



UC Exposure Prospect Evaluation | Josiah Wray
Height/Position | 6'5 Small Forward
Classification/School | 2024 Midland Christian

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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 7th Season with JC & NAIA Coaching Experience)

The Prospect Evaluation is the first step in creating a Recruiting Game Plan for each individual Client

Projected Level | NCAA D3+ / NAIA

Potential Level | Late pickup NCAA D2

UC Prospect Evaluation: Although Josiah was one of the more physical undersized prospects at the UC Camp, on game film he must take that same approach to his team. Evaluating games Josiah needs to get more physical in terms of how he seals opponents, or engages on the block when he posts up. Obviously the foundation is there with how he creating space and looked for contact throughout the camp, just bring that same mindset back to Midland Christian this year and you will be much tougher to guard. When you cut to the post area, or get inside the paint stay engaged with the defense instead of getting pushed off your spots. Not enough evidence on film of his ability to be a true 4, but when you do catch on the perimeter you showcase the ability to catch and shoot it from the HP area. Shot mechanics look good, so coaches will be able to identify that your capable of

playing inside out at the next level. With your ability to make plays off the bounce and shoot it, targeting the right fit where they look for forwards that can play inside / out will be key to moving onto scholarship level boards. Does a good job of sprinting lanes in transition and getting back on defense. One of your college ready strengths that stands out the most on film is your ability to Rebound on both ends, and how physical you are in the paint when shots go up. Use the same physicality when posting up, and those games will gain genuine interest. Still needs to improve his overall handle when putting it on the floor, as he is limited to 2 to 3 dribble straight line drives. At your size creating plays off the bounce for yourself or others will be key (Even if that is only shown at prospect camps/elite camps) it must be something you are working on when no one is watching. Defensively, very good post defender as you battle for position and outwork opponents in the paint making it tough for post entry passes. However, you relax when the ball is reversed and become a liability when your man doesn't have the ball. Keep that same intensity you have fronting the post on help defense, as college coaches will look closely at your ability to help and recover when you're on the helpline. Finally, your strength on offense is your overall skill set both inside and out, but at 6 '5 when you catch on the block you must finish at a higher % or draw contact and get to the line. When you have games where you shoot 8 FTs or shoot 55% or above with most of your shots coming in the paint vs bigger defenders, those will stand out in your favor. Continue to work on being a much better help defender outside of post D, as you tend to sit and watch when the ball is not on your side of the floor. Offensively, look to continually move more without the ball in your hands and get to open spots on the floor to be a option (Ex: 7:21 in third quarter vs Tascosa he sits and watches the whole possession with little movement on the backside to make himself a option) You play with tremendous energy, but learn to play with more pace on offense. The skill set is there so just read situations and eliminate unforced turnovers when pressured (Another Ex: 4:04 in 4th quarter vs Tascosa) Keep growing in areas exposed and play to your strengths and your recruitment will take care of itself down the stretch.

Initial Games to Upload to the Player Card:

Game #1: Select a Game that showcases your 2 college ready strengths (Offensive Versatility & Rebounding) Any Double Doubles will be good selections especially if you score both inside and from the HP Area.

Game #2: A good second game for starters would be your one with your highest Rebounding total of the year, and where you felt you played your best overall defense both guarding a bigger post, but more importantly one where you were active throughout as a help defender.

Recruiting Game Plans are tailored to each individual and designed to elevate performance, provide prospects insight on what stands out good and bad on game film, build your initial college lists, and showcase college ready games to the targeted levels using the Evaluation as our Guide to 'Gaining Interest' in the Fall. At Mid-Season Break we assess player progress, on court performance, and academic standing so we can begin matching our clients with the right FIT!

College Ready Strengths to Showcase | Rebounding, Perimeter Shot, and any Tough finishes after battling for position (Must continue to get better at finishing your first attempt in the paint, but engaging hard will stand out on game films)

Areas Exposed that must Improve | Conditioning (Sustained Effort and Running the floor) Finishing at the Rim, making plays off the bounce from the perimeter, and help defense (Really Good Post Defender now take that same approach to Help D and you will be a whole different level player by the Spring)

Josiah Wray Fall Focus Points

Don't let conditioning affect your Effort. (You are a competitor but once you're fatigued it's hard to play hard) Watch some full games with all the focus on your off ball defense. You

have a very good basketball IQ so use it on defense like you do on the Offensive end. Finally, build a routine where you are working out of the HP area off the bounce and on your overall ball-handling.

Josiah's Highlight Video for Social Media Athlete Marketing

Length: 1:30 Max | 20-25 Clips that will stand out to College Coaches

College Ready Strengths to Highlight: I want coaches to see you as a true High Low Prospect who can play inside and out. So this first highlight video, showcase 15-20 clips of you making plays out of the HP, knocking down 3's from that area or off ball screens, and your 10 toughest paint finishes over bigger opponents.

Position Specific Winning Plays to Include: Right now your scholarship level strength is Rebounding so mix in 7-9 clips of you pursuing the Offensive Rebound and finishing or finding an open teammate.

Spring Semester | Targeting the Right FIT

- Based on professional insight from an experienced recruiting coordinator or current college coach, our formula is proven when it comes to matching players with a FIT
 - **Offensive fit** | 3 out 2 In High Low Attack where they use you to set ball screens will be the ideal fit, but you're versatile enough on the Offensive end to target 4 out 1 in Motion systems as well.
 - **Defensive fit** | HC tough packline principles with the emphasis on keeping teams out of the paint. Any programs with lots of help defensive principles in place where they switch screens would be a good fit.

UC Recruiting Game Plans provide ongoing insight through the lens of college coaches to accurately guide 'Top Prospects' on game films to upload, areas they must improve, and

what strengths to showcase on their UC Recruits Player Cards as we continue to track progress. ***Our Formula is Proven and has led to 200+ Clients since 2020 Accepting Offers at the highest Potential Levels.***

Josiah Wray Recruiting Game Plan

Fall Semester (Follow Your Game Plan): #1 Stat goal in the Fall (9+ RPG) with the ultimate goal being to lead the district this year in that category. **#2** Upload 2 Games and any games moving forward where you shoot 55% or higher and get 10+ Rebounds. Double Doubles where you are efficient on Offense will gain interest from scholarship level programs. **#3** No one likes the conditioning part of the game, but everyone likes the rewards. You have the competitive mindset it takes and that stands out on Game Films. However, I can tell after 3 minutes or so that it starts to drop and that in your case is 100% conditioning, and nothing to do with not being a competitor. Get in extra work and add 4 sport specific conditioning days (30 minute max) to your routine that is all agility, sideline to sideline sprints, lateral quickness drills, etc. Get in great basketball shape, no need to run miles you are trying to get quicker and in the best condition you've been in prior to your first game.