**Cleanthony Early**

Solid, All-Around player

Comparison: **Luol Deng**

6’8 Forward

College: **Wichita State**

**Offense**

Cleanthony Early is a good all-around player. Early played four years in college, so his game is fine-tuned and developed. Early does many things well. He is a good shooter with good range. He shoots the ball pretty well from beyond the arc. Cleanthony can create his own shot, but must improve creating scoring opportunities for his teammates. He barely averaged any assist his senior year, but I expect that number to improve playing in the Knicks new share the ball offense. Early averaged 16.4 ppg his senior year at Wichita state, on a well- balanced team. The best part of Early’s offensive game is that he always made timely baskets in big games.

**Defense**

At 6’8 and pretty agile, I fully expect Cleanthony early to be a very good defender in the NBA. In college early was a very solid defender. He rebounds the ball well for a small forward as he averaged over 6 RPG. He should be a versatile defender, he is quick and athletic enough to switch on pick and rolls, and should be able to stay in front of many guards in the league. In this year’s Las Vegas Summer League, Early is showing that he will be a very good off ball defender; he has been playing passing lanes and causing havoc.

**Floor Game**

Cleanthony is a good athlete he runs the floor very well on fast breaks, and once he gets the ball on the break he knows how to finish. Early is a decent ball handler, but he should improve in that area over the years. Early is an ok passer, so he will need to improve in that area in order to become a bigger threat in the triangle offense.

**Conclusion**

Expect Cleanthony Early to be a better pro player than he ever was in college. Early is a gamer he loves the big stage. Early always played his best basketball in the NCAA tournament, and in games against better competition. Early averaged 27 points, in two tournament games his senior season. One of which against the highly talented Kentucky team. Early should thrive playing in the Big Apple where he is from. I am predicting that Cleanthony Early will be a very efficient and productive pro. He should have a long solid career.

**Ratings** 1- Non existing

Scoring-3 2- Below average

Shooting-3.50 3- Average

Passing-2.50 4- Superior Skills

Free Throws-4 5- All-world

Ball handling-2.75

Passing-2.75

Creativity/ playmaking-2.75

Athletisism-3.75

Defense-4

Rebounding-3.50

**Overall-3.50 In-Depth scouting breakdown on the next page.**

Players: Name: **Cleanthony Early**

Team: New York Knicks

Height: 6’10

Position: PF

Scouted By: **Frank Preston**

**Shooting**

Hand: Left Right-x

Jump Shot: 3.75

Catch & Shoot: 3

Off the dribble: 3

Free Throws: 4

**Scoring:** 3

Create Own Shot: 3

Post Up: 2.5

Face Up: 3

**Floor Game**

Ball Handling: 3.5

Penetration: 3

Passing: 2.75

Playmaking for others: 2.75

Athleticism: 3.75

Open court/ Fast-break: 3.75

Hands: 3.75

Foot-work: 3.75

**Defense:** 4

On Ball: 3.50

Help Defense: 4

Versatility: 3.75

Rebounding: 3.75

Steals: 3.25

Blocks: 2

**Overall Rating**: 3.75