

# Notes Before Algoma

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## 1 Algoma

- Algoma has the most embarrassing offensive efficiency ever. This team has a efficiency rating of 4% on transition offence which they run roughly 20% of their plays on.
- Although Algoma is very bad offensively, they have excellent 3 point shooting (34.5%, good enough for 4th in the league).
- Their excellent 3 point percentage stems from all of their guard. Number 9 (White) averages a ridiculous 43.3% 3 point %. Number 10 (Nash) also has a 36.8% rate from 3 point range.
- An interesting statistic that I found is that this is a guard oriented team. ie there was no data about any of the forwards. Number 6 (Riley) and Number 13 (Gum) are the only players they use and they often revert to small ball and sub their forwards for more guards or just leave their forwards in the whole game. Wearing down the forwards and then having Quiring dominate them down-low could seem like an optimal strategy.
- Their forwards love grabbing defensive rebounds and usually do not go for offensive rebounds. Most of their rebounds however come from transition shots of spot up shots.
- For a team that parks their forwards for defensive rebounds they are very ineffective at defending layups. Opposition usually scores 78% of the time they go for lay-ups which seems too high for me to think it is a correct stat but it is.
- Number 22 (Lyle) and White are the only good players on this Algoma team and nearly every time (77%) Lyle is making a play with the ball, he is going for a shot. (ie not driving the rim or passing)
- There really isn't much to say about Algoma's offence other than the fact that it is a small ball oriented team. Forwards make screens and most of their shots are coming from the outside from the guards.

## 2 McMaster

- McMaster only made 1 corner 3 against Western out of the (almost all open) 10 3 point attempts.
- Simic played one of the smartest games, sticking to his shooting percentage range and driving for a lay up and getting a foul more often than shooting the open shot (3:1 ratio of drive to shot)
- Seward for some reason cannot make a single shot from the left side of the court. Even on layups (0-5 vs western)
- Toic shot all 5 of his shots within 7 feet from the basket and only score once. He should not be driving for layups since he can't shoot them or even if he gets the foul, he is a team low 51.9% from the free throw line. He is however amongst the team leaders in assists so if he can figure out how to dish the ball out to some one or simply stick around for spacing (even though he is a guard and it doesn't really make sense since he has a low shooting percentage anyways). He seems like he is excellent at dishing the ball out and has potential.
- Collins and Simic need to practice free throw shooting as they are both below 70% on the season.
- Nardini shot 3 times from 3 point range. Nardini shot 3 times too many from 3 point range. Nardini should be encouraged to drive aggressively since most of his points come from layup or since he is small he can go to the foul line a lot easier where he is a team best 85.7%
- As good as Collins is, in transition he has the second lowest points per possession (only ahead of Toic). This is a low percentage due to the fact that even though he has a 38% FG% in transition, he carries the burden of a 18% turnover rate.
- Kostecki is getting 33% more open looks than McCulloch even though McCulloch has a much higher conversion rate than Kostecki.
- Kostecki hit 2 of his 3's from the right side of the court and 1 right down the middle. He missed 4 from the left side.
- McCulloch drives when he is on the right side of the court more often while he shoots more often when he is on the left making it. This very easy to notice and when come play off time when teams have their research done, it will be noticed.