



The best of Ragusa* (V): Gavin Schilling (by Danny Mills)

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Fifth episode of U-16 Pasqua Barocca Tournament scouting reports sent by Australian Danny Mills, assistant coach and director of coaching and youth teams of UPEA Orlandina Basket. In this article he analyzes 6'9" german power-forward **Gavin Schilling** ('95), from Urspring. Here we go.



BODY/ATHLETICISM: Great body, is very athletic and has a strong ripped physique. Has a good reach and is very explosive for an U16 player being 6'9" playing above the rim a lot of the time. Has wide shoulders and should fill out his upper body and be able to add strength quiet easily. The best athlete in this tournament.

SHOOTING: Has good technique on his shot for a big man, although it is quite slow. Follows-through well on his release but plays too high and most of his misses are short resulting from no power in his shot from his legs. Doesn't have great touch around the basket as his game is built around his strength and he does not play with too much finesse. His range is limited to around 15 feet and he needs to increase this to keep the defense honest.

POSITION OFFENSE: Gains good position in the post due to his lower body strength and quick feet, but does not posses a go-to move when he has the ball and tries to use his strength to shoot over his defender which becomes an issue when matched up against opponents that are equally as strong as him. He relies a lot on being in the receivers spots off of dribble penetration and he goes up strong trying to dunk it when he gets it. Plays well above the rim and is not afraid to dunk in traffic with one or two hands which he showed against both teams. Is active on the offensive boards because of his athleticism, but not all the time and needs to do this consistently.

DEFENSE/REBOUNDING: Schilling has great timing on defense and averaged 2 bpg. He has good instincts on defense and is quick to get to loose balls. He plays too high when defending the low post which makes him slower than he really is and foul prone. Needs to learn to stay low and not jump at fakes which put him out of position. Is a good rebounder for his size but not great, and needs to work on boxing out every possession and attacking the glass for every ball.

MISCELLANEOUS: Has patience and good vision when on the low block, and will read the double team coming and pass to the open man. Has the physical tools to dominate the game at the U16 level, but needs to play hard every possession and not only every second or third possession and take plays off.

OVERALL RATING: 8 – Schilling is a great athlete and shows a good feel for how to play on both ends of the floor. He needs to expand his game and develop a consistent jump shot and also a go-to move in the post. If he can develop a good motor and play hard all the time, he has the chance to reach his potential. He has an NBA improvement could be on NBA scouts radars soon.

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