Scouting DET · from Charlotte's side

Detroit Pistons

2026-27: 4 games (Oct 20 vs BOS · Oct 23 @ MIA · Oct 25 @ PHI · Oct 27 @ NYK) · 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 21:50 UTC; statuses as listed, no reasons

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

DET: second night of a back-to-back, 3 games in 4 nights, previous game Oct 27 @ NYK.

IN TEN SECONDS

1. **Last season: 2nd-most rim attempts (37%), 3rd-best offensive rebounding (35.4%), force the most turnovers (17.2/100), most fouls in the league (21.9/g). Through 4 games the profile has moved: paint-attempt share 56% → 46%; drive share 32% → 23%; rim-attempt share 37% → 28%; 3PA share 34% → 43% (349 trials; each clears the flag rule).**
2. **Scoring last season: C. Cunningham 24.0/g (20.8 so far), J. Collins 13.6/g (11.8 so far), D. Robinson 12.1/g (17.8 so far).**

TEAM KEYS

- Also moved through 4 games (349 trials): drive share 32% → 23%; shooting-foul share 51% → 40%. Small sample, but each clears the flag rule.
- Paint team last season: 56% paint attempts (2nd most); 37% at the rim (2nd most); 34% 3PA share (29th of 30). Through 4 games: 3PA share 34% → 43%; rim-attempt share 37% → 28%; paint-attempt share 56% → 46%. Chase Robinson 41%, Collins 41%, Green 38%, Jenkins 37%; wall up on Reed, Thompson, Holland II.
- Rim protection: opponents shoot 62% at the rim (4th best) and get 28% of their shots there (6th fewest). Drive to kick; don't finish into the bigs.
- Foul-prone team: 21.9 fouls per game (most in the league). Attack the paint and get to the line.
- They force turnovers: 17.2 per 100 (most in the league). Strong with the ball; no casual passes.
- They run: 13% of FGA in transition (3rd most). Sprint back, build the wall early, no leak-outs.

STARTERS · LAST GAME

2 Cade Cunningham

G · 6-6 · age 25 · 5 yrs · STARTED LAST GAME

25-26 DET · 63 GP · 33.9 MPG · 24.0 pts · 5.5 reb · 9.9 ast · 34.1% 3P on 5.7 3PA · 81% FT
26-27 4 GP · 33.5 MPG · 20.8 pts · 5.8 reb · 8.0 ast · 33% 3P on 6.0 3PA

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

- New this season: drive family share of FGA down, 41% -> 25% (63 trials 2026-27 regular season to date; 2025-26 regular season baseline).
- Capable 3: 34.1% on 5.7/g (35th pct). Closeout under control, contest every one.
- Pressure him: 14.6 TO per 100 usage (bad, 21st pct), 50% of them bad passes; 19 TO in 4 games so far. Hands in the lanes; 9.9 AST/g, so stay home on shooters when he drives.
- Poor finisher: 62% at the rim (bad, 22nd pct) on 335 attempts. Meet him at the rim; verticality, no fouls.

55 Duncan Robinson

F · 6-7 · age 32 · 8 yrs · STARTED LAST GAME

25-26 DET · 76 GP · 27.3 MPG · 12.1 pts · 2.7 reb · 2.1 ast · 40.9% 3P on 7.0 3PA · 75% FT
26-27 4 GP · 29.9 MPG · 17.8 pts · 1.5 reb · 2.2 ast · 45% 3P on 9.5 3PA

3P% **elite** · FT% **below average** · Ball security **elite** · Gets to line **bad**

- Doesn't turn it over: 6.8 TO per 100 usage (98th pct). Don't gamble for steals; play him straight up.
- Knockdown 3: 40.9% on 7.0/g (90th pct). No help off him; run him off the line.
- Doesn't get to the line: 0.15 FTA per FGA (20th pct). Be physical; the whistle is quiet.

20 John Collins

F-C · 6-9 · age 29 · 9 yrs · STARTED LAST GAME · NEW · LAC LAST SEASON

25-26 LAC · 69 GP · 27.1 MPG · 13.6 pts · 5.3 reb · 1.0 ast · 40.6% 3P on 3.2 3PA · 77% FT
26-27 4 GP · 29.0 MPG · 11.8 pts · 8.0 reb · 0.8 ast · 7/14 3P

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

- Elite finisher: 75% at the rim (92nd pct) on 253 attempts, 38% of his shots. No free runs; build the wall early.
- Knockdown 3: 40.6% on 3.2/g (88th pct). No help off him; run him off the line.

7 Paul Reed

F · 6-9 · age 27 · 6 yrs · STARTED LAST GAME · FOUL TARGET

25-26 DET · 64 GP · 13.8 MPG · 7.7 pts · 4.5 reb · 1.2 ast · 30.8% 3P on 0.6 3PA · 66% FT
26-27 4 GP · 23.0 MPG · 13.8 pts · 8.5 reb · 2.5 ast · 3/3 3P

Rim FG% **elite** · FT% **bad** · Ball security **below average** · Gets to line **excellent**

- Elite finisher: 75% at the rim (93rd pct) on 190 attempts, 58% of his shots. No free runs; build the wall early.
- Non-shooter (0.6 3PA/g, 31% from 3): go under screens, help off him.
- Crashes the glass (5.1 OREB per 36): hit him first, then go get it.
- Foul-prone: 4.7 PF per 36 (2025-26 regular season). Attack him early; get him to two.

9 Ausar Thompson

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

25-26 DET · 72 GP · 26.0 MPG · 9.8 pts · 5.8 reb · 3.1 ast · 23.8% 3P on 0.3 3PA · 58% FT
26-27 3 GP · 25.9 MPG · 8.7 pts · 6.7 reb · 4.0 ast · 0/3 3P

Rim FG% **average** · FT% **bad** · Ball security **bad** · Gets to line **excellent**

- New this season: share of FGA from Restricted Area down, 58% -> 27% (22 trials 2026-27 regular season to date; 2025-26 regular season baseline).
- Non-shooter (0.3 3PA/g, 24% from 3): go under screens, help off him.
- Pressure him: 14.5 TO per 100 usage (bad, 22nd pct), 34% of them bad passes; 10 TO in 3 games so far. Hands in the lanes.

BENCH

24 Daniss Jenkins
G · 6-4 · age 25 · 2 yrs · STARTED 1 OF 4

25-26 DET · 71 GP · 20.4 MPG · 9.4 pts · 2.3 reb · 3.9 ast · 37.3% 3P on 2.7 3PA · 83% FT
26-27 4 GP · 24.9 MPG · 11.8 pts · 4.5 reb · 4.0 ast · 6/13 3P

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

- Poor finisher: 52% at the rim (bad, 2nd pct) on 160 attempts. Meet him at the rim; verticality, no fouls.
- Pressure him: 15.3 TO per 100 usage (bad, 15th pct), 46% of them bad passes; 7 TO in 4 games so far. Hands in the lanes.
- Takes 2.7 3s/g at 37.3% (64th pct): respect it, closeout.

27 Kevin Huerter
G-F · 6-6 · age 28 · 8 yrs

25-26 CHI/DET · 69 GP · 22.4 MPG · 10.0 pts · 3.5 reb · 2.6 ast · 30.8% 3P on 4.7 3PA · 78% FT
26-27 4 GP · 20.1 MPG · 6.0 pts · 3.2 reb · 1.5 ast · 4/14 3P

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

- Doesn't get to the line: 0.12 FTA per FGA (11th pct). Be physical; the whistle is quiet.
- Elite finisher: 73% at the rim (87th pct) on 161 attempts, 27% of his shots. No free runs; build the wall early.
- Volume 3s at 30.8%, 4.7/g (11th pct): make him shoot contested, no fly-bys.

31 Javonte Green
G · 6-5 · age 33 · 7 yrs

25-26 DET · 81 GP · 17.6 MPG · 6.9 pts · 2.8 reb · 0.7 ast · 38.0% 3P on 3.0 3PA · 84% FT
26-27 4 GP · 17.3 MPG · 7.2 pts · 2.8 reb · 0.0 ast · 7/19 3P

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

- New this season: drive family share of FGA down, 24% -> 0% (22 trials 2026-27 regular season to date; 2025-26 regular season baseline).
- Doesn't turn it over: 8.7 TO per 100 usage (87th pct). Don't gamble for steals; play him straight up.
- Knockdown 3: 38.0% on 3.0/g (70th pct). No help off him; run him off the line.
- Poor finisher: 61% at the rim (bad, 22nd pct) on 119 attempts. Meet him at the rim; verticality, no fouls.

5 Ronald Holland II
F · 6-8 · age 21 · 2 yrs

25-26 DET · 77 GP · 20.0 MPG · 8.2 pts · 4.0 reb · 1.2 ast · 24.7% 3P on 2.5 3PA · 81% FT
26-27 4 GP · 15.1 MPG · 3.5 pts · 4.5 reb · 2.8 ast · 0/5 3P

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

- Low-volume, 24.7% from 3 (2.5/g): help off him in the gaps.
- Downhill driver: 42% of his shots are drives at 55% (87th pct). Show early help, wall up, make him pass.
- Pressure him: 13.5 TO per 100 usage (below average, 31st pct), 27% of them bad passes; 1 TO in 4 games so far. Hands in the lanes.

17 Isaiah Joe
G · 6-4 · age 27 · 6 yrs · Out · DID NOT PLAY LAST GAME · NEW · OKC LAST SEASON

25-26 OKC · 71 GP · 21.2 MPG · 11.1 pts · 2.5 reb · 1.3 ast · 42.3% 3P on 6.0 3PA · 89% FT
26-27 3 GP · 13.9 MPG · 7.3 pts · 1.7 reb · 1.0 ast · 3/13 3P

3P% elite · FT% elite · Ball security elite · Gets to line average

- Doesn't turn it over: 7.0 TO per 100 usage (97th pct). Don't gamble for steals; play him straight up.
- Knockdown 3: 42.3% on 6.0/g (96th pct). No help off him; run him off the line.
- Corner specialist: 53% from the corners (102 att), 39% above the break (326). No help off the corners; help off him on top.

0 Jalen Duren
C · 6-10 · age 22 · 4 yrs · Out · STARTED 2 OF 2 · DID NOT PLAY LAST GAME

25-26 DET · 69 GP · 28.5 MPG · 19.7 pts · 10.6 reb · 2.0 ast · – 3P on 0.0 3PA · 75% FT
26-27 2 GP · 19.1 MPG · 13.0 pts · 7.5 reb · 2.0 ast · 0/0 3P

Rim FG% excellent · FT% below average · Ball security above average · Gets to line elite

- Lives at the line: 0.54 FTA per FGA (elite, 98th pct), 4.3 fouls drawn/g, 75% FT. Verticality, hands back, no reach.
- Elite finisher: 72% at the rim (82nd pct) on 582 attempts, 73% of his shots. No free runs; build the wall early.
- Non-shooter (0.0 3PA/g): sag off him and help from him; no closeouts needed.

35 Tolu Smith
F · 6-11 · age 26 · 2 yrs

25-26 DET · 15 GP · 9.2 MPG · 3.7 pts · 3.3 reb · 0.9 ast · – 3P on 0.0 3PA · 67% FT
26-27 3 GP · 3.6 MPG · 0.3 pts · 2.0 reb · 0.0 ast · 0/0 3P

- Crashes the glass (5.8 OREB per 36): hit him first, then go get it.

Also seen: T. Prince (#12 F, 7.5 min), E. Okorie (#23 G, 5.4 min), I. Jones (#13 F, 3.1 min), E. Harkless (#94 G, 2.6 min), C. Lanier (#8 G, 1.7 min). Not seen yet: U. Onyenso (#34 C).

GAME PLAN BOXES

FOUL HIM LATE (FT)

- **A. Thompson** — 58% FT (189 FTA, 3rd pct)
- **P. Reed** — 66% FT (110 FTA, 11th pct)
- **D. Robinson** — 75% FT (107 FTA, 32nd pct)
- Don't foul: J. Green 84% FT; D. Jenkins 83% FT; C. Cunningham 81% FT; R. Holland II 81% FT

FOUL TROUBLE

- **P. Reed** — 4.7 PF per 36 (2025-26 regular season). Attack him early; get him to two

SHOT PROFILE · ZONES AND DIET

SHOT ZONES · SHARE OF FGA, FG%

	25-26	FG%	26-27	FG%
Restricted area	37%	66%	28%	62%
Paint (non-RA)	20%	41%	18%	44%
Mid-range	9%	42%	12%	42%
Corner 3	10%	37%	12%	33%
Above the break 3	24%	35%	30%	38%

SHOT DIET · SHARE OF FGA, FG%

	25-26	FG%	26-27	FG%
Pull-ups	16%	37%	19%	41%
Drives	32%	54%	23%	54%
Finishes	13%	70%	10%	68%
Catch-and-shoot 3s	23%	36%	30%	36%
Other shots	16%	51%	19%	47%

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.

6 player rates flagged as changed from last season (bullets starting 'New this season'); 5 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
2	C. Cunningham	134.1	33.9	18.6	30%	34.1%	29%	62%	81%	32%	41%	38%	34%	14.6	0.32	3.3	4.6	1
55	D. Robinson	119.7	27.3	9.1	77%	40.9%	12%	68%	75%	18%	17%	66%	91%	6.8	0.15	2.8	1.5	0
20	J. Collins	115.8	27.1	9.6	33%	40.6%	38%	75%	77%	5%	25%	92%	79%	11.6	0.23	3.6	2.2	0
24	D. Jenkins	99.6	20.4	8.0	34%	37.3%	28%	52%	83%	31%	41%	51%	48%	15.3	0.28	2.7	2.0	0
7	P. Reed	91.9	13.8	5.1	12%	30.8%	58%	75%	66%	3%	31%	85%	74%	12.9	0.33	4.7	1.2	0
27	K. Huerter	80.6	22.4	8.6	55%	30.8%	27%	73%	78%	15%	26%	70%	78%	10.3	0.12	2.7	1.0	0
9	A. Thompson	77.6	26.0	7.8	4%	23.8%	58%	66%	58%	8%	43%	90%	63%	14.5	0.34	3.8	2.1	1
31	J. Green	69.3	17.6	5.0	60%	38.0%	29%	61%	84%	2%	24%	91%	85%	8.7	0.30	2.7	1.2	4
5	R. Holland II	60.2	20.0	7.0	36%	24.7%	43%	64%	81%	5%	42%	89%	69%	13.5	0.27	4.1	1.9	0
17	I. Joe	41.8	21.2	7.7	79%	42.3%	9%	63%	89%	18%	9%	77%	91%	7.0	0.23	2.9	1.9	0
0	J. Duren	38.1	28.5	11.6	0%	–	73%	72%	75%	3%	36%	–	65%	11.6	0.54	3.5	4.3	0
35	T. Smith	10.8	9.2	2.4	0%	–	86%	55%	67%	0%	28%	–	61%	12.5	0.83	6.0	1.3	0
12	T. Prince	7.5	23.5	7.3	73%	43.6%	10%	63%	100%	22%	17%	71%	81%	13.8	0.03	2.8	0.5	0
23	E. Okorie	5.4	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
13	I. Jones	3.1	5.1	1.0	29%	0.0%	57%	75%	75%	0%	43%	100%	33%	10.2	0.57	4.0	0.6	0
94	E. Harkless	2.6	21.0	6.2	55%	23.9%	28%	51%	77%	14%	34%	76%	63%	12.1	0.40	3.4	2.7	0
8	C. Lanier	1.7	7.6	2.6	74%	28.1%	2%	50%	83%	16%	5%	81%	89%	3.3	0.07	1.7	0.1	0

HOW TO READ IT

Baseline = 2025-26 regular season (81 games; 1 left out: score not verified; 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.

Computed by NightlyHoops from play-by-play and box scores of regular-season games, and the league's official injury report (statuses only). Data collected 2026-10-28; report built 2026-10-28 21:50 UTC.