

DJ Stewart (Film vs UGA 12/30/2021)

In this game, DJ showed his versatility in scoring. He was making it from every aspect of the floor against UGA and finished with 18 pts. Of course, he excelled from mid-range, knocking down some pretty tough contested shots. It works best off the dribble, and he loves to come off picks and shoot it around the FT line. At the 6:25 mark of the 2nd, he hit his opponent with a mean step back to create space for the mid-range jumper. He moves well without the ball too. He had a nice play where he cut to the basket for the left-handed layup. Then, he came back down and hit his opponent with another step back mid-range shot, and almost picked the ball off UGA's immediate inbound. He knocked out a few catch and shoot opportunities. A few of them came from running off screens and hitting in the corner or on the curl.

Defensively, he had some hustle plays. He missed a 3 pointer, got his own rebound, and set Miss. St up with another chance to score. His footwork needs some improvement. Quicker guards were blowing past him. He tends to move a half step too slow sometimes. He will close out and he will box out, and grab rebounds. He had 7. The rebound that I remember most is the one he pulled down over two defenders in the 2nd half. He does a pretty decent job of staying in a defensive position for the whole possession. He had this really good defensive play in the last 3 minutes of the 1st where he played aggressive and put some pressure up on #5 (Justin Kier). This caused him to fumble around with the ball and force an anticipated pass, which resulted in a transition play for Mississippi State.