**Raleigh Firebirds Scouting Report**

**Scout: Frank Cacioppo**

**Offensive Notes:**

* **#24 can score with either hand in the lane**
* **#12 can score with either hand in the lane**
* **#24 has excellent range on his 3**
* **#1 has excellent range on his 3**
* **#20 has excellent range on his 3**
* **Team tends to put up ill-advised shots under defensive pressure**
* **Like to play up-tempo so get back on defense quickly and defend the outlet pass. You might get a few turnovers from this**
* **#25 is a lefty so defend accordingly**
* **They tend to attack the middle of the court in hopes that you relax your defense on the wings. They do this to get open 3s**
* **Aggressive defense seems to rattle them mentally. It looks as if they get out of control at times under pressure. Make defense your mindset and create turnovers**
* **Make #20 pass out of the post. He is not a great passer and you could create turnovers**
* **Put aggressive defensive pressure on #20 when he is posting up, looks like he can be rattled to put up a bad shot here and there**
* **GET BACK ON DEFENSE! They like to run and get easy buckets that way**

**Defensive Notes:**

* **Looks like they play some 2-3 zone and man-to-man. Attack their zone with the 3 and when they switch to man-to-man, attack with picks and get physical with them. Create mismatches with those picks. It also looks like we have the better athletes. Use that to our advantage, especially when they switch to man-to-man**
* **Run some back door plays on their defense as they do not defend the baseline well**
* **They do occasionally press but it is usually ¾ court or ½ court, and attempt to trap you just after you cross mid-court**
* **They will get in your face on the perimeter at times so plan on some “step back” 3s**
* **The Firebirds tend to not get back on defense quickly. You can get some easy transition baskets and catch them sleeping**
* **They tend to defend the out of bounds pass but not too aggressively**
* **Give the occasional pump fake to #1. He tends to leave his feet and commit fouls**
* **When they trap at midcourt, they leave the lane wide open. Should be able to get an easy shot with a timely cut and pass**
* **When they trap at midcourt, they are slow to get back into their defense. Someone will be wide open**

**Notes: The Firebirds do look much improved on both sides of the ball from the first game to the second, playing under better control and shooting looked improved too. From the eye test, it looks like #24 is their most consistent player, athletic guy with great range, can pull up in the lane and shoot, and can finish with either hand going to the basket.**