



## 26. Willie Warren

**NBA Projected Position: Shooting Guard**

**College: Oklahoma (Sophomore)**

**Date of Birth: October 22, 1989 (20 years old)**

**Height/Weight: 6'3.75" / 208 lbs.**

**Handed: Right**

**NBA Comparison: Ben Gordon**

Season Averages														
SEASON	TEAM	MIN	PTS	REB	AST	TO	A/T	STL	BLK	PF	FG%	FT%	3P%	PPS
2008-2009	OKLA	31.3	14.6	2.2	3.1	2.2	1.41	1.1	.1	2.3	.473	.781	.372	1.44
2009-2010	OKLA	32.3	16.3	3.3	4.1	3.8	1.08	1.0	.0	2.3	.438	.795	.309	1.42

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
9	8	7	8	7	8	7	5	5	9	8	6	7	9	8	8	7	8	7	7	7.40

### Strengths

- Strong
- Good scoring instincts
- Handles well with either hand
- Great athlete
- First step
- Range
- Finishing

### Weaknesses

- Defensive liability?
- Poor rebounder
- Size for position
- Shoots low
- Turnover prone
- Percentage drop-off from Fr. to So.
- Not a PG

In terms of NBA draft stock, no player took a bigger drop than Willie Warren. Last year, Warren was a likely top-10 pick. This year, he is a borderline first round prospect. Since Warren was thought so highly last year, there is no question he has the skills to be an effective pro. Warren is a gifted offensive player. He has range on his jump shot and has terrific strength for a 2-guard. He routinely finishes layups through contact for 3-point plays. He possesses a solid first step and is good at going left or right off the bounce. He has the capability to create his own shot with the bounce or with his strength.

There are many more questions than answers with Willie Warren. Last year, he had a nagging ankle injury that limited him to 21 games. But the drop-off in his percentages was so significant there are other questions. Warren proved last year he is not a point guard. He is much better at focusing on scoring than facilitating an offense. Defense continues to be his major weakness. He struggles guarding any kind of player at any point of the game. Warren has poor defensive fundamentals and, at times, shows a lack of intensity on that end. He is also a poor rebounder. He probably will never be a combo guard, rather just a scorer. Warren is also short for his position with an average wingspan. He shoots from his lip so his shots will be more easily contested and blocked in the NBA.