



**Kolton Kurek | College Prep Evaluation**  
**Height/Position | 6'4 Shooting Guard**  
**Class/School | 2025 Cypress Christian**

**Primary Evaluator:** Coach V (Former 20 Year Recruiting Coordinator at the D1, D2, D3 & NAIA Levels)

**Secondary Evaluator:** AC NAIA (Entering His 5th Season with NAIA and JC Experience)

**Projected Level | D2 JUCO / NCAA D3+**

**Potential Level | Partial NAIA / NAIA Full Ride**

**UTILIZING YOUR COLLEGE PREP EVALUATION**

UCExposure Evaluations Are a Guide for Players on Game Plans To Elevate On Court Performance, Identify Games To Upload To Profiles That Will Showcase Strengths, Create Highlight Videos That Stand Out To Coaches On Socials, and Project Levels of Play to Match UC Recruits With College Programs that FIT in 2025 Until Interest Turns to Offers!

**Kolton Kurek | Midseason Evaluation**

**Offense-** Kolton is a Skilled Playmaker that does a Good Job Getting Downhill and Finishing in Traffic. Has the Size and Skill Set to Post up Smaller Guards Down Low and shows the ability to score it at a high % with his Back to the Basket. On the flip side, whether he's posting up or making a play off the bounce 75% of the time he's going left which at the Next Level is easily scouted and they will force him to go right (Keep Playing to Your Strengths But Get Extra Work In Outside of Practice Going Right Off The Bounce) Kolton does a Great Job on the Offensive End of Pursuing Rebounds and Getting 2nd Shots for his Team. Has Good Hands, Keeps the Ball High and Finishes or

Draws Fouls in the Paint When He Secures the Offensive Rebound. Right Now there is not enough evidence on Game Film that he can Take and Make Shots off the Catch from beyond the Arc. His first 3pt Attempt and Make vs Live Oak was at the 6:13 Mark of the 4th Quarter and it was a Set Shot (Another Facet to Get Extra Work In Outside Of Practice To Grow Your Confidence In Shooting the 3-Again Play To Your Strengths But Get a lot of Work in on Going Right and Shooting the 3) Kolton's College Ready Strength Right Now on the Offensive End is the ability to Create and Finish Plays off the Bounce at 6'4. Regardless, even if a large Majority of his Drives are going left, his ability to put it on the floor and use his body to shield off the Defender and finish at the Rim stands out on Game Film. One Area that Must Improve and Be Consistent that Doesn't Take 1000s of Reps is Sprinting Lanes in Transition and Moving at a Much Higher Level Without the Ball in his Hands. As Good as he is at finishing, there are too many empty possessions where he is jogging lanes or standing outside the 3pt line in the same area without the Ball. If he Sprints the Floor more Consistently and Constantly Moves Without the Ball in the HC, He Will Stand Out To Scholarship Level Programs on Game Films.

**Defense-** Defensively, **Kolton's biggest Question Marks** at the Scholarship Levels will be **'On Ball Defense-Can he Guard the 2 in College?' and is he Physically Strong/Tough Enough to Get Through College Level Screens.**

Evaluating Games vs the Level of Comp he is Playing, there are too many Possessions where a Brush Screen Knocks Him Completely out of the Defensive Possession and a vast Majority of On Ball D Possessions he is 6-8 feet off his man. There are moments where Kolton digs in and Showcases the Length and Athleticism it Takes to Guard the Ball and fight through screens, but moments won't Elevate his Level of Recruitment. Study Some Games and Keep Chipping away at showing Consistent Effort on the Defensive End of the Floor both on and off the Ball. Another Facet of his Game that Exposes Him is He Doesn't Rebound the Ball on D Like He Does on Offense. We've established he has great hands and really stands out on Offense when Pursuing Rebounds, but on Defense before the Rebound is Secured he Consistently Leaks Out

and Rarely Pursues the Board which could be seen as a Selfish Player who is only looking to Score (I Know Your Not-But I Want To Make Sure Every Contact of Mine Thinks the Same). Basically, Pursue Defensive Rebounds like You Do Offensive Rebounds and that will continue to Draw Scholarship Level Interest. **The 2nd**

**Question Mark Coaches will have is 'Conditioning' with so many empty Possessions on D and on the Defensive Glass, the Question Mark Would be 'Is he in Peak Condition to Play Hard on Both Ends or is he saving Energy for Offense?'**

Conditioning is looked at closely when Recruiting HS Players with the Transfer Portal, as several College Coaches have mentioned they are concerned with HS Players making it through a College Intense Preseason. Whether it's accurate or not in Kolton's Case, we want to Select Games Where He is Equally Effective on Both Ends and Impacts The Game Without the Ball in his hands!

**Overall-** No Question Kolton's Game and Confidence has Grown on the Offensive End of the Floor and he has a big Upside with his Skill Set and Size. Moving Forward, Kolton needs to Set a 30 Day Plan to Elevate his Game in the Areas Mentioned Above before me Hardest Push. It May Take An Off-Season to Truly Improve his 3pt Shot Off the Catch and the ability to Go Right Equally as Well as Going Left, so his Ticket to Increasing His Recruitment will be Rebounding It a Higher Level of Defense, and Defending at a Much Higher Level both on and off the Ball With His Length, Athleticism and Versatility. Hang Your Hat On These Two Areas with Your Ability to Create Your Own Shot and Impact on the Offensive Glass, and that will buy you a Year so you can continue to work on Your Overall Offensive Game and Physical Strength. At this Stage it's All About Being ELITE in areas that don't take months to improve. The areas mentioned above are simply a choice, and you have the ability to Elevate Your Game and Play at a Higher Level in Both Areas starting this Week. ***(The Talent is There-Answer Those 2 Questions With Your On Court Play Kolton)***

**College Prep Film Room**

**Offensive Clips**

1. **3:48-3:38 3rd Quarter vs New Waverly** | Keep Growing This Facet of Your Game. You Need To Be More Consistent at Moving Without the Ball To Get To Your Spots With Your Ability To Finish and Draw Fouls. ***Just Moving Relentlessly Like This Will Lead To 8-10 More PPG, 4-6 More FT's a Game, and Stand Out On Game Film To Coaches!***
2. **5:20-5:10 4th Quarter vs New Waverly** | Good Clip To Assess Your Ability to Go Both Left and Right as a Playmaker. They Clear the Floor for a 1 on 1 Opportunity but Take Away Your Left So You Give Up the Ball. ***Going Right Is Wide Open But You Don't Even Attempt To Get Downhill Driving Right in Either Film With The Exception of 2 to 3 Dribbles to Escape Pressure.*** (Work Behind Closed Doors On Going Right Four Days a Week)

#### **Defensive Clips**

1. **5:44-5:27 1st Quarter vs Live Oak** | One of the Question Marks at Scholarship Levels Will Be Your Ability / Strength To Get Through College Level Screens. Not Sure If You Are Supposed To Go Under Ball Screens, But Regardless You Must Be Able To Fight Over the Top Of this Screen and Keep the Guard In Front Of You ***(Get Tougher and Don't Let These Type Of Brush Screens Knock You Out of the Play)***
2. **7:59-7:49 2nd Quarter vs Live Oak** | Another Example vs Lesser Comp of a Brush Screen Knocking You Out the Play. Also, On the Ball Kolton is always 6 Feet off his man with hands down so my Perception is can he Guard a 2 at the College Level. ***(Grow These Facets of Your Game Down The Stretch-Refuse To Get Screened and Close Your Gap On the Ball Defensively.)***
3. **:13-End of 2nd Quarter vs Live Oak** | Great Clip but 1st Possession of the First Half That Stood Out to Me If I Was Recruiting You at NAIA/D2 Levels. *(View This Clip and Consistently Showcase This Type Of Effort To Increase Your Level of Recruitment in the Spring-Only One Possession The Entire First Half That Indicated Your Ability to Get Through Screens and Guard the Ball)*

#### **Game Clips That Move You Up / Down Boards**

1. **1:05-:44 1st Quarter vs New Waverly** | Good & Bad Clip In Same Possession. **Bad-**Exposed On Defense and Leaking Out after the Close-Out Before the Rebound is

Secured (Defensive Rebounding) **Good**-Showcased is Your Ability to Put the Ball on the Floor and Create Your Own Shot Off the Bounce at an Elite Level.

2. **4:44 2nd Quarter vs New Waverly | Prime Example of Lack of Conditioning.** Early in the Game, Kolton is Hunched Over Hands on His Knees and Looks Like He's Already Fatigued. Be Aware That College Coaches Look Closely At These Non-Verbal Cues When Evaluating Games. **Selecting The Right Game While You Put In Extra Work The Next 30 Days Will Be Critical To Moving You Up Boards!**

### **Social Media Athlete Marketing | Kolton's Midseason Highlight Video**

**2:00 Max | 25-30 Clips** *(70/30 Rule 70% of Clips Should Highlight Your College Ready Strengths & 30% of Clips Should Showcase Winning Plays Without the Ball In Your Hands)*

**Creating Your Highlight Video** | Right Now Your 2 College Ready Strengths Are Playmaking Off the Bounce and Offensive Rebounding. Highlight These Areas With **10 Clips** Where You're Attacking The Paint and Finishing Through Contact and **10 Clips** of You Offensive Rebounding Where You Pursue the Ball & Get 2nd Chance Points for Your Team. You Must Get More Consistent In The Next Areas But Select the **5 Best Clips** of You Applying Ball Pressure and **5 Clips** Where You Fight Through Screens and Get a Off Ball Steal. If You Want To Add a Few 3pt Shots Where They Back Off That is Fine **But If I Watched Your Highlight, I want To Know You Can Get to the Basket and You're an Elite Rebounder on Offense from the Guard Position.**

### **Scholarship Level Games To Upload To Your Player Card**

1. **Game #1** | You Are Filling Up Stat Sheets Kolton. But Games Like Live Oak Actually Expose Some Habits That Must Improve To Move Up a Level. **You Want To Select One Game vs the Highest Level Comp Where You Get 18-22 Points & Dominate the Glass (4+ Defensive Rebounds) and Defend Consistently Both on and Off the Ball (3+ Off Ball Steals/Deflections)** Those Games Will Draw More Interest from College Coaches at the NAIA / D2 Levels.
2. **Game #2** | As Long As You Always Have One Game Of You Making Winning Plays Without the Ball In Your Hands, It's Fine to Have Your Best Scoring Game as the 2nd

Game Film on Your Player Card. **Upload a 25-30 Point Game That You Knock Down 1 or 2 3pt Shots and a Few Mid-Range Shots.** The Live Oak Game You Scored It But It Was One Dimensional Which Was Mostly Layups Going Left or Posting Up Smaller Guards. ***Showcase Some Offensive Versatility on the 2nd Game Uploaded to Your Player Card!***

### **Kolton Kurek 2nd Semester Recruiting Game Plan**

1. Build a 6 Week Workout Routine Where You Get Four 55 Minute Workouts In Solely Focusing on Going Right and Getting a Quicker Release Shooting 3's. Don't Do Anything Else In Your Workouts Down the Stretch (Will Give You More Confidence On Visits, Elite Camps, Team Workouts in March-May Periods)
2. You Will Have Multiple D3 Options and Possibly Partial NAIA Options But Regardless, Whether It's This Spring or Next Year Elevating Your Game On The Defensive End Both On and Off the Ball Down the Stretch Will Eventually Determine Your Ability To Get Court Time and Play In College. Start Developing Better Habits This Week-You Are Physically Capable and This Takes 'Will' Not Months and Months of Work like 'Skill'
3. Set Up a Call to Review The Assessment and Build Your Spring Plan. **Update Your Player Card Using This Evaluation to Select Games & Create a New Highlight Video To Post on Socials and let's Finish Strong.**