Pinson Takes His Talents to Brooklyn

Despite not being picked in the 2018 NBA Draft, Theo Pinson was still able to continue on his basketball career. Theo Pinson signed as an undrafted free agent with the Brooklyn Nets. Pinson played a massive role in helping the tar heels become back to back ACC Regular Season Champions, 2016 ACC Tournament Champions, and sending the Tar heels to back to back national championships in 2016 and 2017.

Pinson left a great mark during his time at UNC. He was the first tar heel to ever average ten points, five rebounds, and five assists in a season; making him the eighth player ever in ACC history to average those numbers. He was fifth in the ACC in assists, in which he was the only non-point guard in the top five of that category. Also, he was one of two players in top ten in the ACC in assists and top 20 in rebounding.

For not being a point guard, Pinson led the team in assists. The 6-6 Forward had 71 more assists than any other player on his team. He was second on the team in rebounding and fifth in scoring. Statistically, he averaged 10.3 points per game, 6.5 rebounds per game, 5.1 assists per game, 81% free throw percentage, and 47% field goal percentage. He finished with a season high of 25 points against Miami, 15 rebounds against North Carolina State, and 11 assists against Texas A&M. He earned honorable mention for the All-ACC team, but was able to earn a selection to the All-ACC Tournament First team.

Even since high school, Pinson has been successful. He was a third team USA today All-American honors in 2014. He played in the McDonalds All American Game, Nike Hoop Summit, and Jordan Brand Classic. He was the Charlotte Observer’s Mr. Basketball for the state of North Carolina in 2014. He won the elite 24 dunk contest in 2013. Aside from all individual successes, the North Carolinian native was able to help his high school, Wesleyan Christian Academy, become two time 3A NCISAA State Champions. Pinson also has some experience internationally. He teamed with former tarheel, Justin Jackson, to earn a gold medal for team USA at FIBA Americas U16 Championship in Mexico.

Pinson is not the type of player that always leads the team in headlines and stats. His leadership, heart, and devotion to the game is what helped the Tar Heels become successful during his four years. His effect on his teammates and his fan base will help him play a significant role on the Nets roster.