

BOGDAN BOGDANOVIC

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20 years old **Bogdan Bogdanovic** ('92) from Partizan Belgrade is one of the biggest surprise in Euroleague season 2012/13, while in second round he went for a career-high scoring 16 points against Russian powerhouse CSKA Moscow. Our detailed scouting report on the 6'6" guard.

BODY/ATHLETICISM: Bogdanovic has very good height and length for a shooting guard. He poses very good frame and extremely long wingspan. That helps him on the both ends of the court. In the offense he can attack basket over the players and in the defense long wingspan helps him to steal the ball and block the shoots. For his age he is very strong, his shoulders are broad and his body is almost ready for senior basketball.

SHOOTING: The mechanics of his shot is good, although his release should be a little bit faster. He is very good shooter from the perimeter and he can also hit from the baseline. His footwork and balance are great, but he must be more consistent. He is able to create shoot and he can hit off and on dribble. When he was played junior league he was great shooter from beyond the arc, but along with moving three point line, his percentages are lower.

POSITION OFFENSE: Bogdanovic is shooting guard, but with his size and long wingspan coaches often use him as a post player. When he has the ball he can do multiple things. He can drive to the basket or he can pull up the jump shoot. It is very difficult to defend him, especially because he feels the game and defenders never knows what he will do. He is a pure scorer, lurking every possible situation to score. He is one of that guy who always looking for the ball and he is never afraid to take the last shoot.. Things he needs to improve is using screens and chanining his speed.

DEFENSE/REBOUNDING: Bogdanovic has a big potential to be great defender, but he isn't yet. While he was playing junior league he was the key player in his team, Zitko Basket. And because of that he was "liberated" of playing defense. This year he shown that he improve his defense. Still he is not great defender, but he use his long wingspan to correct his shortcomings. Such as chasing player through the screens, and running late on opponent first step. With good vertical leap and long arms he is good rebounder.

MISCELLANEOUS: As I mentioned he has great feel for the game. He can be used as shooting guard, or a small forward. He is very good in the open court, know how to draw a contact and go to the basket. He can score from almost every position, from perimeter, baseline, near the basket and beyond the arc. His style of play suits much more to the NBA basketball, than the European.

OVERALL RATING: He is a great prospect, sure in top 10 in his generation. Playing in the Euroleague and working with Dusko Vujosevic will great for him. He is already showing his talent, he had great performance against CSKA powerhouse. He must change his attitude and mental approach to the game, as he often oscillate in the game. Need to think much more mature, but it's

good that he has courage to take the last shot in the game. If he continues to train well and correct his deficiencies he could be an interesting second-round draft pick .

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