Caleb Love, UNC, PG, rated #14 in 247 in 2020 class:

❖ One of the only top 15 HS players to return to college for sophomore year (or play in college, at all). In shooting % stats and in PPG, his sophomore year showed tremendous growth.

Stats	GP	Min	FG%	3P%	FT%	REB	AST	BLK	STL	TO	PTS
2021-22	36	33.8	37.2	37.8	87.0	3.4	3.7	.2	1	1.7	15.7
2020-21	29	27.7	31.6	26.6	80.8	2.6	3.6	.3	1.2	3.1	10.5

Caleb Houstan: Freshmen year, rated #11 in 247 in 2021 class:

Stats	GP	Min	FG%	3P%	FT%	REB	AST	BLK	STL	TO	PTS
2022-23	???	???	???	???	???	???	???	???	???	???	???
2021-22	34	32.0	38.4	35.5	78.4	4	1.4	.2	.7	1.5	10.1

The most concerning aspect of Caleb's game is his overall shooting percentage and hesitance. You'd like to see him raise both his overall FG% and 3% into the low 40s and high 30s, respectively. If we see that, his PPG will likely raise to at least 12.5. If he returns, and depending on who else returns, I can see him averaging 13-15 ppg.

For further reference, let's look at one other recent blue chip from outside the program who left early and one from inside who stayed the extra year:

Brandon Boston, UK, SG, rated #5 in 247 in 2020 class:

❖ Out of HS, he was Top 5, declared early, but was drafted in late Round 2 (51 pick). He has played in 50 games for Clippers, averaging 14.4 minutes and 6.5 ppg. His shooting %s are similar to his one year at Kentucky.

2020-21	25	30.4	35.5	.300	78.5	4.5	1.6	.2	1.3	1.4	11.5

Franz

Stats	GP	Min	FG%	3P%	FT%	REB	AST	BLK	STL	TO	PTS
2020-21	28	31.7	47.7	34.3	83.5	6.5	3	1	1.3	1.3	12.5
2019-20	27	30.8	45.2	31.1	83.3	5.6	1	.6	1.3	1.5	11.6

A lot of you around here quickly give up on players (many did it with Franz, all the way up until the final buzzer of March 2021). If you look at players in similar ranking, with similar skill sets, you can see there's a good chance Caleb Houstan will improve, especially when you consider both blue chip status, freshman performance and development, and Juwan Howard's staff player development trends.