 3-point line
- Showed excellent ability as a rebounder for a Forward

Weaknesses:

- Struggled with free throw efficiency, which puts into question his actual shooting ability
- Didn't show an excellent ability to generate steals/blocks as a Forward

Outlook:

- Washington shows potential as a stretch 4 with his ability to shoot the 3-ball. He has the potential to be able to score at the NBA level. He doesn't show the same defensive potential as Jaxson Hayes, and Bruno Fernando. The 4/5 position in the NBA has changed significantly over time, so it is hard to envision him as anything other than a backup/role player



John Konchar
Pos: Wing
School: Purdue-Ft. Wayne
Age: 23

Per 36 Stats:

Usg%	PTS	FG3R	TS%	AST	TRB	TOV	STL	BLK	WAR	LOW	HIGH
23.3	20.4	.329	.640	5.7	9.0	2.9	2.1	1.0	2.78	2.33	3.28

Report:

Strengths:

- Demonstrated excellent shooting efficiency with the ability to shoot from the perimeter
- Showed the valuable qualities of being able to generate assists and rebounds at a high rate
- Excellent defensive instincts with a high steal/block rate as a Wing

Weaknesses:

- One of the oldest players in this draft
- Played an extremely weak strength of schedule

Outlook:

- He has a diverse set of skills that make him much more valuable than his 72nd ESPN prospect ranking. His question marks are very big question marks, which makes him a quality late 1st/early 2nd round pick. The comparable statistics to Draymond Green's platform year makes him very intriguing



Goga Bitadze
Pos: Forward
School: Int. (Serbia)
Age: 20

Per 36 Stats:

Usg%	PTS	FG3R	TS%	AST	TRB	TOV	STL	BLK	WAR	LOW	HIGH
22.4	20.4	.185	.658	1.3	9.3	2.6	0.8	2.9	2.54	1.68	2.40

Report:

Strengths:

- Displayed strong scoring efficiency, showing ability as a 3-point shooter
- Generated rebounds at a high rate
- Excellent ability to block shots

Weaknesses:

- Poor ability to create opportunities for teammates with a high turnover rate

Outlook:

- In Europe, he already acts as a pick/roll option with the ability to act as a 3-point shooter. He doesn't have the athleticism that Bruno Fernando or Jaxson Hayes, but he would be able to fill a role that he has had in Europe. The upside is not incredibly high, but there is a role for him in the NBA as a useful backup Center



Ty Jerome
Pos: Guard
School: Virginia
Age: 22

Per 36 Stats:

Usg%	PTS	FG3R	TS%	AST	TRB	TOV	STL	BLK	WAR	LOW	HIGH
18.1	14.4	.484	.559	5.8	4.5	1.7	1.6	0.0	2.50	2.14	2.92

Report:

Strengths:

- Displayed strong efficiency from the 3-point area
- Shows excellent ability to create opportunities for teammates and acts responsibly with the ball
- Displayed excellent defensive instincts with a high steal rate

Weaknesses:

- Below average in generating rebounds
- Below average efficiency from the 2-point area
- Very unathletic, finishing dead last in many of the combine categories

Outlook:

- Jerome had a phenomenal college career, but it is hard to think that he will be a starter at the NBA level based on his well below average athleticism. He may have a role as a backup with his 3-point efficiency and ability handle the ball