

Player scouting report

**BEN KOVAC**



position	nationality	Height	Weight	Wingspan
Small Forward	Luxembourg Slovak	6-5 (195cm)	185 lbs (91kg)	6-6
team/country	D.O.B.	Age	Main hand	National team
Esch basket - Luxembourg	Feb 22 - 2000	16	right	yes
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Report date:	October 2016	Languages spoken		
Willing to play/study in Usa:	100%	French, German, English, Slovakian		
Current school:	Lycee Technique de Bonnevoie/Sportlycee Luxembourg			

**Statistics**

*European Youth Basketball League U16 2015-2016*

	Points	Rebs	Assist	FT %	g.played	minutes	% 2 p	% 3p
average	21.6	8.3	2.4	0.641	18	29.1	0.531	0.269
game high	32.0	15.0	10.0	1.000	18	32.0	1.000	0.556

*Fiba U16 Eurobasket 2016*

	Points	Rebs	Assist	FT %	g.played	minutes	% 2 p	% 3p
average	23.2	13.2	1.9	0.685	8	36.7	0.458	0.272
game high	37.0	17.0	4.0	1000,0	8	45.0	0.667	0.667

**main strenghts**

**main weaknesses**

+	Dominating body for this level	-	Selection of 3 points shots
+	Can lead teammates to get better	-	Problems with ballhandling under pressure
+	Can do many positive things on the court	-	Have to develop his killer instinct
+	Many points in his hands	-	Free throws %

**Player summary**

**General overview**

Ben has a strong body, he's athletic, a real all-around player, he can play and guard different positions, he can score many points but also support the team; he's without doubts the best prospects of his country for that age. He already played 3 editions of Fiba Eurobasket U16 with good results and no awe. This summer at Euro Fiba U16, finally in his strong year, he was the top scorer of the championship. He's also the best scorer by far of EYBL, each stage he wins MVP trophy. In his country he plays for a local team both youth and senior league, he already gained a lot of international experience.

**Body**

He's a good athlete, powerful, long arms, very strong body, especially the upper part, ha can dunk easily and run fast the court. He has a good lateral mobility, although he must improve his footwork. We expect a growth in height.

**Offense**

He's able to drive strong to the rim, very good first step, can take any contact, he can finish with lay-ups or jumpers, he can score from any positions and with any movements. His shooting skill is pretty good, even if he's not yet good in selecting 3's, he shots difficult 3's, mostly at the buzzer, that's why his stats are poor in that. In FT's has to improve his mental strenghts, as his stats are not good, but he is strongly working on this issue. He's the leader of his teams (local, EYBL, national team), he's not selfish at all, he wants to share the ball, in order to involve all teammates. This attitude, especially in close games, can lead to an ecces of generosity, in a time when a clutch player needs to take the responsability to win the game; he needs to improve this killer instinct. Ball handling is good, but sometimes in open court or under pressure, he can turnover some balls. Good passer, good offensive rebounder, he very rarely makes a wrong decision on the court. Very fine offensive fundamentals.

**Defense**

He's a good defender on the ball 1on1, he can defend on 2/3/4's, he moves correctly his arms, sometimes seems his foorwork is not so quick. Probably sometimes he tends to trust too much on his athletic skills and doesn't use the correct fundamentals in defense. Ben is a good defensive rebounder, uses his IQ and athleticism to grab any ball near the rim.

**Remarks**

Ben comes from a nation where the chance of visibility are very few, that's why he's strongly committing to become a better player. He already can make the difference also in higher level leagues and with older kids. He can play as small forward in any competitive league and expecting a body growth, in a couple of years he can be suitable for at least mid level div. 1, if not top program. Coming from a multi-language/multi-cultural country, he can easily adapt to new environment and a new situations.

Links with stats

[http://www.eybl.lv/new/b\\_u16\\_d2\\_player.php?player\\_id=5050633&season\\_id=90283](http://www.eybl.lv/new/b_u16_d2_player.php?player_id=5050633&season_id=90283)

<http://www.fiba.com/europe/u16/2016/Ben-KOVAC>

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