



**UCExposure Prospect Evaluation | Jake Skartvedt**  
**Height/Position | 5'10 Combo Guard**  
**Classification/School | 2024 Azle Christian School**

**Date: January 10th, 2024**

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

**Secondary Evaluator:** NCAA D3 AC (Entering his 5th Year as a Coordinator w/ JC and D3 Experience)  
The Prospect Evaluation is our Guide in Building a Recruiting Game Plan tailored to Each Individual

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**Projected Level | NCCAA / NCAA D3**

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

**College Prep Evaluation:** Energetic blue collar Prospect who brings a lot of energy and effort to the court on both ends. Has a high motor and displays very good Leadership traits that stand out on Game Films. Non-Verbal cues like pulling for teammates, staying engaged in the huddle, and keeping his teammates on the same page display he cares about team 'Wins' over individual accolades! That will be one of the keys we push to programs down the stretch. Defensively, playing a lot of zone and Jake being in the middle of the Zone doesn't answer any questions nor does it display traits that Coaches will eventually Evaluate and he must pass the test (Who can Jake Guard at the Next Level and his ability to Guard) It's not necessarily his fault with the current hand he is dealt, but at Spring Camps, tryouts,

workouts, etc. that I will get him, he must be prepared and aware of being able to pressure the Ball without getting beat and being a great help Defender. In layman's terms, that will be the only time he is truly in control of proving he can guard College Level Athletes. (Too hard to tell his ability to guard on and off the Ball on Game Films with where he plays a majority of time in a zone) Offensively, he has a good feel for the game and excels in transition as a Playmaker who can finish plays at the rim going downhill. Very Quick when pushing it on the fast break, and uses his body well to finish plays in traffic. Does a good job in catch and shoot situations showcasing confidence and has a College Ready Release. Must improve his RPG down the stretch, as he can't control where he plays on D but he could much more active on the Glass vs the level of competition he is playing against. Watches shots instead of Pursuing Boards when shots go up on both ends of the Court. Right now his College Ready Strengths are all on Offense, and that won't be enough to secure a legit Offer and beat the Portal. With time on your side and being a Small College Level Offensive Player already, focusing on increasing your RPG Average down the Stretch and making more Plays on D zone or not will be crucial heading into March. Even though it's a Zone, I always advise players that you are always playing a Man so don't relax instead: Bump Cutters, Non-Verbal Communication like pointing to opposing shooters and matching up teammates, get active hands, and move on the pass or dribble not after the catch. You play an area in Zones, but you can compete at a much higher level that will not only stand out on game films, but will pay off in March and April at Camps/Showcases when I get eyes on you. With your skill set & natural talent you must stay in attack mode and dominate the level of Competition you are playing against down the Stretch. It is clear that you are the best player on the floor for your team, but not necessarily the most aggressive. It's great to be unselfish in Team Sports, but at this stage staying in attack mode you

can create more open shots for teammates and for yourself on Offense, and become more of a force on D and on the Glass which will start to draw genuine Interest. You shoot it at a high % and do a good job of attacking the paint, just continue to play through contact as opposed to avoiding it when creating plays off the bounce. Can really shoot the ball but he is very inconsistent when it comes to finishing on the inside which is something he must develop in order to get his shot off at the next level at his size, More Plays like the 3:08 Mark in the 2nd Quarter of your Game on the 5th, is a great offensive example of getting downhill and being able to make plays not just make shots at your size. Eliminate Plays on Defense like the 1:03 Mark in the 2nd quarter in that Same Game, where you ball watch and not do much on D to set the tone. Don't let playing Zone D dictate your effort, let your effort and intent to get stops dictate how you and your team plays on the Defensive end. Too many possessions like the 4:37 Mark in the 1st Quarter of the Game on the 26th that you must be aware of at this Stage. Make it a point to apply hard Pressure when an Opponent is in your area of the Zone and disrupt the Offense by being active and vocal off the ball. Both are contagious traits that coaches value and will draw genuine interest. We make our hardest push in February, and that gives you a 30 Day Gap to not only upload Game Films where you Rebound and Defend at a much higher level, but gives you time to truly Invest daily so you are prepared when I get you the hardest looks. Keep Growing Your Game, the journey is just beginning and Mid-February until the end of May is when you will need to be playing your best and playing to your strengths!

### **College Ready Games to Upload to Jake's Player Card:**

**Game #1** - Any Games where you get 7+ Boards, 5+ Assists, and some deflections in that Zone D or just honestly self assessing your Activity on the Defensive End will be good ones to share to Small College Coaches.

**Game #2:** A Game to always have uploaded on Your Player Card needs to highlight your college ready strength which is shooting the Ball, especially in catch and shoot situations and finishing plays in transition. If you have a Game looking back or in the near future where you go 4-7 from beyond the Arc, and get 12+ Paint touches while making the right play that will best represent you and Gain Interest.

### **Jake Skartvedt | Keys Moving Forward**

1. **Watch 3 Full Games where all the focus is on 2 Areas:** Guarding On and Off the Ball Regardless of playing a Zone or Not. Pursuing Rebounds on both Offense and especially on Defense. Rebounds that come to You don't count and won't indicate 'Motor'! I know you're a competitor so when College Coaches take a closer look down the Stretch, make sure you are dominating in both!

2. **Be More Aggressive:** Set a Goal to get 12-15 Paint Touches a Game without passing up good shots from the 3pt line. If you track progress and look at how many times you get to the Paint after Games, that will continue to help you grow your mindset while getting you to play a lot more aggressively on Offense outside of knocking down shots. You're the more talented guard on your team, but you defer too much at this stage to teammates that can't make the same plays.

3. **After the Next 5 Games prior to February we need to Evaluate Progress in the Following Areas:** Paint Touches Per Game, Assist to Turnover Ratio, and RPG. Along with you self assessing your Progress on D!

### **The Uncommon Approach to Gaining Exposure**

We use our Game Plans to elevate 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 our clients Recruitment but Knowledge on how to Increase their Recruitment. The Midseason Assessment & College Prep

Evaluation is a key heading into the Spring as we begin to promote prospects to college programs that FIT utilizing the information provided as our Guide.

**College Ready Strengths** | Catch and Shoot College Ready Shooter with a Quick Release that translates to the next level. Leadership Traits (Non-Verbal Communication on Game Films-Turn this up a Notch) and getting downhill in transition as a playmaker

**Areas Exposed that Must Improve** | Finishing through Contact or getting to the FT line More (Essentially draw contact instead of avoiding it when attacking off the bounce) Rebounding on Both End, On and Off Ball Defensive Activity and Making more Winning Plays without the Ball in your hands

### **Creating Jake's Highlight Video**

**Length:** 1:30-2:00 Max | 20-25 Clips

**College Ready Strengths to Highlight | 10-15 Clips:** 10 Clips of Your best Catch and Shoot 3s off the Move and Mix in 5 clips of you getting in the Paint finishing or finding the Open Man when drawing help (Showcasing the Ability to make PG Plays)

**Position Specific Winning Plays to Stand out to Coaches | 5-10 Clips:** For Now Find 5-7 Clips to Mix in displaying Non-Verbal Communication and Leadership traits that stand out to Coaches. Clips where you are being a Great Teammate will be perfect!

### **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, not off of them.
  - **Offensive fit** | True HC Motion where they run good sets for their Shooters and use the 2 Guard to set Screens in the flow of the Offense/Sets. If they push in transition into Early Offense Quick hitters looking to shoot the 3 before setting up their Offense that will also be a great fit for Jake.

- **Defensive fit** | HC 5 vs 1 Pack Line Defensive Principles where all the focus is keeping teams in front and out of the paint would be a good fit to target. You have a very good basketball IQ and targeting programs that look for shooters and value Basketball IQ will give us the best shot to turn interest to an Offer.

**MAKE NOTE: Top Prospects Take Advantage of the Insight and Follow Your Recruiting Game Plan.** Utilize the College Prep Evaluation to Select Games to Upload to Player Cards that Stand Out to College Coaches, Create Highlight Videos that Showcase Your College Ready Strengths, and build your custom College Lists at the Projected Levels to Gain Genuine Interest. As you continue to Progress, we track Progress and Promote you to the right FIT until Interest turns to an Offer.

### **Spring 2024 | Jake's Recruiting Game Plan**

**#1 Stat Goals to Evaluate at end of January:** Paint Touches Per Game, Assist to Turnover Ratio, and RPG (7+ is Realistic and we will only track your RPG after the next 5 Games Played) You must set a Goal that the next 5 Games you Avg. 7 RPG or More and get 12 or More Paint touches will indicate you are playing a lot more Aggressive both with or without the Ball in your hands. **#2** In Basketball Zone Defense is still Man to Man: You just guard an Area instead of a Man, so you can still pressure the ball & off the ball you can bump cutters, call out screens, point to shooters etc. Prepare for the Final Push and for upcoming Camps/Tryouts so you are ready to showcase your ability to play Man to Man D at the College Level. **#3** Work on Your Ticket to the Next Level behind Closed Doors (Knock Down Shooter in Catch and Shoot Situations) Build a Routine where 4 x Week for 55 Minutes you shoot Game Shots, Game Speed, Game Spots all 3s and all off the catch or off the Move. That needs to be consistent and you need to be confident when getting looks that you're the best shooter in the Gym. Keep Growing Your Game and when You Upload 2 Games that highlight Your Strengths and where you make the most winning plays without the Ball in your hands, that is when I will share your player card to my Custom Lists!