



## 18. Larry Sanders

**NBA Projected Position: Power Forward**

**International: Virginia Commonwealth (Junior)**

**Date of Birth: November 21, 1988 (21 years old)**

**Height/Weight: 6'10.5" / 222 lbs.**

**Handed: Right**

**NBA Comparison: Tyrus Thomas**

Season Averages														
SEASON	TEAM	MIN	PTS	REB	AST	TO	A/T	STL	BLK	PF	FG%	FT%	3P%	PPS
2007-2008	VCU	16.6	4.9	5.2	.1	.8	.16	.3	3.0	2.8	.504	.456	.000	1.26
2008-2009	VCU	26.6	11.3	8.6	.4	2.1	.18	.6	2.7	3.6	.510	.558	.000	1.25
2009-2010	VCU	26.9	14.4	9.1	1.0	1.7	.59	.7	2.6	2.9	.534	.641	.250	1.37

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 <b>7.50</b>
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### Strengths

- Terrific athlete
- Excellent finisher
- Defensive potential
- Rebounding
- Runs the floor well
- Lateral quickness
- Potential
- Wingspan

### Weaknesses

- Offensive polish
- Passing
- Strength
- Takes bad shots
- Experience
- Takes plays off
- Low basketball IQ

Larry Sanders is an athlete in every sense of the word. Due to his freakish athleticism, Sanders was one of the best finishers in college basketball last year. He was also a prolific rebounder averaging 13.5 per 40 minutes. He might be the best floor runner of any big man in this class. This allows him to get early and deep post positioning. He would be well suited in an up tempo system. In college, Sanders was a very good shot blocker. With his quickness, length and athleticism, he projects to be a defensive presence in the NBA.

Sanders has only been playing basketball since the 10<sup>th</sup> grade. His offensive game needs a lot of polish. He has never been a great passer, but his turnover numbers have reduced year-by-year. Sanders is very thin and weak in the post. He struggles to hold defensive or offensive post position and gets backed in easily. He struggled against all conference forwards in the Colonial Athletic Association and that does not translate well against NBA big men. It is not uncommon to see Sanders take shots three feet out of his range. He does make bad decisions somewhat routinely and takes plays off. However, with the right system and coaching, the talent is there for Sanders to be an impact player.