**Scouting Report – Paul Ijabula**

**Season: 2018-19 Scout: SMWW Basketball Scout Lashun Watkins**

Player: Paul Ijabula School: NA Class: 2022 Position: PG, SG

**Viewpoint**:

**Offense**: The young man is very athletic. He is 6’0 playing the point and shooting guard. He has a good rotation on his shot, very confident when he shoots anything over 15-18 feet. Paul keeps his head up on the break and looks in command when the ball is in his hand. Has no issues finishing in traffic or finishing with contact against his body. He looks like he welcomes the contact when going to the basket. Once he drives, Paul finishes strong in the hole. Has the wingspan of about 6’4-6’5 and is only 13, so has the opportunity to continue growing. The young man has a great work ethic, which should lead to optimism that his game will continue to blossom. Shoots free throws well and rebounds well against players his size and older. Court vision is really nice. He has the scorer and passer mentality, which is good. Not afraid to go in the post and rebound the ball. His willingness and eager attitude for learning would make him a novel student to continue learning the game.

Would like to see more of: It would be good to see Paul use his off hand. He is very good driving and scoring with his right hand, a few touches and dribbles with the left hand would suffice. With his athleticism and height, some post up moves and drop steps to the basket would help his game out as well. While he is consistent with the long range jumper, it is questionable on how well his short range game his. Given he is only 13, there is room to improve and I can see from his hard work ethic, Paul will undoubtedly work on smoothing out and refining some of his game. Very athletic. He goes to the basket strong and looks to finish if he gets in the paint. Definitely want to see some defensive plays/skills from the young man given his height and length at the guard position. It does seem like he moves his feet well, which would bode well for him on defense. Somewhere down the line he might need to put on a little more weight or strength, or just get stronger almost Kevin Durant style, but given the fact he is young, this could be an irrelevant point in 2 years if he has a growth spurt. With his height, he should take smaller guards in the post more.

**Outlook:**  He is young and has room to continue to improve and grow (literally). Need to see more tape/effort on the defensive end, especially for rebounding. Like the way he surveys the floor, so continue doing that and improving your peripherals to be that top floor general. Overall he can score, whether it is outside or inside. From video analysis, his drive game is strong and hopefully he uses that floater a little more to make that part of a consistent scoring arsenal for him. As stated, he will hopefully hit that weight room sometime to add a little more solid mass to his frame, or learn to play with the length ala Shaun Livingston of the Golden State Warriors. Continue to shoot mid-range jumpers while working on that post game young man. Stay consistent on those free throws, do not take that part of your game lightly.