



Dark Horse Hoops Report: Austin Pope

Position: PG

Class: Sr.

Height: 198 Cm

Weight: 82 Kg

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84/100



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Strengths

Offense: Terrific length as a point guard... Can see over defenders a make passes... Has demonstrated home run court vision... Solid taking care of the ball... Lefty who will slither his way to the basket with a fluid handle and long strides... Good midrange shooter... Has good footwork attacking off the dribble... Length allows him to finish over smaller defenders.

Defense: Super long defender who can defend all perimeter positions... Uses his length to pester ball handlers and create turnovers... Very smart guard who doesn't get caught up in screens.

Weaknesses

Offense: Not a very consistent shooter... Low free throw percentage is concerning as an outside shooter... Handle needs to get tighter... Not an explosive athlete or finisher near the rim... Needs to move off of the ball more decisively.

Defense: Doesn't always make the choice to be an impact player... Not a very physical defender but has tremendous ability on that side of the floor.

Intangibles

Pope is a natural leader who really wants to succeed playing the sport of basketball. He has the right mentality to keep improving on the court and there would be no surprise if his jump shot develops based off his work ethic. Additionally, Pope has a high motor on the glass and will really pursue the ball.

Overview

Austin Pope is smooth and fluid point guard who has the basketball IQ and defensive potential to be an elite player professionally. Length can't be taught and Austin Pope's terrific length at the guard position is going to bring smothering defense and some terrific court vision to whatever court he's on. If the rangy guard can shoot from the outside with more consistently - he will be a headache for smaller guards to defend.