



UCExposure Prospect Evaluation | Paul Gumbert-Mendoza
Height/Position | 6'0 Combo Guard
Classification/School | 2026 Wimberley HS

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

Secondary Evaluator: NAIA AC (Entering his 3rd Season at the NAIA Level)

The Prospect Evaluation is the first step in Building a Recruiting Game Plan tailored to the Individual

Projected Level | NCAA D3+ / NAIA

Potential Level | Too Much Time to Grow and Improve to Project Highest Potential at this stage of Paul's HS Career

College Prep Evaluation: Has the Ability moving forward to be a Scholarship Level Defender especially on the Ball. Right now picks and chooses his moment so defend at a high level but the foundation is there with time on his Side. A Great Example that stands out on Game Film is Vs NB Christian when he was turning his man without giving up straight line drives. Deceptive Athlete that could double his Recruitment when he consistently pressures the Ball, being the 3 level scorer he already is, don't leave behind growing your Defensive Game. Has a good feel for the Game, and makes the right pass when getting in the paint. Although he has his ball in his hands a majority of the time making plays, he is more of a Combo Guard

at the higher levels and eventually an Off Guard who can play PG may be his best chance to play at the scholarship levels down the line. As good of a scorer/shooter that Paul is, he has too many moments where he stands without the ball in his hands, and gets a little stagnant with very few game cuts off the ball. Against higher level competition, he must understand that moving without the ball in your hands is just as important as what you are doing with it in your hands. That's the next thing you should be cognitive of when viewing Game Films, or in Practice. Once you get the Ball, there is no doubt that you have the ability to score it at all 3 Levels and are very court saavy. When attacking down hill you made several College Level Plays that stood out on Game Film in your favor. However, as the Season Progresses, you must make more plays for teammates as you will be drawing a lot more attention with the #'s you are currently putting up. If you can add 4-5 more APG it will make you a more complete Offensive Player and tougher to guard. You attack and draw a lot of attention but look to score it 75-80% of the Time. Stay in attack mode, but get teammates open shots when you draw 2nd or even 3rd Defenders on your drives. Don't take away from Your College Ready Strength which is Scoring it at all 3 Levels, just note that you have the Skill Set and Court Vision to make those around you better as well. Be more balanced while staying in attack mode. If you don't grow 2-3 Inches over the next few years, showcasing you can make PG Plays from the off guard spot will enhance your looks at the higher levels. Defensively, similar to Offense you are exposed as a help defender and a majority of time you react instead of attack on the Defensive End when your man doesn't have the ball. There were several possessions where your man gave it up and you stood straight up and watched the ball. Continue to Progress on both ends without the ball in your hands, and stay consistent with your On Ball Defensive Pressure and Scoring the Ball, those are your strengths that stand out on Game

Film. Finally, coaches evaluate non-verbal Communication on Game Films since they are unable to evaluate how vocal you are. They look for signs of what kind of teammate you are and the ability to be Coached. Right now being only a Soph, you are ahead of your peers in those areas and those traits will matter more than you realize down the line. On Film your Non-Verbal Communication aka Body Language indicates you care about the TEAM Win over how many points you score. That will start to get you on College Coaches Boards down the Stretch heading into the Select Season. Keep that up...

College Ready Games to Upload to Your Player Card:

Game #1 Select Games where You have 5+ Assists to go along with 22-25 Points and are consistently pressuring the Ball Defensively. Those are your College Ready Strengths.

Game #2: When You have a Game down the line with 4-6 Off Ball Steals/Deflections and knock down 15-20 Points Off the Catch Shots after moving without the Ball will be a good one to upload. Basically, showcasing moving without the ball and how engaged you are as a TEAM Defender will be Games that stand out and an indicator that you are growing your overall Game. ***(Right now those 2 Areas Must Improve so it is good to be Cognitive without overthinking it. One Day, One Practice, On Possession at a Time)***

Paul Gumbert-Mendoza | Keys Moving Forward to Grow Your Game

1. **Bi-Weekly Progress Reports** - After Every 4 Games check to see if your APG Average is Improving. Again, don't stop attacking or looking to score, just track your progress to see if you are slowly improving your playmaking ability and getting Teammates Open Shots while putting up points.

2. **Watch 2 Full Games to Self Assess 2 Areas:** Off Ball Defensive & Moving with a purpose without the ball in your hands. Take notes and after 5 to 6 Games watch a full game by yourself focusing only on those areas. You will know if you are progressing, and

when you are your own worst critic in areas you must grow is when the most growth happens.

Follow Your Recruiting Game Plan

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 | Scoring the Ball at all 3 Levels, On Ball Defense, and creating space off the Catch with a College Ready Release on Your Shot.

Areas You Must Continue To Improve | Off the Ball Defense, Playmaking for Others, and Moving without the Ball in your Hands.

Paul's Highlight Video to Post on UC Socials

Length: 1:30-2:00 Max | 20-25 Clips highlighting Your College Ready Strengths

College Ready Strengths to Highlight: 10 Clips: Shooting Off the Catch and Big Game Shots at end of Games or when Games are on the line (Highlights Your Confidence and that you want the ball in those Situations) **10 Clips:** Mix in 5 Off the Bounce Mid-Range Makes & 5 Finishes in Traffic where You Play through Contact

Position Specific Winning Plays to Stand out to Coaches: 5-10 Clips: Select Clips You can find where Your On Ball Pressure forces a 5 second call, unforced turnover or disrupts the flow of the opponents Offense. Mix these in after every 3 or 4 Offensive Clips.

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** | Fast pace offensive style that allows the PG to be aggressive in terms of scoring, emphasis on 3's with a lot of 5 out Motion principles, Find a style that adheres to scoring it in transition and pushing off every missed shot into Early Offense.
 - **Defensive fit** | Tough Man to Man D where they extend their Pressure in the HC and at times extend their D and press at times.

'Top Prospects' utilize this Assessment to select game films to upload to Player Cards, create Highlight Videos that showcase Your Strengths to College Coaches, and Follow Our Game Plans as they have been a Proven Formula since 2020 at turning Interest into an Offer.

Paul Gumbert-Mendoza Recruiting Game Plan

Spring Semester (Follow Your Game Plan): #1 Stat Goal: Avg. 5+ APG in January (Forget Your Average Right Now-In January Games without overthinking it look at how many Assists you Average Per Game February 1st) **#2** Take Your Non-Verbal Communication up a notch and become the LEADER not the Leading Scorer at Wimberley. Some Young Players wait their turn to Lead when they become Seniors. Leaders are Leaders, and you have the DNA and Game to stand out down the stretch as the LEADER for Wimberley. Bring it daily now, and they will follow late. **#3** Identify One Thing on both Offense and Defense that You do without the ball in your hands that leads to WINS. This will continue to focus on Growing your Overall Game as you have already shown you can score it at the HS Level.