10. Cole Aldrich

NBA Projected Position: Center
College: Kansas (Junior)
Date of Birth: October 31, 1988 (21 years old)
Height/Weight: 6'11.25" / 236 lbs.
Handed: Right
NBA Comparison: Joel Pryzbilla/Brendan Haywood

Season Averages

SEASON	TEAM	MIN	PTS	REB	AST	TO	A/T	STL	BLK	PF	FG%	FT%	3P%	PPS
2007-2008	KU	8.3	2.8	3.0	.1	.5	.24	.3	.9	1.2	.518	.684	.000	1.35
2008-2009	KU	29.6	14.9	11.1	1.0	1.6	.64	.6	2.7	2.6	.598	.792	.000	1.56
2009-2010	KU	26.8	11.3	9.8	.9	1.6	.55	.8	3.5	2.6	.562	.679	.000	1.53

Finishing	Low Post Offense	Face Up Offense	Jump Shot	Free Throws	Passing	Defense	Off Rebounding	Def Rebounding	Athleticism	Conditioning	Size for Position	Length	Strength	Quickness	Speed	NBA Ready	Potential	Basketball IQ	Intangibles	Overall
8	7	6	7	7	8	10	8	9	7	7	7	9	9	6	7	8	7	9	9	7.75

Strengths

- Upper body strength
- All around defense
- Defensive rebounding
- Excellent screener
- Passing
- Wingspan
- Hard worker
- Runs the floor willingly
- Around the rim play

Weaknesses

- Average athleticism
- Inconsistent jump shot
- Offensive polish
- Limited potential?
- Quickness
- Mechanical/Robotic
- Shooting form
- Poor measurements

Cole Aldrich is a very productive center with solid skills. He stays within himself and rarely forces anything that isn't there. Aldrich has fantastic upper body strength. Defensively, Aldrich will be a difference maker right away. He has a presence inside that will alter a lot of shots. Offensively, his biggest strength is his ability to pass out of double teams. He is also very good at finishing around the rim. Whether he justifies his high grade or not, Aldrich will probably be a solid NBA player for a long time.

There are times where Aldrich looks robotic and mechanical. He is fluid on the defensive side, but offensively, he needs more polish. He does not have a counter move and does not have the athleticism to get away with it. He may have the worst shooting form of any big man in the draft. In the pre-draft measurements, Aldrich only measured in at 6'9" without shoes. Though his wingspan is terrific and he has a lot of bulk, he probably has the height of a power forward. There is also a question of how high Aldrich's ceiling is.