



UCExposure Prospect Evaluation | Ethan Soares Position | 2 Guard/Playmaker

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Lead Evaluator: Coach Kite (Former Division 1 Player, D3 Assistant, NBA Video Coordinator)
The Prospect Evaluation is the first step in creating a Recruiting Game Plan tailored to the Individual

Classification/High School | 2023 Houston Memorial

Projected Level of Play | NCAA D3+

Potential level of Play | NAIA / D2 JUCO

Player Assessment/Evaluation: Ethan is a solid prospect to keep your eye on throughout his senior season as he continues to progress. Initially, he passes the eye test as a big bodied physical guard but lacks the athleticism to stand out at that position at the next level. Although he lacks some athleticism, he makes up for it with his strength and physicality by finishing through contact around the basket and has a quick first step. Defensively, he lacks the foot speed to guard a 2 or smaller wing at the next level, but often was seen switching on bigger opponents, fronting post, and out toughing them for position in the post. That is his more natural position at the next level to move onto scholarship level boards. Ethan is a high % shooter that is able to score on all 3 levels, however he defers too much with his ability to put up points in bunches. To increase his recruitment this year he needs to be more assertive offensively and demand the ball to create more shots for himself. He moves well without the ball in his hands and with a purpose which

stands out to scouts and creates shots for himself and his teammates. The high school runs a primarily motion cutting offense, so he will be in position this year to put up bigger numbers by just staying in attack mode. Defensively he must buy into being a great help defender which can offset some of his deficiencies with keeping quicker guards in front of him.

Initial films to upload to the UCExposure Recruits Player Card: First two games to upload to showcase your college ready traits would be: Game #1 where you hit 3 or more 3's and shoot 8+ FTs, basically showing your versatility as a scorer and movement without the ball. Game #2 would be your best overall game against a top team in Houston. Make sure it's a game where you defensively front the post, and out play a bigger more athletic opponent on the defensive side of the ball. College basketball teams switch 75% of the time so your ability to switch and guard a 3 or a forward would stand out.

How we will 'Gain Interest' this Fall and move you up college coaches boards and not off of them (Your Cheat Sheet):

- **Strengths to showcase when selecting film** | Superb physicality finishing through contact around the basket. Plus, the ability to move without the ball and catch and shoot 3s. Those translate better than the stand still 3pt makes.
- **Areas you must improve that expose you on film** | On-ball defense must improve. Focus on keeping quicker guards in front, while making it a point to be much more active with your off ball D to offset some on ball defensive deficiencies.
- **The focus point for this Semester** | Be an even more consistent shooter as we target teams in the Spring that shoot a high volume of 3pt shots. Get better off the bounce to escape pressure but play to your strengths which is your 3pt shot and moving without the ball.

- **What we want to stand out when sharing your UC Player Card to College Coaches** | That you are a physical, competitive, and hard-nosed player. You are not the quickest but you are tough. Step up your physicality another notch and out tough players in the paint for boards, position, and finishing.

In this section we will focus on the style of play, level of play and best fit to move you up college coaches boards and not moving off of them!

Targeting a FIT

- Based on professional insight from a experienced recruiting coordinator or current college coach, our formula is proven when it comes to matching players with a FIT
 - **Offensive fit** | Half-court motion based dribble drive offense where they recruit shooters at the 2-5 spots and set ball screens. You could move up boards by being pushed as a stretch 4 in the right system or versatile 3 that can play the face up 4 spot.
 - **Defensive fit** | Half-court packline defensive team that teaches the 5 vs 1 principles. Basically any team that puts a high premium on help D and keeping teams in front with no hard ball pressure will fit.

Our Recruiting Game Plans provide behind the scenes insight to guide UC Prospects on what films to upload to their UC Recruits Player Cards that will 'Gain Interest' this Fall. As you progress over the semester we will share your best games that will stand out to college coaches and move you up their board. As we get closer to the break, we will shift our focus to target projected levels that best fit factoring on and off the court performance.

Creating your initial UC Athlete Highlight Video (1:30-2:00 minute max | 25 Clips)

#1 15-20 Clips showcasing the College Ready Strength: Your main asset to a team is the ability to score on all 3 levels. Pick 15 clips of you moving without the ball and hitting 3's or scoring in the paint, but showcase you scoring off the catch after a cut or screen.

#2 5 Clips highlighting Winning Plays without the ball in your hands (Position Specific traits that stand out to College Coaches) Add 6-8 defensive clips after 4 offensive clips of you out toughen a bigger more athletic player in the paint, fronting him, moving out of position or making a help defensive play to showcase your physicality and off ball D.

Ethan's Recruiting Game Plan | 2022-2023 Season

Set very specific game goals you are capable of achieving after reviewing the UC scout & evaluation. We only share game film that stands out to college coaches so follow the Game Plan: 1. Get better off the bounce with 3 to 4 dribble escape pressure shooting drills & work on being quick in 8 foot increments (Lateral quickness, ladder drills, agility drills) by adding four 45 minute workouts a week. 2. Get to where you are the best help Defender on your team and it's consistent when college coaches start watching film (I will never expect you to be a pick up 94 feet and ball pressure player) but your IQ and positioning are enough for you to be a much better help defender this year. 3. 44% from 3pt line is a scholarship level shooter period. We want to share games where you shoot 44% from the 3 (DON'T THINK ABOUT IT) just upload films when you go 4 for 7 or 3 for 6 etc and we will get those to NAIA level programs