

Vilarino to play at ASU

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Former Gonzaga University guard G.J. Vilarino has decided to continue his playing career at Appalachian State University.

Vilarino played 25 games for the Bulldogs as a freshman, averaging eight minutes and two points-per-game. He also shot 47% from the floor. Vilarino will sit out this season under NCAA transfer rules.

Vilarino committed to Kentucky during his sophomore season right when his recruitment began taking off and now he has committed to Gonzaga just a few weeks after decommitting from the Wildcats following the hiring of John Calipari. Vilarino was born in Spokane, WA., but he played his high school basketball at McKinney High in Texas. He was a three-star recruit during his senior year.

The scouting report on Vilarino, who is 6-1 point guard, says that he has a vertical leap in the 40" range, and is very fast getting up and down the court. His handle is good but he is very left-handed and needs to work on his weak side, and his jump shot is not too reliable. He also has trouble finishing in traffic due to a lack of strength.

Illinois, Virginia Commonwealth, Baylor, Kentucky and Gonzaga were among his schools of interest.