

Monday Morning Scouting Report
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2018 NBA Draft Rankings for Players in this Report

Draft Prospects

1. Josh Okogie
2. Yante Maten
3. Daryl Macon
4. B.J. Johnson
5. Gary Clark Jr.

Undrafted G-League Prospects

1. Chris Chiozza
2. Hayden Dalton
3. Aundre Jackson
4. Ben Lammers
5. Jo Lual-Acuil Jr.
6. Clayton Custer

2018 G-League Finals Game 2 Live Game Notes

Austin Spurs at Raptors 905

Darrun Hilliard

Hilliard started the game really cold. He missed his first 6 shots or so before getting it going. Despite finishing 3/8 from 3, he didn't play or shoot well as a whole. He missed a few easy looks at the rim early and I do not think he has good touch.

Jaron Blossomgame

Blossomgame was all over the boards. He had 3 offensive rebounds and finished around the rim. His touch isn't great, but he still managed to finish a good amount of short floaters. Blossomgame's hands are good, which was evident when he caught a really low difficult bounce pass rolling in traffic and still managed to finish it. Defensively, Blossomgame moves pretty well from the perimeter and can stop attacks even by guards, but has problems with counter moves after initial penetration. He looks the part of a modern NBA SF/PF, but has a fatal flaw of not being able to shoot the 3.

Olivier Hanlan

Olivier Hanlan was a major contributor off the bench for the Spurs. He got going early scoring 7 points upon entering the game, and did a great job facilitating in the second half. He is definitely thin and undersized as a SG, but he played unselfish and showed good guard skills. Hanlan is a shotmaker that can create for himself and hit tough shots.

Nick Johnson

Nick Johnson was the star of the game. His contributions in the second half extended the lead beyond repair. He seems to have improved his guard skills tremendously in the last few seasons. The nicest play of the game was a slip pass he made to Blossomgame rolling, which he fit in a tiny window. Johnson hit some key 3's in the 2nd half, as well, which extended the lead. He showed he still has some of his renowned athletic ability from Arizona when he hit a throwback alley-oop slam. I didn't realize Johnson was 5/6 from 3 until after the game. More importantly, he made key plays at key times when the 905 could have gone on a run themselves.

Derrick White

Derrick White shot the ball poorly, but did a really nice job facilitating in the second half when he realized his shot was off. He created a number of buckets by beating his man to the hoop and finding open shooters or open teammates at the rim. While White is not a freak athlete, he is definitely a good one, and plays with good rhythm. White drives under control and avoids charges well, as was evident when he made a spin move in the lane, stopped on a dime, and fed an open teammate under the rim for a layup. He has good body control around the rim to elevate and make the right decision, whether that be score or kick out. White has shooter's footwork and a quick release. He was the obvious NBA player on the Spurs and has a strong all-

around offensive game. He showed he can contribute to winning even when shooting poorly, which I think is the most important skill.

Ben Lammers C, Senior, Georgia Tech

Personal

- School: Georgia Tech
- Season: Senior
- Age: 22 (Born November 12, 1995)
- Born in San Antonio, Texas
- Height: 6'10
- Weight: 234 lbs
- Instagram: Ben_Lammers
- Played tight end and defensive end in High School football
- Likes to study World Wars, go fishing, and play video games
- Involved in Young Men's Service League in High School, a non-profit organization for mothers and sons to pursue philanthropic endeavours together
- Added 20 lbs in between Sophomore and Junior seasons

Game Tape

- December 19, 2017 at Georgia
- Good shot contest on drive, forced miss
- Head always on a swivel, aware of ball and man
- Moves pretty well
- Catches beyond FT line, squares up, hits jumper – impressive range, shot looked smooth
- Doesn't change directions well showing and recovering, but moves pretty well on switches when the G drives
- Boxing out consistently
- Out-rebounded on defensive boards, doesn't have a quick first jump
- Beaten on quick baseline move, better at blocking shots on back-to-basket moves
- Good defense contesting Maten hook shot
- In-and-out catch and shoot extended right elbow jumper
- Good screen setter
- Did not shoot the ball well, but clearly a capable jump shooter when his feet are set

Game Tape

- April 11, 2018 Mike Duman Auto Sales vs. Portsmouth Partnership
- Lammers hit first short corner jumper off-balance, impressive
- Pick and pop jumper missed short
- Dunk on the roll
- Pick and pop jumper – hits
- Showed ability to guard switch on ball screen but not recover bac.
- Good hands to gather bad over the top pass on roll
- Missed open jumper as the trailer

- Pick and pop missed straightaway jumper
- Airballed fadeaway jumper in the post – I've seen him miss the same shot badly in game, shouldn't take it
- Catch and shoot left elbow jumper – hits
- Lost ball on roll, stripped
- Lammers shot is solid, but needs to simplify his game and take smarter shots. He is willing to shoot any time he gets a look at the rim, but he should limit his jumpers to pick-and-pop open looks

Game Tape

- April 12, 2018 Cherry Bekaert vs. Portsmouth Partnership
- Lammers never gets to the line and is rarely aggressive in the paint on offense
- Most of his game now is just catch and shoot jumpers
- Rebounding and physicality is completely gone, does nothing in the paint
- Block on ball
- Guards back to basket post players much better than more athletic bigs, but still has problems allowing deep post positioning
- Lacks explosion/aggression attacking the rim
- Lammers game has become dull
- Missed 2 FTs
- Doesn't get to the line enough for a C, usually just gets 2 points for every FG he makes, and they're jumpers not high percentage looks around the rim – For example, if he goes 4/11, he scores 8 points
- His FG percentage decreased from his Junior to Senior season as a result of his offense extending away from the basket
- Seems to be indifferent
- Just doesn't have quick instincts
- Squared up on left block, hit fadeaway jumper that he usually misses

Overall

I believe Lammers has gotten worse from his Junior to Senior seasons. He plays with no physicality now, never gets to the line, and is simply a pick-and-pop shooter on the perimeter. Lammers has showed good post moves and touch but rarely goes there anymore. Despite being a poor athlete, he is a natural basketball player. Lammers shot is pretty impressive, and he has extended it beyond the FT line. I think he will learn to extend it even further to the 3 point line at the next level. Defensively, he is an excellent shot-blocker and rarely gets caught reaching for a block. He has learned to box out well, but has a slow first jump. He does have problems guarding in the post though against stronger players or athletes. While Lammers does have problems changing directions both on-ball and guarding the pick-and-roll, he is pretty agile defending guards on switches and times blocks well in those situations. Lammers is sound on both ends but I think he lacks the physicality or potential to be a draft pick.

Yante Maten PF, Senior, Georgia

Personal

- School: Georgia
- Season: Senior
- Age 21 (Born August 14, 1996)
- Born in Pontiac, Michigan
- Height: 6'8
- Weight:
- Twitter: youngmoney__11
- Instagram: yandelobro
- Has masters, working on his 2nd masters
- He is engaged
- Devout Christian
- Grew up with single mother Toiya Paige – Mother said God told him to choose Georgia
- High School Coach Duane Graves - "He doesn't have a tattoo or a pierced ear. He doesn't swear. He's a young man who is down to Earth, and very religious"
- 2014 Michigan Gatorade Player of the Year
- Suffered concussion in January 2015 after being hit by a car - only missed 1 game
- Selected as 2017-18 AP SEC Player of the Year

Game Tape

- December 19, 2017 vs. Georgia Tech
- Poor D allowed over the top pass on roll
- Hit some shots over Lammers contest
- Catch and shoot straightaway 3 as the trailer – hits
- Brings the ball up, hits deep right elbow pull-up jumper – looks comfortable handling the ball
- Blocks weakside post-up attempt, good help and timing
- Got a few impressive rebounds, appears to have long arms
- Catches on the cut and hits reverse layup – under control around the rim
- Can make the skip pass out of the post
- Shot the ball really well from the perimeter
- Got 3 offensive rebounds, crashes the glass when not boxed out – one resulted in a putback slam

Game Tape

- Norfolk Sports Club vs. Roger Brown's April, 13, 2018
- Good relocation on offense
- Quick rolling to the hoop
- Impressive touch on bank hook shots in the paint with both hands

- Missed a number of FTs
- Hit 2 3's
- Poor defense on Williams drive, get beaten and bodied
- Establishes deep post positioning immediately
- Scoring easily in limited minutes
- Out of control layup attempt on perimeter drive, not his game
- Impressive block in transition defense on Williams trying to dunk it then seals deep in the post on offense and finishes left handed layup
- Beat everyone down the floor offensively but did not defend well
- Scores easily

Overall

Maten is not a great athlete, but he is a great scorer. Maten is deadly in the post. He has a plethora of moves, his touch is good, he makes the extra pass on double teams, and he can pick and pop. He tends to catch the ball very deep and finishes really well on either side. Maten has also extended his jumper out to the 3 point line and can get hot from there. While he is not a great 3 point shooter, I think he is a good catch-and-shoot jump shooter. He is not a great rebounder because he cannot jump high, so he will have to boxout well at the next level. Nevertheless, his scoring ability in the post is elite. He has become a pretty good shot blocker, and is usually aware with good timing and long arms. I think he can be an effective backup Power Forward off the bench in the NBA and he is a good 2nd round pick.

Josh Okogie
SG, Sophomore, Georgia Tech

Personal

- School: Georgia Tech
- Season: Sophomore
- Age: 19 (Born September 1, 1998)
- Height: 6'4
- Weight: 213 lbs
- Has a really long wingspan
- Twitter: CallMe_NonStop
- Instagram: CallMe_NonStop
- Born in Lagos, Nigeria, grew up in Snelville, Georgia
- Good piano player
- Played AAU with Harry Giles
- Says his best skill is defense - says he gives 100% on D always
- Looking to improve 3 point shooting - hitting the open shot
- Says he works out 2-3 times everyday
- Hungry - Wakes up at 5:30 am everyday and arrives at LA Fitness early in the morning

Game Tape

- December 19, 2017 at Georgia
- Fluid athlete
- Long arms to affect shots
- Pull-up right baseline jumper in transition, quick move – hits
- Tipped entry pass from perimeter, steal
- Tried attacking multiple times with back to basket from short corner and tied up twice
- Plays a little out of control
- Catch and shoot left corner 3 – hits – shot looks much improved from a year ago, under control, got his feet set, nice release
- Gets over ball screens well and recovers to stay in front
- Steals baseline pass by Maten and fouled attacking in transition
- Missed right layup in traffic, bad shot selection, but really quick change of direction and first step
- Turnover prone
- Steals perimeter pass and fouled in transition
- Shot poorly off the bounce
- Usually out of control attacking the rim, but seeks contact always and does a good job initiating it and drawing fouls (got to the line 13 times)
- Good FT shooter

Overall

Okogie is an athletic SG with long wingspan that is aggressive and seeks out contact. He has the quick twitch to get to the rim and length to defend well on the perimeter. He deflects and steals a lot of balls. His shot looked much improved in this game compared to last season, where I thought his stroke was the biggest hole in his game. He shot 38% on 4.2 attempts per game, but shot poorly from the field. I think that is a result of his lack of IQ driving the ball. Okogie' plays/looks out of control at times, and I don't think he knows yet when he can drive and when to pull-up, which is why he turns the ball over 2.5 times per game. His handle and shot off the dribble need some work. Rather than making moves, Okogie typically just tries to draw contact. When Okogie commits himself to rebounding the ball, he is a good rebounder for a guard. If he improves his understanding of defenses, I think Okogie has high potential in the NBA because of his athleticism, wingspan, and shooting potential. He has always reminded me of DeMar DeRozan. I don't think he'll ever become that, but if he has good work ethic, I think he can be a starter.

I think Okogie has the most potential because he is the best athlete of the 3 players I watched in this game. I think Maten is the safest pick because he already has elite post skills and has learned to shoot the 3, to go with solid athleticism playing the stretch 4 position. I think Lammers has the lowest upside, but is also a safe pick late that will contribute to a team in some manner, whether it be in practice, as a rotation C, or for their G-League affiliate.

Chris Chiozza
PG, Senior, Florida

Game Tape

- December 6, 2017 vs. Loyola Chicago
- Loses ball trying to split the D
- Jumped on pump fake, allowed open jumper
- Nice look ahead to Gak for layup in transition
- Desperation end of shot clock 3 – miss
- Backs down on left block, quick move baseline, hits Hayes open on opposite side for short jumper
- Nice baseline pass to cutting Koulechov
- Nice steal helping off, Jackson wasn't aware of Chiozza behind him, stole ball and finished athletic layup in transition
- Catch and shoot straightaway 3 – hits, shot looks good, nice extension, can shoot it from deep
- Nice drop pass to koulechov in transition for open 3
- Beautiful no look pass to Stone cutting under basket in transition for layup
- Fouled on short pull-up jumper – FTs 2/2 – shot looks good, nice release off his fingertips
- Good rebounder for his size
- Euro-steps left in transition, finds weakside corner shooter for 3
- Missed contested short corner floater – couldn't turn corner
- Beautiful slip pass to Hayes for open left elbow jumper
- Good body control on drive left, knows how to use body to protect ball
- Quick spin move in transition but missed easy layup at rim

Game Tape

- April 12, 2018 Cherry Bekaert vs. Portsmouth Partnership
- Chiozza guards screens well and can get around and stay in front, but gets beaten on drives to the rim
- Doesn't have the quickness/size to stay with quicker guards
- Nice pass on target to weakside corner shooter out of ball screen
- Nice feed for dunk on drive left, got in air and drew help
- Does a nice job waiting until the last second and can elevate and make every read and create easy baskets
- Should not get off feet so much but has to see over D because of his lack of size
- Beautiful pass ahead over 3 defenders in transition for a dunk
- Head always up, great vision and passing
- Nice find weakside corner shooter in transition
- Hits deep 2 pullup jumper straightaway

- Athletic finish on drive right over Aldridge extended arm, better athleticism/finishing than you'd think because he guards ball with his body
- Beautiful bounce pass feed to roller for layup
- Missed stepback 3 left 45
- Drives right, cut off, spins back middle and hits short fadeaway jumper
- Shot the ball well this game including a few forced shots, doesn't force tough shots usually
- Chiozza makes tough passes in small spaces and every read out of the pick and roll whereas Macon attacks the help better as a scorer and creates dunks/open shots with simpler passes

Overall

Chiozza is a high IQ true PG that is an elite passer. He creates open and easy opportunities for teammates, and is always aware where they are. He makes everyone better. Chiozza is not a great shooter, especially off the dribble, and much prefers to pass. His stroke looked solid against Loyola, and I think he simply has to hit enough shots/shoot well enough to keep defenses honest so that he can continue to create for teammates. I think Chiozza's impact was limited at times because his teammates are one-dimensional scorers (Koulechov, Hudson, Allen) that weren't willing to reset the offense back to him. I think Florida would have been much more successful if they played through Chiozza ball-screens like an NBA team. In this game his teammates took it upon themselves to make tough shots down the stretch instead of letting Chiozza create easy ones for them.

Chiozza doesn't have blow-by athleticism and doesn't do a great job turning the corner without a running start. But he plays with great pace and has a really tight handle. When he gets to the hoop he finishes well for his size because he protects the ball with his body and finishes with the outside hand. He might have some trouble guarding bigger and more athletic guards, but he makes up for some of that with his IQ. He averages almost 2 steals a game, and he knows when to take risks and when to stay honest. He also rebounds the ball pretty well, as he likes to attack the defensive glass and push the ball. He would thrive in a fast-paced offense.

Chiozza's potential is probably a 3rd string PG, but he is a great distributor and reliable to make the right decision no matter how many minutes he gets. I doubt Chiozza gets drafted, but I think he can make an NBA roster. I think Chiozza is a good 2-way player prospect.

Portsmouth Game Tape Notes

Mike Duman Auto Sales vs. Portsmouth Partnership – April 11, 2018

Gary Clark Jr.

Clark went 3/4 from 3 and improved as the game went on. He tried to drive from the perimeter early and was not that quick driving off the bounce. He should stick to catch and shoot 3s or post moves. Clark settled in after playing a little outside of himself early and forcing shots. He played a smart 2nd half by knocking down open looks and playing under control within himself. He was aggressive when he caught it in the paint and finished, going 5/9 for the game. Clark has good touch and showed it from all 3 levels, as well as the FT line. Clark looked like an NBA player in this game and finished with 14 points, 6 rebounds, and 4 assists. I think Clark will be a 2nd round pick.

Jo Lual-Acuil Jr.

In an effort to show he has perimeter skills, Jo tried to take jumpers and attack from the perimeter. As a result, he played out of control. There were multiple drives baseline when he was cut off and had nowhere to pass. He was trying to show off skills he doesn't have. He is not coordinated or fluid enough athletically to make the NBA.

B.J. Johnson

Johnson entered Portsmouth as one of my favourite sleeper prospects. He is a fantastic 3 point shooter and a really good athlete who simply needs to improve his consistent effort. He showed his high scoring IQ, ability to turn the corner, and shot-making in this game. I think his rebounding is really underrated, as he has quick hops and impressive rebounding instincts. When he wants to he is an incredible rebounder, like when he had 23 rebounds against Rhode Island. B.J. definitely looked like an NBA athlete and shooter in this game. I think he is a 2nd round pick.

Cherry Bekaert vs. Portsmouth Partnership – April 12, 2018

Daryl Macon

Game Tape

- 3/5 on 3's 1st half, 2 of which he hit in rhythm off the dribble
- Has a really nice stroke
- Created an easy basket at rim
- Handle looks pretty tight, shot looks good, and plays with good rhythm/change of pace
- Pushed and created layup for teammate on nice bounce pass in transition
- Impressive defensive rebound and nice bounce pass feed to cutting Smith for dunk
- Showing his point guard skills, really nice bounce passing in transition for easy layups/dunks

- Hit open corner shooter in transition for 3 – knows to draw the help man and hit open teammate
- Split the D quickly, drew help at rim and found Morris open for layup, has done a fantastic job playmaking – NBA move
- Pullup 3 bad shot without any passes on possession
- Catch and shoot open 3, miss, now 0/2 on 3s in second half
- Fouled 3 point shooter out of control on closeout
- Hits catch and shoot left 45 3, swish, shot looks great
- Finished layup in transition – seemed like he was in right spot at the right time
- Hit sidestep deep right 45 jumper, can create his own shot
- Blocked on pullup FT line jumper
- Misses left 45 3 in transition, shot 1/4 from 3 in 2nd half

Overall

Macon was the star of the game and this was the best performance I saw of anyone in Portsmouth. He has a really nice 3 point stroke, as was evident when he shot 42.1% from 3 on the season. When he gets his feet set, it's in. He had a 9:1 ast turnover ratio in this game and showed off incredible playmaking skills. He beat his man off the bounce consistently and did a fantastic job drawing help near the rim and finding the open man for a dunk/layup. His handle looked pretty tight and he played with great rhythm on the offensive end. He showed some solid rebounding skills and impressive hops on a few rebounds as well. He looked like a modern NBA PG. I think Macon has to be drafted and is definitely worth a 2nd round pick. I would take him based off this performance alone because you can't teach the shooting or playmaking he displayed.

Hayden Dalton

Hayden Dalton impressed me. He moves pretty fluidly on both ends. His handle looks solid and he can get his shot off quickly off the bounce. He went 4/4 on jumpers off the bounce, utilizing a good pump-fake, tight handle, and good length to get it off. Dalton has natural shooters footwork. He showed off a pretty solid handle in the open court as well. Dalton hit 2 3's but needs his feet set from 3 to hit it. He was very active on the defensive end, with good length, footwork and activity. He will probably need to put on some weight if he is going to defend and out-rebound NBA PFs. Dalton shot 16/30 in 3 games in the tournament and is definitely worth looking more into. He could be a 2nd round pick.

Clayton Custer
PG, Junior, Loyola Chicago

Game Tape

- December 6, 2017 at Florida
- Nice feed to trailing big rolling to hoop for layup
- Catch and shoot deep straightaway 3 – miss
- Drives left, cut off, misses fadeaway short left jumper
- Catch and shoot left baseline jumper – hits
- Nice pass off right ball screen, finds open weakside 45 shooter for 3
- Denies ball screen, drives left, hits leaning jumper
- Misses floater in the lane
- Hurt ankle late in 1st half, came down on Florida player, out for rest of the game
- All of his offense comes out of ball screens
- Showed nice touch on jumpers
- His 3 point numbers are good but it looks like it takes a lot of strength for him to take deep 3s

Overall

Custer is a pass first PG. He only played 14 minutes vs. Florida after getting injured, but I have watched enough of him to get a good feel for his game. Custer is not a good/quick enough athlete off the bounce to beat his man. His entire offensive repertoire is out of ball screens. He is a good passer using ball screens and knows how to draw multiple defenders. He can hit the roller or make on target passes to the weakside. You can't go under screens on him because he is a good shooter. He is only capable of turning the corner using a ball screen, though, as he has a good change of pace/hesitation. Custer runs the team nicely as a College PG, but just doesn't have the quickness or athleticism to be an NBA PG.

Aundre Jackson
SG, Senior, Loyola Chicago

Game Tape

- December 6, 2017 at Florida
- Moves well from perimeter on defense
- Good body control on drives
- Strong body, doesn't get pushed off his spot on D
- Was on fire, shot 10/12 and 3/3 from 3
- Really nice stroke, good release
- Nice touch in the post on hook shot
- Quick burst on drive right, got to hoop in one dribble

Overall

Aundre Jackson looks like he could be a good G-League role player. He is a high IQ attacker with solid athleticism, good body control and strength. His stroke looked really good against Florida. He has shot very high percentages in back-to-back seasons, which shows that his decision-making in this game was not an outlier. Even on 12 attempts Ingram didn't take any shots outside of the offense. He shot 23/40 in the NCAA Tournament against good competition from major conferences. The problem is Jackson does not contribute much offensively elsewhere and is not much of a rebounder.

Defensively, Jackson moves well from the perimeter and does a nice job boxing out. I do not know what Jackson's potential is, but I think the best decision would be to play him in the G-League and see how he does because it is possible that he becomes an NBA player. I don't think Jackson is worth an NBA draft pick, but I think he is a good player to have in a team's system.