

# Notes Before Western

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- At a first glance, Western does not seem threatening. Their offence is average only really excelling in Isolation plays. Western mostly runs transition ball or spot up shots (a total of 47.4% of their plays are the two) to which they only have a 38% FG% off of those plays.
- When I looked a little more, I saw their defence was what carried them. They average a booming 0.779 opposition points per possession. That is excellent defence paired with 12 steals per game!
- However, I noticed one part of their game had a weak percentage. When the opposing team is inbound the ball, they only have an 11% success rate of a defensive stop. This tells us that this is a team that is able to play the coaches system but on inbound plays where screens are running everywhere, this team is not prepared and unable to adjust themselves to screen plays.
- Offensively Western has several power houses. Number 12 is most likely to have the ball in his hands, he is the go to guy for Western which is good and bad. He is excellent on transition basketball where he can get 40% FG% however on spot up shooting or isolation plays, his shooting percentage quickly drops to below 30%. Their number 10 is also very similar statistically but he doesn't get the ball as much. The two combine for a great duo and are very threatening.
- Western's number 20 is equivalent to our very own Josh Nardini. He is likely to get the ball on certain plays however number 20 has a 28.5% turnover percentage meaning he should be pressured hard by defenders to try to cause a steal.
- Interesting statistic is Western has a higher turnover percentage and lower shooting percentage when the score is close or the opposition is ahead. This might be an anomaly or might mean they get frustrated easily so it is something to keep in mind.
- Western sucks at shooting. 32.2% 3 point shooting puts them 10th in the league.