Scouting CHA · from Detroit's side

Charlotte Hornets

2026-27: 4 games (Oct 21 @ BKN · Oct 23 vs ATL · Oct 24 vs MIA · Oct 26 vs WAS) · baseline 2025-26 regular season

CHA @ DET
Wed Oct 28, 2026 · 7:00 PM ET
Game 0022600134

INJURY REPORT & SCHEDULE · official report of 2026-10-28, read 2026-10-28 21:49 UTC; statuses as listed, no reasons

CHA	Coby White: Out	Grant Williams: Out	Kon Knueppel: Out	Kylan Boswell: Out	Michael Ajayi: Out
DET	Isaiah Joe: Out	Jalen Duren: Out	Ugonna Onyenso: Out	Ausar Thompson: Probable	

CHA: one day of rest, previous game Oct 26 vs WAS.

IN TEN SECONDS

1. **Last season: 7th-fewest rim attempts (28%), 2nd-best offensive rebounding (35.8%), 5th-fewest turnovers forced (13.2/100), 5th-least transition (10%).**
2. **Scoring last season: B. Miller 20.2/g (24.2 so far), G. Allen 16.5/g (16.8 so far), N. Reid 13.6/g (19.5 so far).**

TEAM KEYS

- Perimeter team last season: 45% paint attempts (5th fewest); 28% at the rim (7th fewest); 49% 3PA share (2nd of 30). Chase Miller 38%, O'Neale 41%, Reid 36%, Salaün 43%, McNeeley 40%; wall up on Diabaté, Kalkbrenner.
- Glass: 35.8% OREB% (2nd best). Hit bodies first; five to the ball.
- They close possessions: DREB% 72.2% (2nd best).
- Slow pace: 95.9 possessions per game (3rd slowest).
- Second-chance shots are 15% of their FGA (3rd most). Finish possessions with a body.
- Turnover-prone: 16.1 per 100 possessions (3rd most). Pressure the ball, deny reversals.

STARTERS · LAST GAME

24 Brandon Miller

F · 6-7 · age 23 · 3 yrs · STARTED LAST GAME

25-26 CHA · 65 GP · 30.3 MPG · 20.2 pts · 4.9 reb · 3.3 ast · 38.3% 3P on 8.2 3PA · 89% FT
26-27 4 GP · 32.7 MPG · 24.2 pts · 4.8 reb · 1.5 ast · 27% 3P on 11.2 3PA

3P% **good** · Rim FG% **above average** · FT% **elite** · Ball security **average** · Gets to line **below average**

- New this season: assisted share of made FGs down, 63% -> 41% (34 trials 2026-27 regular season to date; 2025-26 regular season baseline).
- Knockdown 3: 38.3% on 8.2/g (72nd pct). No help off him; run him off the line.
- Make him take the floater: 42% on 229 non-RA paint shots (22% of his FGA).

17 Dennis Schröder

G · 6-1 · age 33 · 13 yrs · STARTED LAST GAME · NEW · CLE/SAC LAST SEASON

25-26 CLE/SAC · 70 GP · 24.2 MPG · 10.8 pts · 2.7 reb · 4.9 ast · 32.9% 3P on 3.3 3PA · 83% FT
26-27 4 GP · 32.1 MPG · 14.0 pts · 4.0 reb · 4.5 ast · 3/17 3P

3P% **bad** · Rim FG% **bad** · FT% **good** · Ball security **bad** · Gets to line **excellent**

- New this season: share of FGA from Restricted Area up, 24% -> 37% (51 trials 2026-27 regular season to date; 2025-26 regular season baseline).
- Volume 3s at 32.9%, 3.3/g (24th pct): make him shoot contested, no fly-bys.
- Pressure him: 14.7 TO per 100 usage (bad, 20th pct), 48% of them bad passes; 11 TO in 4 games so far. Hands in the lanes.

0 Naz Reid

C-F · 6-9 · age 27 · 7 yrs · STARTED LAST GAME · NEW · MIN LAST SEASON

25-26 MIN · 77 GP · 26.1 MPG · 13.6 pts · 6.2 reb · 2.2 ast · 36.2% 3P on 5.8 3PA · 73% FT
26-27 4 GP · 30.8 MPG · 19.5 pts · 9.5 reb · 2.5 ast · 41% 3P on 8.5 3PA

3P% **above average** · Rim FG% **good** · FT% **below average** · Ball security **average** · Gets to line **bad**

- Doesn't get to the line: 0.14 FTA per FGA (16th pct). Be physical; the whistle is quiet.
- Capable 3: 36.2% on 5.8/g (52nd pct). Closeout under control, contest every one.

14 Moussa Diabaté

F · 6-10 · age 24 · 4 yrs · STARTED LAST GAME

25-26 CHA · 73 GP · 26.0 MPG · 7.9 pts · 8.7 reb · 1.9 ast · 50.0% 3P on 0.0 3PA · 66% FT
26-27 4 GP · 27.6 MPG · 9.2 pts · 9.5 reb · 2.2 ast · 0/0 3P

Rim FG% **good** · FT% **bad** · Ball security **bad** · Gets to line **elite**

- Lives at the line: 0.48 FTA per FGA (elite, 96th pct), 2.7 fouls drawn/g, 66% FT. Verticality, hands back, no reach.
- Non-shooter (0.0 3PA/g): sag off him and help from him; no closeouts needed.
- Pressure him: 14.2 TO per 100 usage (bad, 23rd pct), 27% of them bad passes; 7 TO in 4 games so far. Hands in the lanes.

4 Sion James

G · 6-5 · age 23 · 1 yrs · STARTED LAST GAME

25-26 CHA · 82 GP · 22.5 MPG · 5.4 pts · 3.5 reb · 2.0 ast · 35.2% 3P on 2.9 3PA · 84% FT
26-27 4 GP · 26.3 MPG · 2.8 pts · 3.0 reb · 3.2 ast · 3/18 3P

3P% **average** · Rim FG% **bad** · FT% **good** · Ball security **below average** · Gets to line **above average**

- Poor finisher: 48% at the rim (bad, 1st pct) on 100 attempts. Meet him at the rim; verticality, no fouls.
- New this season: catch-and-shoot-3 proxy share of FGA up, 52% -> 81% (21 trials 2026-27 regular season to date; 2025-26 regular season baseline).
- 2.9 3PA/g at 35.2%: contest, don't over-help.

BENCH

8 Grayson Allen
G · 6-4 · age 31 · 8 yrs · NEW · PHX LAST SEASON

25-26 PHX · 51 GP · 28.8 MPG · 16.5 pts · 3.0 reb · 3.8 ast · 34.9% 3P on 8.9 3PA · 86% FT
26-27 4 GP · 27.7 MPG · 16.8 pts · 2.5 reb · 3.2 ast · 48% 3P on 7.2 3PA

3P% **average** FT% **excellent** Ball security **good** Gets to line **above average**

- Capable 3: 34.9% on 8.9/g (42nd pct). Closeout under control, contest every one.
- Pull-up shooter: 30% of his shots are pull-ups (77th pct, 30%). Stay attached over screens; contest without fouling.

11 Ryan Kalkbrenner
C · 7-1 · age 24 · 1 yrs

25-26 CHA · 69 GP · 21.4 MPG · 7.5 pts · 5.5 reb · 0.8 ast · 0.0% 3P on 0.1 3PA · 72% FT
26-27 4 GP · 17.2 MPG · 5.5 pts · 5.2 reb · 1.8 ast · 0/0 3P

Rim FG% **elite** FT% **bad** Ball security **bad**

- Elite finisher: 79% at the rim (97th pct) on 252 attempts, 87% of his shots. No free runs; build the wall early.
- Pressure him: 15.3 TO per 100 usage (bad, 14th pct), 16% of them bad passes; 3 TO in 4 games so far. Hands in the lanes.
- Non-shooter (0.1 3PA/g): sag off him and help from him; no closeouts needed.

00 Royce O'Neale
F · 6-6 · age 33 · 9 yrs · NEW · PHX LAST SEASON

25-26 PHX · 78 GP · 28.4 MPG · 9.8 pts · 4.8 reb · 2.7 ast · 40.8% 3P on 6.7 3PA · 71% FT
26-27 4 GP · 13.5 MPG · 3.5 pts · 1.8 reb · 0.2 ast · 4/13 3P

3P% **excellent** Ball security **below average** Gets to line **bad**

- Doesn't get to the line: 0.06 FTA per FGA (1st pct). Be physical; the whistle is quiet.
- Knockdown 3: 40.8% on 6.7/g (90th pct). No help off him; run him off the line.
- Corner specialist: 53% from the corners (98 att), 38% above the break (421). No help off the corners; help off him on top.

31 Tidjane Salaün
F · 6-10 · age 21 · 2 yrs

25-26 CHA · 37 GP · 15.6 MPG · 6.0 pts · 4.0 reb · 0.7 ast · 43.4% 3P on 2.2 3PA · 65% FT
26-27 3 GP · 16.2 MPG · 6.3 pts · 4.3 reb · 0.3 ast · 3/11 3P

- Takes 2.2 3s/g at 43.4%: respect it, closeout.

5 Christian Anderson
G · 6-1 · age 20 · rookie

25-26 – · 0 GP · – MPG · – pts · – reb · – ast · – 3P on – 3PA · – FT
26-27 4 GP · 10.8 MPG · 1.2 pts · 1.8 reb · 1.2 ast · 1/9 3P

33 Liam McNeeley
F · 6-8 · age 21 · 1 yrs · DID NOT PLAY LAST GAME

25-26 CHA · 31 GP · 11.9 MPG · 4.3 pts · 2.4 reb · 0.8 ast · 40.0% 3P on 1.9 3PA · 82% FT
26-27 2 GP · 7.7 MPG · 2.0 pts · 2.5 reb · 0.0 ast · 0/3 3P

- Takes 1.9 3s/g at 40.0%: respect it, closeout.

22 Hannes Steinbach
F · 6-10 · age 20 · rookie · DID NOT PLAY LAST GAME

25-26 – · 0 GP · – MPG · – pts · – reb · – ast · – 3P on – 3PA · – FT
26-27 1 GP · 12.0 MPG · 6.0 pts · 5.0 reb · 0.0 ast · 0/0 3P

Also seen: P. Hall (#16 C, 9.7 min). Not seen yet: K. Knueppel (#7 G-F, CHA 31.5 MPG last season), C. White (#3 G, CHA/CHI 25.0 MPG last season), G. Williams (#2 F, CHA 19.8 MPG last season), M. Ajayi (#10 G), K. Boswell (#18 G).

GAME PLAN BOXES

FOUL HIM LATE (FT)

- **M. Diabaté** — 66% FT (176 FTA, 10th pct)
- **R. Kalkbrenner** — 72% FT (116 FTA, 20th pct)
- **N. Reid** — 73% FT (123 FTA, 27th pct)
- Don't foul: B. Miller 89% FT; G. Allen 86% FT; S. James 84% FT; D. Schröder 83% FT

FOUL TROUBLE

- Nobody over 4.5 fouls per 36 last season.

SHOT PROFILE · ZONES AND DIET

SHOT ZONES · SHARE OF FGA, FG%

	25-26	FG%	26-27	FG%
Restricted area	28%	64%	26%	67%
Paint (non-RA)	18%	43%	16%	34%
Mid-range	6%	36%	8%	43%
Corner 3	11%	43%	11%	20%
Above the break 3	37%	36%	39%	33%

SHOT DIET · SHARE OF FGA, FG%

	25-26	FG%	26-27	FG%
Pull-ups	20%	37%	16%	36%
Drives	27%	52%	24%	48%
Finishes	9%	75%	8%	87%
Catch-and-shoot 3s	30%	39%	36%	30%
Other shots	13%	45%	15%	38%

Zones from the play-by-play (corner 3s merged), FG% on those attempts. Diet from the shot descriptors: pull-ups (pull-ups and step-backs), drives (2s driving or on the run), finishes (cuts, putbacks, alley-oops, tips), catch-and-shoot 3s (3s with no descriptor: a proxy, the feed records no touch time), other shots (turnarounds, fadeaways, floaters and every other move, and 2s with no descriptor). Bars: last season's share of FGA.

3 player rates flagged as changed from last season (bullets starting 'New this season'); 0 team-level (under Team keys).

ROTATION · LAST SEASON RATES

#	PLAYER	MIN 26-27	MPG 25-26	FGA/G	3PA SHARE	3P%	RA SHARE	RA FG%	FT%	PULL-UP SHARE	DRIVE SHARE	C&S 3 SHARE	AST'D SHARE	TO/100 USAGE	FTA/FGA	PF/36	FOULS DRAWN/G	FLAGS
24	B. Miller	130.6	30.3	16.1	51%	38.3%	16%	67%	89%	27%	22%	64%	63%	12.5	0.21	3.3	2.7	1
17	D. Schröder	128.5	24.2	9.0	36%	32.9%	24%	56%	83%	25%	42%	73%	40%	14.7	0.33	2.3	2.4	1
0	N. Reid	123.2	26.1	11.3	51%	36.2%	20%	70%	73%	12%	28%	70%	72%	12.0	0.14	3.5	1.5	0
8	G. Allen	110.7	28.8	13.1	68%	34.9%	14%	69%	86%	30%	26%	53%	64%	10.1	0.25	2.9	3.0	0
14	M. Diabaté	110.2	26.0	5.0	1%	50.0%	78%	70%	66%	1%	20%	50%	63%	14.2	0.48	3.3	2.7	0
4	S. James	105.2	22.5	4.5	63%	35.2%	27%	48%	84%	8%	25%	81%	78%	13.7	0.26	2.9	1.2	1
11	R. Kalkbrenner	68.9	21.4	4.2	2%	0.0%	87%	79%	72%	1%	3%	60%	71%	15.3	0.40	2.6	1.4	0
00	R. O'Neale	53.8	28.4	8.0	83%	40.8%	9%	60%	71%	18%	14%	67%	87%	13.8	0.06	2.9	0.7	0
31	T. Salaün	48.6	15.6	4.3	52%	43.4%	35%	67%	65%	2%	30%	94%	85%	12.8	0.25	3.4	0.9	0
5	C. Anderson	43.2	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
33	L. McNeeley	15.3	11.9	3.1	63%	40.0%	16%	53%	82%	3%	30%	80%	87%	10.4	0.41	3.5	0.9	0
22	H. Steinbach	12.0	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
16	P. Hall	9.7	11.2	3.1	8%	60.0%	76%	56%	79%	0%	8%	100%	77%	18.2	0.49	3.7	1.1	0

HOW TO READ IT

Baseline = 2025-26 regular season (82 games; a player's baseline covers every game he played, with any team). Recent = 2026-27 (4 games). For each rate, shrink the recent proportion toward the baseline with a Beta prior of strength m (empirical-Bayes flavour): p1_shrunk = (k1 + m*p0)/(n1 + m), with m = 60 for shot-diet / zone / assisted shares, m = 250 for FG%-type rates (rim FG%, 3P%; 3P% needs ~750 attempts to stabilize, so a 10-game 3P% is almost never flaggable by design), m = 60 for turnover rate. FLAG when |p1_shrunk - p0| >= 0.06 AND |z| >= 2.0 where z = (k1/n1 - p0)/sqrt(p0*(1-p0)/n1) (raw recent proportion against the baseline proportion, SE from p0) AND n1 >= 15 recent trials. Here the windows are disjoint.

Grades are words on one scale: elite ≥ 90th percentile, excellent 75–89, good 60–74, above average 50–59, average 40–49, below average 25–39, bad < 25. Shooting and ball-security percentiles are computed from the play-by-play among qualified players (3P% 100+ 3PA, rim FG% 100+ restricted-area attempts, FT% 75+ FTA, rates per FGA 300+ FGA, ball security 300+ usage events). Starters are the players who started the team's last game. Statuses are the official injury report's, as listed, with the report's date and the time it was read, never a reason; a carded player listed at either of the two most serious statuses keeps his card but leaves the free-throw and foul boxes. Every sentence above is produced from these numbers by fixed templates.

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