

Player TJ McConnell
School University of Arizona
Home Pittsburg, PA
Class RS - Senior
Height/Weight 6'1/195
Righth/Left Right

Role Starter
College Pos. PG
Pro Pos. PG
1st Game Site at WASH ST
Team Record 24-3
Date of Game 15-Feb-15

Characteristics			
Potential:	NBA	Game IQ:	8
Mental Ability:	9	Passing:	9
Physical Ability:	6	Ability to Defend:	7
Leadership:	9	Aggressive/Physical	8
Ball Handling:	8		

Offense	
Go-To-Guy	9
Movement w/o Ball	6
Shot Selection:	7
Decision Making:	10

Defense	
Lateral Movement:	5
Alert to the Ball:	9
Transition:	6
Recovery:	8

Physical	
Strength:	7
Speed:	6
Jumping:	6
Endurance:	7
Agility:	7

Mental	
Maturity:	9
Attitude:	9
Coachability:	9
Body Language:	8
Feel for the Game:	10

Game Statistics			
Minutes Played:	29	Points:	14
FG Shooting:	6 for 11	Assists:	8
FT Shooting:	0-0	Rebounds:	5
3-Point Shooting:	2 for 3	Steals:	4
Charges Taken:	1	Blocks:	0
		Turnovers:	3

Rating Scale:

10 Exceptional	8 Very Good	6 Above Average	5 Baseline Starter	3 Quality Reserve	1 Not Good
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TJ plays like he loves the game. Never caught flat footed, and always has his head on a swivel. A very good leader, and always shows he wants to win. His maturity and court vision puts him in another category at the collegiate level, and I'm very confident that he can continue his success. He is a tenacious competitor!

Having seen many of his games throughout his collegiate career, I can honestly say that he has improved each year. TJ is a pure point guard, but he does need the ball to be effective on offense. His vision makes everyone else around him better, and if he had better shooters around him in college, everyone would be making a much bigger case to draft this player come draft day.

He not only leads in obvious ways (points, assists, rebounds, steals, coaching, and even encouraging), but also does all the little things to keep the momentum (charges, deflections, etc).

TJ is NBA backup ready now because of the rare skills he possesses, but he does have the potential for improvement if he continues to grow like he has throughout his career already.

Scouted By: Samuel Martell

of Times Seen: vs #8 Utah, at WASH,
at WASH ST, vs USC and
vs UCLA

2nd Game Site: vs #8 Utah

Game Statistics			
Minutes Played:	32	Points:	16
FG Shooting:	8 for 10	Assists:	6
FT Shooting:	0 for 2	Rebounds:	3
3-Point Shooting:	0 for 1	Steals:	1
Charges Taken:	0	Blocks:	0
		Turnovers:	2

Current ('14-'15) Statistics (per G)			
Minutes:	29.9	PTS:	9.9
FG%:	50%	AST:	6.0
FT%:	73%	TOT REB:	3.8
3pt FG%:	34%	BLK:	0.10
STL:	2.10	TOV:	2.00

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General			
Soft Hands:	8	Jumping:	4
Quick Hands:	9	FGM/FGA:	7
Wingspan/Reach:	4	FTM/FTA:	6
TOTAL:	21	TOTAL:	17

General (Additional)			
Body:	6	Attitude:	9
Strength:	5	Leadership:	9
Athleticism:	5	Hustle:	10
TOTAL:	16	TOTAL:	28

Court Sense:	9
Decision Making:	9
Competitiveness:	9
TOTAL:	27

Point Guard Ratings

Handling Break:	9
Dribbling:	7
Decision Making:	9
Perimeter Shots:	6
Penetration:	7
Ball Defense:	8
Help Defense:	8
TOTAL:	54

LOTTERY _____

1st Round _____

2nd Round YES (early 2nd)

DO NOT Draft _____

Similar Pro Player(s): Steve Nash and Ricky Rubio

Great vision, IQ and team leader. He is good defensively, as he stays in front and plays aggressively. At the same time his lack of athletic star power prevents him from staying with polished one-on-one scorers.

Above average anticipation and work ethic. He definitely has potential to be a solid pure point guard at the next level. Still needs to work on his shot (consistency), but does have a smooth quick release. And, he also has some "classic craftiness" to his game (aka. Nash and Rubio-like)

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Additional Stats

YEAR	CLASS & SCHOOL	AVG
2010-2011	Freshman @ Duquesne	10.8 points 4.4 assists 3.8 rebounds 2.8 steals (30 starts)
2011-2012	Sophomore @ Duquesne	11.4 points 5.5 assists 4.4 rebounds 2.8 steals (starter)
2012-2013	Transferred to Arizona Had to sit out the year due to NCAA rules	
2013-2014	Redshirt Junior @ Arizona	8.4 points 5.3 assists 3.6 rebounds 1.7 steals (starter)
	Redshirt Senior @ Arizona	9.9 points 6 assists 3.8 rebounds 2.1 steals (starter)

Comparison: HS (Senior Years)

Steve Nash	High School @ St. Michaels University Boarding School	21.3 points 11.2 assists 9.1 rebounds Won British Columbia AAA provincial title Named the province's Player of the Year
TJ McConnell	High School @ Bridgeville, Pennsylvania	34.2 points 9.1 assists 8.2 rebounds Won WPIAL title Class 3A Player of the Year

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Comparison: College (Career)

Steve Nash	14.9 points	4.5 assists	3.1 rebounds	1.3 steals	3.1 turnovers
TJ McConnell	10.1 points	5.3 assists	3.9 rebounds	2.3 steals	2.2 turnovers

Other TJ McConnell News/History:

Holds a school record of 3.0 assist/turnover ratio (Arizona)

22-years-old

Father Tim played for Wayneburg college ('84-'86) & is NOW one of the most successful coaches in WPIAL history

Aunt Suzie McConnell-Serio was All-american at Penn State, Olympic Gold Medalist, inducted in the women's HOF in 2008, and NOW is Head Coach at the University of Pitt

Atlantic 10 Rookie of the Year (2011)

Atlantic 10 All-Defensive Team (2012)

Second-team All-Pac 12 (2014)

Pac-12 All-Defensive Team (2014)

Cousy Award Finalist (2014)

Coach Sean Miller (AZ) on TJ McConnell:

...he [just] judges himself by how he plays the game as a true point guard: running the team, passing, playing defense, and winning games"