

Mark Smith | BG Göttingen | Kansas State

The 6'4 American rookie from Decatur, Illinois has already put his stamp on the German BBL as one of the **best-scoring, most versatile** guards in the league, leading BG Göttingen to a surprising 5th-place spot and positioning the club for a playoff birth this season.

In **The Spotlight**, we explore the numbers behind his performance and identify the reasons for his stellar play in Europe.

The Beginning

- Illinois' Mr. Basketball, 2017
- Began college at Illinois, transferred to Missouri, finished at KState
- Averaged 12.6 PPG / 8.4 RPG / 1.7 APG



The Observations

Physical, strong guard

- 224 lbs/102 kg, with a long wingspan
- Impacts the game in a variety of ways, a true "all-rounder"

Very good shooter with versatility

- Can create off the dribble, has deep range, and a quick release
- Has the ability to initiate offense for himself or create for teammates

A force on the glass for a guard

- Rebounds above his size and outside of his area
- Capable at getting to the basket, can draw fouls at a solid rate



Mark Smith Highlights
Göttingen, BBL

The Numbers Story

17.4 PTs	Can score at will	9th
32 MP	Leads team	3rd
6.9 3PTA	High volume shooter	8th
4.7 DRebs	Only guard in the top 10	3rd
13 FGA	Trust by coaches/teammates	7th
4.5 FTA/ 3.7 FTM	Efficient at the line	Both Top 15
<i>Per Game</i>		<i>In the BBL</i>

The Comparisons: Immanuel McElroy

- Nationality: American
- College: Cincinnati
- 6'4, all-rounder
- 13.4 PPG, 5.6 REBS, 2.9 ASTs/game
- Wasn't the shooter that Smith is

The Spotlight

In 16/17 games, Smith has scored in double digits

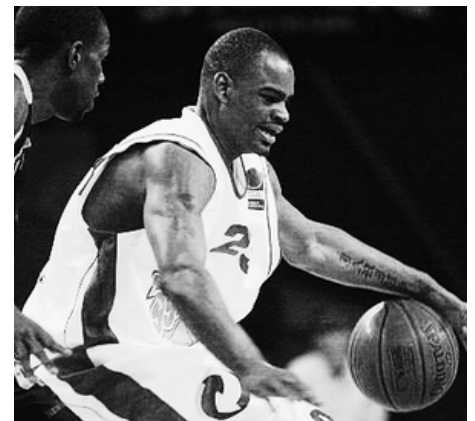
- 6 games of >20 points
- He is consistent and dependable w/o many "off-nights"

Creates offense for his teammates

- Averages 3.3 assists per game
- Has had **>3 dimes in 11/17** games this season

Dual-threat (who can get buckets anywhere on the court)

- Scored from 3 in every game this season
- Constant pressure on opposing defenses, top 15 in FTAs



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