

Name: Nai Carlisle, G, West Lafayette

Size: 6'2

Team: Indiana Elite 2016

Offers: N/A

Interest: Princeton, Harvard, Lehigh, San Diego, Boston University, Santa Clara

High School Stats: 19.6 ppg, 5.8 rpg, 4.0 apg, 1.2 spg, 49% FG

Favorite Player: Kobe Bryant

Scouting Report on himself: I'm a strong point guard, can finish at the rim, consistent mid range game, good on the ball defender, and can get everyone involved. Need to continue to get my outside shot more consistent, and continue to get a higher basketball IQ.

Scouting Report from AAU coach Kristof Kendrick: Strong PG who rarely turns the ball over and is tremendous on ball defender. Nai has improved his shooting to be a 3-point threat at all times, and has a very nice pull up game. He can physically withstand (and excel) a grind out defensive battle or excel in a up and down fast paced game. A PG who is going to make a college coach very happy.

Nai Carlisle Profile, by Justin Albers

On a team full of newcomers, Nai Carlisle is something of a wily veteran.

He and Tucker Blackwell are the only two original members on Indiana Elite 2016. In this day and age of AAU basketball, it's becoming increasingly rare to see players remain with the same team and program throughout their high school careers. Players like Carlisle are a rare breed.

"It's been a great experience playing with a program like Indiana Elite," Carlisle said. "It's also great to be surrounded by a bunch of talented guys, especially this year. Our 17s are definitely even more competitive than we were at younger levels."

The West Lafayette point guard has greatly improved his weaknesses since last summer, but he's also enhanced his strengths. Combined, those improvements have made Carlisle even more difficult to deal with this spring, especially on the defensive end.

Carlisle is a lockdown defender, especially on the ball, making it difficult for the opponent to get into its desired set. His strength and quickness are among the main reasons, but even more important are his toughness and desire to compete.

“He can physically withstand and excel in a grind out defensive battle or excel in a up and down fast paced game,” said Indiana Elite coach Kristof Kendrick. “He’s a point guard who is going to make a college coach very happy.”

Carlisle averaged 19.6 points, 5.8 rebounds and 4.0 assists per game for West Lafayette last season, earning him strong interest from an impressive list of schools. Among them: Princeton and Harvard.

Carlisle will attend Princeton and Harvard elite camps this month. He was originally committed to San Jose State before reopening his recruitment.

Carlisle figures to be a hot commodity in July because of his well-rounded skill set. He’s a unique point guard that doesn’t turn the ball over and can take the opposing point guard out of the game. Those qualities are immensely valuable at the collegiate level.

Plus, he’s the definition of a stat-sheet stuffer. In a game against rival Twin Lakes last season, Carlisle had 32 points, 11 rebounds, 6 assists and a steal in 32 minutes. He was 12-of-17 from the field.

If you haven’t seen Carlisle play, you should do so in July. You won’t be disappointed.