

Name: Tucker Blackwell, G, Bloomington South

Size: 6'2

Team: Indiana Elite 2016

Offers: IUPUI

Interest: Cornell, Boston U, Eastern Kentucky, Belmont

Favorite Player: Stephen Curry

Scouting Report on himself: I strive to be the best shooter on the court no matter what so I believe that's a strength of mine. I also have a pretty good pull-up jumper and have been recently getting to the rim a lot better than what I used to do. I'm definitely trying to better my dribbling and driving skills, and overall quickness. And as always in a gym getting as many shots up as possible.

Scouting Report from AAU coach Kristof Kendrick: Great spot up shooter from 3. But does more than that, and is able to contribute even when his shot is not falling. Always is able to compete against faster more athletic kids because he has a high basketball IQ, makes big time plays and always seems to be around the ball at the right time.

Tucker Blackwell Profile, by Justin Albers

Tucker Blackwell is the stereotypical Indiana basketball player. He grew up in the state, has always spent hours in the gym, he's from Bloomington, and he's as good a shooter as you're going to find in the 2016 class.

But as with most stereotypes, those things only begin to describe Blackwell's game. He's more than just a spot shooter, something he's proven on the AAU circuit with Indiana Elite 2016 this season.

Blackwell has added a nice pull-up jumper to his game, as well as the ability to make plays for himself and his teammates off the dribble.

"He's a great spot up shooter from 3, but does more than that, and is able to contribute even when his shot is not falling," said Indiana Elite coach Kristof Kendrick. "He's always able to compete against faster, more athletic kids because he has a high basketball IQ. He makes big time plays and always seems to be around the ball at the right time."

Blackwell has been an integral piece for Indiana Elite 2016 this spring.

Kendrick can count on him for scoring regardless of whether he starts or comes off the bench.

“It’s a lot of fun playing with these guys,” Blackwell said. “They’re all extremely talented and I believe our chemistry is becoming a lot better with each game we play.”

Blackwell owns an offer from IUPUI, and he’s also picked up significant interest from Cornell, Boston University and Eastern Kentucky. He has visits set to Cornell on June 27 and Boston U on June 30. Blackwell has already visited Belmont and said he plans to visit Eastern Kentucky sometime in June as well.

Coaches would be smart to recruit Blackwell because he is that stereotypical Indiana kid. He’s always in the gym, he’s never going to stop working, and he’s always adding things to his game. Blackwell could easily score an efficient 29 points, like he did against Columbus North last season (on 7-of-8 3-pointers), but he also possesses the intangibles that rarely show up in a box score. He has a sound understudying of the game, and no moment is ever too big for him.

“When you need a hustle play, he’s your guy,” said Kyle Guy, Blackwell’s AAU teammate and a Virginia commit. “Lights out shooter and an even better teammate.”

Doubt him if you want, but Blackwell has been around success all his life. And he plans to remain around it well after he graduates from Bloomington South in 2016.

“Basketball has run through my family,” Blackwell said. “My oldest brother was best friends with Sean May growing up. My middle brother was best friends with Jordan Hulls. So there was never a weekend in my life that didn’t involve basketball, whether it was playing or watching them.

“I think I looked up to every single player that played at South when my brothers were there. I wanted to have a little of everything in my game so I tried to be like all of them.”

