



College Prep Evaluation | Elijah Santana
Height/Position | 6'1 Combo Guard
Classification/School | 2025 Lockhart HS

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Lead Evaluator: Coach V (21 Year College Recruiting Coordinator at the D1, D2, D3 & NAIA Levels with over 30 Years Experience in the Recruiting Industry)

Secondary Evaluator: NCAA D3 AC (Entering his 7th Season with JC and NCAA D3 Experience)
UCExposure Evaluations is our Guide to Building a Recruiting Game Plan tailored to the Individual Player

Projected Level | Elite Varsity

Potential Level | NCAA D3 *(Potentially Higher Based On How Much Your Game Grows Over The Next Year)*

College Prep Evaluation: Active On Ball Defender, who does a good job of applying ball pressure without giving up straight line drives. However, like most 'Future Prospects' once his man gives the ball up, Elijah stands straight up and is a liability as a help Defender. Shows the Basketball IQ and puts himself in the right position to me a much better off ball defender, but doesn't show the intent or pride off the ball to rotate and make Winning Plays off the ball. Another Area that Elijah must

Grow his Game is Rebounding from the Guard Position. Although he is a PG/Combo that doesn't mean leak out on the Defensive End of the Floor. First and foremost, you must finish the Possession with a Defensive Rebound, and the College Level Guards I work with in my Program do a great job of getting in the mix on the Defensive Glass and pushing it after securing the Board (Time Is On Your Side To Improve In Both Areas) Offensively, Elijah has a good handle on the ball and is court savvy when he has the ball in his hands. Needs to continue to work on playing with pace when pressured. Too many possessions when the opposing Guard pressures him, he gets sped up and makes some unforced turnovers or takes bad shots. Learn how to turn their Pressure against them by playing with 2 speeds on Offense, and your strengths will start to stand out more. You do a good job of seeing the court and you are a skilled passer, just get tougher against pressure and make the right play. One of the areas that stand out on Game Film in your favor is you ability to Move without the Ball In Your hands after giving it up and get to your spots within the flow of the Offense. That not only creates open looks for you, it forces the help defense to stay engaged and opens up driving lanes for your Team. Keep growing that aspect of Your Game, it does matter and College Coaches look at all those little things when Evaluating and Recruiting Potential Prospects. Just like you need to work on handling Pressure, your On Ball Defensive Pressure is another area that stands out for you on Game Films. You do a great job of going from Offense to Defense and making it tough on the opposing PG to be in any comfort zone with your On Ball Defensive Pressure (Keep Growing That Area Of Your Game) Finally, you can see the foundation is there to make a big leap over the next 6-9 months as you continue to Grow Your Game. When you are getting downhill or attacking the paint, you look your best but you don't stay in attack mode to truly stand out. Looking to make more plays is not selfish, it will help your

Team as you are a good passer and finisher when you are in attack mode. Just work on staying and playing aggressive while making the right play when drawing 2nd line defenders. Elijah also has good shot mechanics and has a quick release in Catch and Shoot Situations. The challenge for you is working on your shoot off the move at a much faster pace. The Competition you play against allows you to get to your spots and knock down open shots, but you are going at a pace that doesn't translate to the College Level. When Working On Your Game you must simulate and use your imagination that a 6'3 College Level Athlete Is Locked In so shoot Game Shots at Game Speed from Game Spots Over The Summer (Get Out of Your Comfort Zone) Overall right now you are a Solid Combo Guard at the HS Level (All-District Type) that has time on your side if your willing to put in the work to take your game to a whole new level. Start By Learning How To Play To Your Highest Potential Level, Over Playing Up and Down Based On the Level Of Competition. That mentality and mindset will eventually become your Habits as we continue to track progress. I strongly recommend you doing another Evaluation at the End of the Summer Season to see how much you progressed in all facets. Grow Your Strengths that Stand Out Right Now and start the next time you step foot on the floor of Defending Off the Ball and Rebounding on the Defensive End at a much higher Level. Plenty of time, the potential is there, now follow your Recruiting Game Plan as we have work to do and the Summer is when you can make the biggest leap if you stay consistent with your work habits and routine.

Offensive Plays To Review (Good or Bad)

-26:23 Vs. Lanier - Need to be able to handle the ball and keep your dribble alive as this is an unforced turnover at the college level.

-14:41 (Cant see clock) Vs. Lanier - Need to cut with a purpose and full speed in order to get open on inbounds plays (Bad cut)

-3:31 3rd Quarter Vs. Gonzales - Really like how you are patient and confident with the ball which leads to you attracting defenders and creating for others.

-6:13 2nd Quarter Vs. Gonzales - Need to be stronger with your passes as these types of unforced turnover are unacceptable at the next level.

Defensive Plays To Review (Good or Bad)

-14:51 Vs. Lanier - Great job on the ball and fighting over screens but still stood straight up and stared at the ball whenever his man moves the ball - need to play both aspects

-22:32 Vs. Lanier - Again, great job on the ball but you put yourself in a bad spot off the ball which takes you out of position to get the steal as you are not up the line and playing the gap

-4:36 3rd Quarter Vs Gonzalez - Watch your backside defense as you stand and watch and if your man was to get the reversal you would not be able to close out in time.

-4:33 2nd Quarter Vs. Gonzales - this is the type of on ball defense you need to play at the next level! Love this.

College Ready Games To Upload To Your Player Card:

Game #1: 14+ Points from both the catch and shoot and you getting to the rim either in transition or halfcourt, full game of on ball defense where you are extended out and picking up the ball with pressure, 4+ assists coming from you off the dribble, Playing in the gaps off the ball to show you understand how to rotate at a full speed and high level.

Game #2: It's Always Great To Select a Second Game Where You Make the Most Winning Plays Without the Ball In Your Hands Vs the Highest Level Competition. You can still pick one where your score it and have 4-6 assists, but think of a Game where you left it all on the court and upload that to go along with your most efficient Offensive Game.

Elijah Santana | Keys Heading Into the Select Season

1. STUDY YOUR WEAKNESSES UNTIL THEY BECOME YOUR STRENGTHS: Review The Clips Mentioned in the Evaluation, Watch 2 Full Games Focusing Only On Off Ball Defensive Plays, and One Game At A Time Start To Truly Assess Your Effort and Intent On Help D and Pursuing Boards On the Defensive End.

2. BUILD YOUR ROUTINE: I Suggest for 6 Weeks that Your Workouts Should Consist of Game Speed Shooting Off the Catch. For Example: Four 55 Minute Workouts a Week

Where You Shoot Game Speed Shots Off A Cut or Off the Bounce Simulating 3pt Shots That You Can Get Off Vs a Much Higher Level Athlete/Defender. 250 Shots In 55 Minutes Means You Are Working Out At a Speed That Translates and You Will Start To See Progress In Just 6 Weeks If You Stay Disciplined and Consistent With Your Workouts (That's 1000 Shots a Week For Starters)

3. IS IT CONDITIONING, MINDSET OR BOTH: When You Are Engaged and Playing With Effort especially on ball Defense and Moving Without the Ball on Offense, you look like a whole different player. The only reason that it is not sustained must be due to lack of Conditioning. If it is not due to Conditioning, then the only other factor could be you just don't care. I never believe that, so make sure you play hard while you're fatigued, work on your game outside of your comfort zone (Game Speed) and Condition Your Mindset to Play the Entire Game with consistent Effort. Conditioning is not the fun part of the Sport, but the difference between really good HS Players and College Level Recruits is what they do when no one is watching.

The Uncommon Approach to Gaining Exposure

We use College Prep Evaluations to Elevate clients on court performance, act as a Guide to Selecting College Ready Game Films that Stand Out, and provide behind the scenes insight through the lens of a College Recruiter to enhance not only the Prospects Recruitment but Knowledge on how to Increase their Recruitment. The Midseason Assessment & College Prep Evaluation is Key heading into the Spring as we begin to Promote Prospects to college Programs that FIT and Coaches start Researching UCExposure Recruits..

College Ready Strengths | On Ball Defense & Creating Plays Off the Bounce in transition or HC.

Areas You Must Improve | Finishing In the Paint Through Contact (You Do a Good Job Of Getting In the Paint-Should Shoot 55% or higher on shots in the Paint) Off Ball Defense and Defensive Rebounding.

Elijah's Highlight Video | Social Media Athlete Marketing

Length: 1:30-2:00 Max | 25-30 Clips

Creating a Highlight Video That Showcases Your Strengths | 75% of the Clips Should Be You Making Plays in fast break situations or getting to the paint in the HC and making the right play (Mix Up Finishing & Assists) and Your On Ball Defensive Pressure. Select Clips where you get a 5 second call, force the opposing guard to make a an errant pass/turnover. Mix in 5-7 Off the Catch 3pt shots where the defense is locked in and that will be a good Highlight Video to Post on Socials.

Spring Semester | Targeting the Right FIT

- Based on Professional insight from Experienced College Coaches who are involved with the Recruitment of Student-Athletes, we are able to Guide our Clients on Games that will move them up College Coaches Boards, target the right FIT, and promote them throughout the Spring to the projected Levels until Interest turns to an Offer **(It just takes One)**.
 - **Offensive FIT** | Fast pace transition team that emphasizes running and shooting threes, this will allow you to thrive in a catch and shoot while also having the opportunity to still get downhill and finish at the rim, needs to be able to get out and run and handle the ball in transition as well.
 - **Defensive fit** | Your College Ready Strength Right Now Is Your Ball Defense. Any Team that extends pressure, plays tough man to man D, and looks to turn Defense into Offense will be programs we target as you continue to Progress.

MAKE NOTE: Top Prospects | Take Advantage of the Behind the Scenes Insight Until Interest turns to an Offer: The College Prep Evaluation is a Guide to Select Games to

Upload to Player Cards that will 'Gain Interest', Create Your Highlight Video Showcasing College Ready Strengths that Stand Out to Coaches, and build Your Recruiting Game Plan so we can target College Programs that FIT. Interest will turn to Offers for Players that Follow their Recruiting Game Plan!

Elijah Santana Recruiting Game Plan | Spring 2024

Follow Your Game Plan | #1 Start This Week On The Above Keys Mentioned. **#2** Finish Updating Your Player Card and Upload Two Full Games After Reviewing the Assessment. Make Sure To Create Your Highlight Video and Upload It to my DropBox by Next Week. **#3** Book A Call Before the Austin Camp To Review the Evaluation, Get a Plan In Place For the Camp, and Get To Work On What I Need From You This Summer to get the most out of my Program. We Have Plenty Of Time On Our Side, So Follow Your Recruiting Game Plan and I look forward to working with you this Summer.