

Bronny James has been invited to the 2024 NBA draft combine! Will he be able to handle it or will he get exposed?!

Another year of the NBA draft ----- and this one may get a bit more interesting considering how weak the class is. LeBron James's son, Bronny James, has been invited to the 2024 NBA draft along with over 70 other players. This is the moment we've all been waiting for. Especially his dad. But will Bronny be able to weather the storm in the NBA after all the stuff he's been through at USC?

It's cool to see a father and son in the same league together. It's even cooler when you see them playing on the same team. There was a point where LeBron made it clear that he wants to play with his son at least one time before he retires. Even though reports say that has changed a bit, his son still may get drafted into the league and potentially make that dream a reality. Bronny is just finishing his freshman year at USC and has a lot more ground to cover when it comes to perfecting his craft. He's already been dubbed a defensive menace. Having a body frame that seems to be at its starting point before getting to an NBA level, Bronny has shown a skill on defense that many believe is becoming obsolete in such an offensive minded era. It's his offense that seems to be the critical point in anyone's judgment of him. When Bronny James decided to go to USC, I'm sure he was expecting to be more impactful than he was. You can also assume that he wasn't expecting to suffer from cardiac arrest in training camp. Falling out because of heart failure really hindered him in the summer. When he finally was cleared to play, he came off the bench and averaged single digit points a game despite averaging 17 minutes a game. Definitely doesn't match the type of production anyone would expect an NBA ready player to put up. But he wants to try his luck getting into the league.

To be honest, everyone expects Bronny James to get in the league pretty easily. Aside from his last name being James, Bronny is pretty good. He has plenty of film in high school for reference -- -- and has time and space to grow in his body and game whether he stays at USC or not. But the NBA is a different beast. LeBron James says he believes his son would be able to play in the NBA right now and do better than a lot of players in it. But what proof is there? His stats at USC definitely don't help. Perhaps he will prove all of that in his workouts. Being invited to the NBA draft requires him to participate in all event activities and go through a series of workouts and medical testing to make sure that he's up to par. Given that he suffered from cardiac arrest, his medical procedures may be different from others. Could it prevent him from getting drafted? Maybe. We've watched players like Michael Porter Jr get bumped down from their anticipated draft selection because of injuries that teams deemed as serious enough to be worried about. Fortunately, for him, his career is turning out pretty well. He won his first ring with the Nuggets and has been killing it behind the three-point line. Maybe Bronny can experience the same thing in his own way.

Bronny would also have to face the world's best. It's a dog eat dog mentality when it comes to entering the NBA. There're only so many spots available on each team. And nobody wants to travel around playing basketball in a close to empty gym while staying in cheap hotels in the G League. Players are looking for the big bucks. Even if you're the son of a billionaire.

Determination and skill will be put to the ultimate test when he begins his workout in front of actual NBA scouts in their domain. Bronny would have to put on his A game to get past the guys who have far less than him and probably have more determination because of it. The best thing about Bronny entering the draft, though, is still being eligible to go back to school.

Before making the decision to declare for the draft, Bronny placed himself in the transfer portal. That allows him to keep college eligibility while still trying his luck for the league. Technically, he isn't a full-time USC student anymore because of the portal. So if he doesn't get selected in the draft or becomes an undrafted prospect – – – he still can choose a school of his liking to further his education and get better on the court. There's a belief that he will transfer to Duquesne (doo-Cain) University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania after one of his dad's best friends accepted the head coaching job there. He'd have more of a chance to start and get comfortable with his game as he polishes it. He has options. Good options too. But what will work for him in the long run?