

NetScouts Basketball - Player Report

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GAME: @ Marist, Manhattan, @ Iona

SCOUT: Mike Duffy

NAME: Matt Scott **#13** **HT:** 6-4 **WT:** 191
POS: G **CLASS:** Senior **SCHOOL:** Niagara

Athleticism/Body:

Great body for a 2 guard. Wide shoulders, very long limbed. His listing at 6-4 is deceptive because he has a noticeably short neck. If he had an average neck length he could realistically be listed closer to 6-6, as his body dimensions are that of a significantly taller player aside from his neck. Scott displays strength and has some muscle mass, but at his frame he could still add significant muscle if needed. Above average athlete, quick, runs the floor in transition, constantly hustling and crashing boards, very high motor.

Shooting:

Lefty. Mechanics need some work. Angle on shooting arm is close to 45 degrees, pushes ball towards the basket as opposed to finishing release up high. Cocks the ball late and appears to release the ball after the peak of his height off ground. His release is more of a slingshot, doesn't fully extend arm on release. Gets a lot of lift on jumper and leans back considerably, might be more under control with less vertical jump on shot. Misses strong, lack of touch. His mechanical issues become more evident on free throw attempts. Hand position is unorthodox, with his pointer and middle fingers on different seams of the ball. Despite being a lefty, he brings the ball up towards the right side of his body, and centers the ball in front of his face. Likely would have more success if he kept the ball further out to his left to keep his shooting arm in line. Shooting confidence is not an issue, Scott has taken the 7th most 3PA in the MAAC Conference, 6 per game despite shooting just 29.7% from 3. Would like to see him be more self aware in his shot selection. Mechanics are lacking, but still manages to shoot 72% from the FT line. With proper shooting instruction, it is possible that he improves his efficiency on his jumpshot. This is the one area of his game that needs significant improvement.

Position Offense:

Scott is more of a wing than combo guard. Leading scorer in MAAC Conference, 22.2 PPG. Has a high dribble that is sometimes out of control, able to make it work, but handles are not tight enough to play lead guard. Has a nice hesitation dribble to set up drive. His greatest strength is attacking the basket. Gets down hill quickly, especially in transition, and his combination of strength, quickness, and length makes him very difficult to stop with a head of steam. Able to attack with both hands but prefers going to his dominant left hand, gets low when driving to basket. Keeps ball high on drives, rarely gets shot blocked with his long arms. Likes to come to jump stop, finish off glass. Draws lots of contact at rim and is able to finish through contact. Gets to the line repeatedly, 9.2 times per game, 2nd in all of NCAA. Smart and willing passer. Looks to move ball if scoring opportunity isn't there. Relentlessly attacks offensive glass, 2nd in MAAC Conference in offensive rebounding, 2.6 per game. Cleans up his own misses well. Cuts well off ball, finds soft spots of zones.

Defense/Rebounding:

Menace on defense with his athleticism and length. Low defense stance, moves well laterally, good defensive footwork. Intelligently uses length to his advantage. Constantly has arms up to take away sight lines and contest. Effectively guards the perimeter but able to hold his own inside with his length. Occasionally struggles to get through screens on perimeter. Very active hands, knocks lots of balls loose. Aware off ball defender, brings smart help D, shows hard. Good anticipation in passing lanes, willing to take chances. Has the physical

tools and defensive IQ to be an impact defender at next level. Incredible rebounder for his position, attacks the glass from the perimeter, reads ball well, gets himself in position for rebounds. Scott's long arms enable him to grab rebounds even when being boxed out by his matchup. 2nd in MAAC Conference in rebounding, 8.1 per game, despite playing guard.

Miscellaneous:

Leading scorer in conference despite struggling to shoot from the perimeter. Incredible knack to get to the basket and the FT line. Impact defender and ++rebounder. Potential at next level hinges on his ability to improve his jumpshot.

Rank:

6/7 – NBA G League, Euro Cup/International player, EuroLeague roster
