



**College Prep Evaluation | 2025 Donaven Tarango**  
**HT/Position: 6'1 Combo Guard**  
**School: Midland HS**

**Lead Evaluator:** Coach V (21 years of experience Recruiting Coordinator at the D1, D2, D3 & NAIA Levels)

**Secondary Evaluator:** JC Assistant Coach (Entering his 4th Season as an Assistant Coach at a Texas JUCO)

**Projected Level | Elite Varsity / NCAA D3**

**Potential Level | D3 JUCO / NCCAA / NCAA D3+**

**UTILIZING YOUR COLLEGE PREP EVALUATION**

UCExposure Evaluations are Your Guide to Elevate On Court Performance, Identify Games that will Stand Out To College Coaches on Your Profile, Create a Highlight Video Showcasing Each Individual Players College Ready Strengths for Social Media Athlete Marketing & Match Prospective Recruits with College Programs that FIT!

**Donaven Tarango's College Prep Evaluation:** Donaven is an Active Wing who plays bigger than his Size, makes a lot of winning plays without the ball in his hands, and does a Great job on the Defensive End at playing with Energy and Applying Ball Pressure that stands out on Game Films. Aggressive hard nosed wing that pursues 50/50 balls and disrupts the opposing Offense by crowding the ball handler and staying active as an On

Ball Defender. Rebounds the Ball well from the Guard Position, and just plays with a certain chip and toughness that he needs to Continue to Grow as that is his Ticket to going from Elite Level Varsity Player to College Level Recruit. Pursues Boards on Offense and Engages bigger Opponents on Defense in the Paint to keep them off the Glass. That is what I mean by playing bigger than his size, his ability to out tough bigger guards for position inside is another area that stands out on Game Films. Offensively, Donaven handles the ball well but looks to give it up too quickly when pressured which indicates he doesn't have playmaking skills to elevate pressure and he is not big enough to play Forward at the next Level. He must continue to work on his overall perimeter skill set throughout the Fall while starring in his Role at Midland High. It's Great that you play bigger than 6'1 and do what it takes to help your team Win, but coaches must know that you are doing what is best for the Team but capable of playing at the College Level. Put in extra work in all facets of your Game when no one is watching so your Confidence in your Ability to Handle the Ball, Make Plays off the Bounce and Knock down Timely Shots from Beyond the Arc. You do a great job of moving without the ball, and getting to your spots on Offense and you are at your best finishing plays in the paint off hard cuts which is your strength on the Offensive end of the Court. So you have a high Basketball IQ, and you cut with the intent to score and make the right cuts so with the ability to move without the ball like you showcase you must add a 2nd Layer to your Game on Offense whether it be knocking down Mid-Range Shots or 2 to 3 Timely 3s a Game within the flow of the Offense to start gaining Interest. You finish Plays at a high % on the move when cutting to open spots

but all of them are at the Rim or in the Paint. Your Shot Mechanics don't look bad, and your Release in Penetrate and Pitch 3s from the Corner looks solid but not enough evidence on Game Films that you look to take and make 3pt Shots (Pass Up Wide Open Looks-Scored Well at the West TX Camp in the 3pt Assessment So The Foundation is there) I'm not telling you to shoot 6 3's a Game, I'm saying keep Playing to Your Strengths but put in enough work on your Perimeter Skill Set that You Play with More Confidence off the Bounce or when Left Wide Open! You have Time on Your Side so Continue to develop Taking Shots in Catch and Shoot Situations to force the Defense to extend their Pressure which will open up more driving lanes and finish at the Rim which is one of your College Ready Strengths. Defensively, Your Effort is there and stands out. You just need to add the Discipline it takes to go along with the Effort especially off the Ball. Be a Student of the Game and Evaluate Full Games focusing solely on Off Ball D and look at the Angles you take and how you play after the catch or cut on help Defense. You have the hard part down for most players (Playing With Tremendous Effort) so it's just playing with more intent and a better understanding of how to Impact the Game and stand out as an Elite Off Ball Defender. At Your Size You will most likely not be guarding a PG or Combo, so being able to Showcase Making Plays off the ball on Defense will Elevate Your Game to a whole new level. Finally, Continue to Play and Stay in Attack Mode on Offense in areas you are comfortable while working on your Perimeter Shot when no one is watching. When you are aggressive you look a lot better, but very selective with attacking on the Offensive end and you are very capable of making more plays. Right now you tend to not even look to score for a large majority

of the Game, but takes his chances where he can which is something that can be flipped in which he is continually aggressive at the rim and in turn will help take some defensive attention away from shooters, help his team overall, and will grow his confidence on Offense heading into the 2nd Semester. Again, you have time on your hand and the foundation is there to make a lot more plays both offensively and as a help Defender. Donavan has the potential, upside and physical ability to become a much better Offensive Player this Season if he puts in the Work and Plays with more confidence on the Offensive End of the Floor. Your Ticket to Playing Beyond HS regardless of your Progress on Offense, is your Toughness, Rebounding and Making Winning Plays without the Ball in Your Hands (Effort Stats) MUST be ELITE in these Areas and More Productive on Offense this Season to start to Gain Interest. Pride Yourself in Leading Your Team In RPG and Off Ball Steals/Deflections This Year while Growing Your Game and we can Track Progress and make a hard push after the 1st Semester when you have had time to Improve and have Games That will Stand out to College Coaches.

#### **Defense to Offense Clip (You Must Make More Guard Plays to Play More)**

1. **2:12 Mark 4th Quarter vs Frenship** | Love You Activity on Defense that stands out on Game Films but You Must be able to Secure this Rebound and push it up the court. Too Many Possessions on the Catch you don't even attempt to Dribble (You a Guard) and this could have been a steal and layup for frenship instead of a Rebound and You Push it up the court.

#### **Key Clips To Review That Stand Out | Both Good and Bad**

1. **3:26 Mark 1st Quarter vs Frenship** | Get in the Game and Make a Winning Play just by Being Active and Ready when Your Number is Called. This is Your Ticket to not Only Increase Your Role this Year but in Potentially Playing Beyond HS.

2. **2:45 Mark 4th Quarter vs Frenship** | If they utilize you in Ball Screen Action, You Should be a Pick and Pop Undersized 4 knocking down 3s vs mismatches Instead of Rolling. Give Your

Coaches Confidence In the Fall in putting you in some isolated PnR Action by showing the ability to take and make 3pt shots in Practice.

## **COLLEGE READY GAMES TO UPLOAD TO UC PLAYER CARDS**

**Game #1:** A Good Game to Upload to Your Profile that will be shared with College Coaches is one that highlights your Strengths, finishing around the rim off cuts, rebounding, and making winning plays like off ball steals & 50/50 Balls. Example would be 12-15 points where you knock down a 3 but the rest of your points or finishes in the paint or Offensive Rebounds and putbacks.

**Game #2:** Second Game to me based on the Evaluation that would stand out is just your best Overall Effort Game where you made plays without the ball in your hands that led to a big Win. Think of a Game where your Defensive Effort was consistent throughout, you grabbed the most Rebounds, and had 4-6 Off Ball Steals/Deflections. Keep working on your overall skill set but let's highlight your a 'Winner' and make a lot of plays that lead to W's until we get Games where you showcase Guard Skills & Perimeter Shot Making more consistently.

### **3 Keys To Elevating Your Game & Increasing Your Recruitment**

**1. EVALUATE 2 FULL GAMES** | Focus on On Ball Defense (Arms Length Pressure While Keeping Opposing Guards in Front of You) and Off Ball Defense (Anticipating Plays and Rotating Prior to the Catch or Cut) When You Watch Full Games and Focus on One Area You Will be Start to Improve Your Defensive Discipline to go along with Your Effort (Need Both to Truly Stand Out and Impact the Game as a 2-Way Player)

**2. BUILD A 8 WEEK WORKOUT ROUTINE FOCUSING ON IMPROVING YOUR PERIMETER SHOT** | Your Strengths are Finishing at the Rim or In the Paint after a Cut, So Keep Playing to Your Strengths but set a Goal to get 8000 3pt Game Shots off the catch up over the next 8 weeks. That is Four 55 Minute Workouts where You Shoot 250 Game Speed Shots from Game Spots at Game Speed after Making a Cut to Simulate Catch and Shoot Situations. You Move Well without the Ball So Design Workouts where You Are Taking and Making Perimeter Shots in Catch and Shoot Situations!

**3. GROW YOUR STRENGTHS AND 1ST SEMESTER STAT GOALS** | Take What You Do Well to the Next Level while You work on Your Overall Skill Set. Realistic Goals to Track in the Fall is Leading Your Team In RPG (7+) and SPG (4+) Set Those 2 Goals for 1st Semester and Give Yourself Time to Elevate Your Overall Game in Other Areas. That should set you up for a strong finish and could take you from Elite Varsity Level Prospect to Potential College Level Recruit factoring Progress.

### **2025 Donaven Tarango | Highlight Video (2:00 Minute Max)**

**Length:** 2:00 Max | 25-30 Clips **(80% of the Clips Should be Your College Ready Strengths & 20% Should be Winning Plays without the Ball in your Hands)**

**Donavn's Highlight Video** | A Good Highlight Video for Donaven would be 75% of the Clips where you are finishing Plays after a hard cut or catching it on the run after moving without the ball. Showcase your ability to move without the ball at an Elite Level and get to your Spots within the flow of the Offense. Mix in 2 to 3 Point Makes but Really Highlight after every 4th Offensive Clip Your Best Hustle/Effort Plays (Dive on Floor, Getting a 50/50 Ball, Offensive Rebounds, Off Ball Steal, etc.) That is a great Initial Highlight Video to Post on Socials after Following Coaches!

### **Donaven Tarango's Recruiting Game Plan**

- 1.** You do a lot of things good, but nothing Great on the Offensive End of the Floor to keep you on the floor for longer stretches. Immediately when You check in Games, the Energy of the Team Goes up a Notch so that is Great, but to stay in Games for longer stretches You Must Produce on Offense and Make More Plays-**GET CONFIDENT IN YOUR ABILITY TO MAKE GUARD PLAYS 'YOU ARE A GUARD'!**
- 2. Star In Your Role - Work on Your Perimeter Game!** Essentially Take Your Defense and Rebounding Up a Notch and Make Plays Over Worrying About Making Mistakes. Let Your Coaches Coach You Early This Season, But To Do That You Must Attempt More Shots and Create More Plays off the Bounce.
- 3. Book a Call to Build Your Game Plan.** I've got some College Prep Workouts for 2 Guards that I can Share with You that

can keep you in a good Routine until the Season Begins. If You Get More Confident on Offense to Go Along With Your Effort/Energy You Will be a whole Different Player This Year!