

Je'Kel Foster Running With Cavs Summer League Team

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In a somewhat under the radar move, former Buckeye guard Je'Kel Foster was picked up by the Cavs to play with their summer league team in the hopes of having him compete for a roster spot. Buckeye insider Mike Furlan is intrigued by this addition, having watched Foster very closely last season as a member of Thad Matta's squad.



Former Ohio State guard Je'Kel Foster has signed on with the Cavs to be a part of their Vegas Summer League team. I was pleased to see this, as I followed Je'Kel's career closely as a Buckeye, and he is a strong shooter and defender.

I cannot tell you what Je'Kel running with the Cavs in the summer league means. At this point anyone, besides Danny Ferry, who makes a guess is simply doing that, making a guess.

What I can tell you is what Je'Kel Foster could potentially bring to the team. I have had the pleasure of watching Je'Kel Foster play for the Buckeyes for the last couple of years and I really feel like this guy could be a valuable contributor off the bench.

He has very strong ball handling skills, can obviously shoot well from the outside, and can play some serious defense. I have never seen him guard NBA guards, but I can say that he plays with very high energy. He is a guy with a very high motor and I would not be surprised nor disappointed if he were to make the Cavaliers roster. I can think of several players whom I would LOVE to replace him with on the current roster.

I watched him go head to head with some pretty good players in the big ten, Shannon Brown

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for example, and he did not disappoint. The thing that worries me the most about Je'Kel is that he really seemed mentally crushed at the end of last season. After an absolutely torrid January, I think that Foster's slump got inside his head, he just did not seem to hoist the ball with the same confidence that he did early in the season. That is a pretty serious problem. Your outside shooters need to have the short memory of a late reliever, kicker, or goalie. He has to be able to shrug off a miss, something that he was unable to do at the end of last season.

Je'Kel opened some eyes with a 9 point, 7 assist performance in 18 minutes off the bench in the Cavs second summer league game versus the Warriors. For those that have NBA TV, they are showing the Cavs/Warriors second matchup of the summer league season tonight at 7 PM EST.