



7. Paul George

NBA Projected Position: Small Forward/Shooting Guard

College: Washington (Senior)

Date of Birth: May 2, 1990 (20 years old)

Height/Weight: 6'8.75" / 214 lbs.

Handed: Right

NBA Comparison: Trevor Ariza

Season Averages														
SEASON	TEAM	MIN	PTS	REB	AST	TO	A/T	STL	BLK	PF	FG%	FT%	3P%	PPS
2008-2009	FRES	34.6	14.3	6.2	1.9	2.3	.80	1.7	1.0	2.7	.470	.697	.447	1.38
2009-2010	FRES	33.2	16.8	7.2	3.0	3.2	.94	2.2	.8	2.9	.424	.909	.353	1.34

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	7	7	8	8	6	6	8	8	9	8	9	8	5	8	9	7	10	8	8	7.80

Strengths

- Versatility
- Finisher
- Elite athlete
- Good range
- Defense
- Free throw percentage
- Excellent size
- Good wingspan
- Runs the court well
- Good rebounder
- High upside
- Efficient

Weaknesses

- Weak ball handler
- Poor driver
- Doesn't get to the free throw line often
- Drop off in 3-point percentage
- Needs to get stronger
- Will he be able to score 1-on-1?
- Turnover prone

Paul George is one of the most intriguing prospects in this draft. George projects as a small forward but has the tools to play the two if needed. As a freshman, George proved to be able to shoot the ball consistently from distance. He also showed a dramatic improvement on the free throw line from freshman to sophomore year. George is one of the most gifted athletes in this draft. He will be terrific in transition right away. In the pre-draft workouts, George has impressed with his ability to make shots both off the catch and dribble. He is a skilled ball handler for someone his size and has star potential. George has a ton of momentum headed into the draft.

Like many underclassmen, George needs to get stronger. Though he is a tremendous athlete, he will probably struggle initially to finish through contact in the NBA. He attempted only around four free throws a game during his career. He is a fine ball handler, but needs to improve as a driver, cutter and slasher. Another thing that comes with age is learning how to play without the ball. Though George improved in this aspect greatly as a sophomore, he does have a tendency to be easy to defend when the ball is not in his hands. He is an improving passer but still needs work passing with consistent precision.