



13. Luke Babbitt

NBA Projected Position: Small Forward/Power Forward

College: Nevada (Sophomore)

Date of Birth: June 20, 1989 (21 years old)

Height/Weight: 6'8.75" / 215 lbs.

Handed: Left

NBA Comparison: Toni Kukoc

Season Averages														
SEASON	TEAM	MIN	PTS	REB	AST	TO	A/T	STL	BLK	PF	FG%	FT%	3P%	PPS
2008-2009	NEV	32.6	16.9	7.4	1.4	1.9	.72	.7	.7	1.8	.456	.864	.429	1.35
2009-2010	NEV	37.1	21.9	8.9	2.1	2.4	.89	1.0	.8	2.6	.500	.917	.416	1.48

Finishing	Mid-Range	3-pt Shot	Free Throws	Ball Handling	Driving	Passing	Defense	Rebounding	Athleticism	Conditioning	Size for Position	Length	Strength	Quickness	Speed	NBA Ready	Potential	Basketball IQ	Intangibles	Overall
7	10	9	10	7	7	6	4	8	8	10	8	8	6	7	7	6	7	9	9	7.65

Strengths

- High offensive skill level
- Terrific shooter
- Ability to get to the free throw line

- Advanced footwork
- High basketball IQ
- Solid defensive rebounder

Weaknesses

- Lack of defensive potential
- Lateral quickness
- Does not have elite speed

Luke Babbitt is probably the most offensively gifted forward in this draft. He is one of the best shooters of any player and is extremely efficient. As a sophomore, Babbitt was in the exclusive 50/40/90 club (50% overall, 40% 3-pointers, 90% FT's). Babbitt will be able to score in the NBA. Inside, he has good footwork and is skilled in the post for a small forward. On the perimeter, Babbitt can knock down shots from anywhere and any distance. He is a good rebounder and is tougher than people give him credit for.

The biggest question surrounding Babbitt is if he can defend at all at the next level. He struggled defending players in the WAC and that is not a good translating sign. He did play out of position somewhat at Nevada playing the four more and playing inside more. However, opponents consistently exploited his lack of foot speed and quickness. It is a cliché, but there are thoughts that Babbitt can be a player who can score 20 per game, but give up 30.