Scouting LAC · from the Lakers' side

LA Clippers

2026-27: 3 games (Oct 21 vs SAC · Oct 23 @ LAL · Oct 25 @ OKC) · baseline 2025-26 regular season

LAL @ LAC
Wed Oct 28, 2026 · 10:30 PM ET
Game 0022600143

INJURY REPORT & SCHEDULE · official report of 2026-10-28, read 2026-10-29 01:17 UTC; statuses as listed, no reasons

LAC Bradley Beal: Out · Brandon Ingram: Out · Jordan Miller: Out · Max Strus: Out · Rui Hachimura: Out · Yanic Konan Niederhäuser: Out

LAL Adou Thiero: Out · Cameron Carr: Out · Luka Dončić: Out · Ziaire Williams: Out

LAC: 2 days of rest, previous game Oct 25 @ OKC.

IN TEN SECONDS

1. **Last season: 7th-worst offensive rebounding (28.4%), 6th-fewest fouls (18.9/g), 8th-least transition (10%), 2nd-slowest pace (95.9). Through 3 games the profile has moved: assisted share 59% → 69% (121 trials; each clears the flag rule).**
2. **Scoring last season: D. Garland 18.8/g (24.0 so far), D. Jones Jr. 10.1/g (11.7 so far), B. Lopez 8.4/g (18.0 so far).**

TEAM KEYS

- Soft rim protection: opponents shoot 67% at the rim (9th worst) and get 28% of their shots there (8th fewest). Get downhill; finish at the rim.
- Slow pace: 95.9 possessions per game (2nd slowest).
- Isolation-heavy: only 59% of their makes are assisted (2nd fewest). Load up on the ball; help off the corners late — through 3 games: assisted share 59% → 69%.
- They finish: 68.9% at the rim (3rd best). No free runs; wall up early.
- They get to the line: 0.29 FTA per FGA (3rd most). Verticality; no reach-ins.
- Few second chances: 12% of their FGA (5th fewest). One shot and out; run.

STARTERS · LAST GAME

10 Darius Garland

G · 6-1 · age 26 · 7 yrs · STARTED LAST GAME

25-26 CLE/LAC · 44 GP · 29.9 MPG · 18.8 pts · 2.4 reb · 6.6 ast · 39.5% 3P on 6.8 3PA · 86% FT
26-27 3 GP · 34.8 MPG · 24.0 pts · 1.7 reb · 7.0 ast · 35% 3P on 8.7 3PA

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

- New this season: pull-up family share of FGA up, 35% -> 49% (55 trials 2026-27 regular season to date; 2025-26 regular season baseline).
- Pressure him: 15.3 TO per 100 usage (bad, 16th pct), 51% of them bad passes; 18 TO in 3 games so far. Hands in the lanes; 6.6 AST/g, so stay home on shooters when he drives.
- Knockdown 3: 39.5% on 6.8/g (83rd pct). No help off him; run him off the line.

28 Rui Hachimura

F · 6-8 · age 28 · 7 yrs · Out · STARTED LAST GAME · NEW · LAL LAST SEASON

25-26 LAL · 68 GP · 28.3 MPG · 11.5 pts · 3.3 reb · 0.8 ast · 44.3% 3P on 3.9 3PA · 69% FT
26-27 3 GP · 31.2 MPG · 10.3 pts · 6.0 reb · 1.0 ast · 6/19 3P

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

- Doesn't turn it over: 6.3 TO per 100 usage (99th pct). Don't gamble for steals; play him straight up.
- Doesn't get to the line: 0.12 FTA per FGA (11th pct). Be physical; the whistle is quiet.
- Knockdown 3: 44.3% on 3.9/g (98th pct). No help off him; run him off the line.

8 Kris Dunn

G · 6-3 · age 32 · 10 yrs · STARTED LAST GAME

25-26 LAC · 82 GP · 27.2 MPG · 7.3 pts · 3.3 reb · 3.6 ast · 37.4% 3P on 2.6 3PA · 76% FT
26-27 3 GP · 31.1 MPG · 9.7 pts · 4.7 reb · 6.0 ast · 4/10 3P

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

- Pressure him: 17.8 TO per 100 usage (bad, 6th pct), 50% of them bad passes; 7 TO in 3 games so far. Hands in the lanes.
- Takes 2.6 3s/g at 37.4% (66th pct): respect it, closeout.
- Corner specialist: 44% from the corners (91 att), 32% above the break (123). No help off the corners; help off him on top.

5 Derrick Jones Jr.

F · 6-6 · age 29 · 10 yrs · STARTED LAST GAME

25-26 LAC · 50 GP · 27.0 MPG · 10.1 pts · 3.5 reb · 1.4 ast · 35.9% 3P on 3.1 3PA · 76% FT
26-27 3 GP · 30.2 MPG · 11.7 pts · 5.3 reb · 2.3 ast · 7/13 3P

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

- Doesn't turn it over: 8.7 TO per 100 usage (87th pct). Don't gamble for steals; play him straight up.
- Capable 3: 35.9% on 3.1/g (49th pct). Closeout under control, contest every one.

23 Isaiah Jackson

F · 6-8 · age 24 · 5 yrs · STARTED LAST GAME · FOUL TARGET

25-26 IND/LAC · 55 GP · 16.5 MPG · 6.7 pts · 5.3 reb · 0.9 ast · 0.0% 3P on 0.1 3PA · 65% FT
26-27 3 GP · 22.2 MPG · 9.7 pts · 5.7 reb · 2.3 ast · 0/0 3P

Rim FG% **excellent** · FT% **bad** · Ball security **bad**

- Pressure him: 17.0 TO per 100 usage (bad, 8th pct), 24% of them bad passes; 7 TO in 3 games so far. Hands in the lanes.
- Non-shooter (0.1 3PA/g): sag off him and help from him; no closeouts needed.
- Elite finisher: 71% at the rim (80th pct) on 184 attempts, 78% of his shots. No free runs; build the wall early.
- Foul-prone: 5.8 PF per 36 (2025-26 regular season). Attack him early; get him to two.

BENCH

1 Keaton Wagler
G · 6-6 · age 19 · rookie

25-26 — · 0 GP · — MPG · — pts · — reb · — ast · — 3P on — 3PA · — FT
26-27 3 GP · 26.0 MPG · 13.0 pts · 4.3 reb · 4.0 ast · 6/15 3P

11 Brook Lopez
C · 7-1 · age 38 · 18 yrs

25-26 LAC · 75 GP · 21.8 MPG · 8.4 pts · 3.6 reb · 1.3 ast · 36.0% 3P on 4.2 3PA · 76% FT
26-27 3 GP · 23.2 MPG · 18.0 pts · 5.3 reb · 1.0 ast · 6/11 3P

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

- New this season: share of FGA from Restricted Area up, 18% -> 39% (31 trials 2026-27 regular season to date; 2025-26 regular season baseline).
- Capable 3: 36.0% on 4.2/g (50th pct). Closeout under control, contest every one.

4 Kobe Sanders
G · 6-8 · age 24 · 1 yrs

25-26 LAC · 68 GP · 19.9 MPG · 7.3 pts · 2.2 reb · 1.6 ast · 40.8% 3P on 2.9 3PA · 83% FT
26-27 3 GP · 19.3 MPG · 6.3 pts · 2.3 reb · 3.3 ast · 3/9 3P

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

- Pressure him: 16.4 TO per 100 usage (bad, 10th pct), 41% of them bad passes; 6 TO in 3 games so far. Hands in the lanes.
- Takes 2.9 3s/g at 40.8% (89th pct): respect it, closeout.
- Corner specialist: 48% from the corners (71 att), 37% above the break (125). No help off the corners; help off him on top.

9 Gradey Dick
G-F · 6-7 · age 22 · 3 yrs **NEW · TOR LAST SEASON**

25-26 TOR · 76 GP · 14.0 MPG · 6.0 pts · 1.9 reb · 0.7 ast · 30.3% 3P on 2.4 3PA · 88% FT
26-27 3 GP · 16.0 MPG · 8.0 pts · 3.7 reb · 0.0 ast · 3/6 3P

3P% **bad** Rim FG% **above average** FT% **excellent** Ball security **excellent** Gets to line **average**

- Doesn't turn it over: 9.2 TO per 100 usage (82nd pct). Don't gamble for steals; play him straight up.
- Low-volume, 30.3% from 3 (2.4/g): help off him in the gaps.
- Corner specialist: 39% from the corners (71 att), 25% above the break (114). No help off the corners; help off him on top.

18 Baba Miller
F · 6-11 · age 22 · rookie

25-26 — · 0 GP · — MPG · — pts · — reb · — ast · — 3P on — 3PA · — FT
26-27 2 GP · 6.0 MPG · 2.0 pts · 2.0 reb · 0.5 ast · 0/0 3P

Also seen: J. Pickett (#24 G, 2.0 min), C. Christie (#24 G, 2.0 min), N. Martinelli (#12 F, 2.0 min). Not seen yet: B. Ingram (#7 F, TOR 33.8 MPG last season), M. Strus (#31 G-F, CLE 24.0 MPG last season), J. Miller (#22 G, LAC 22.1 MPG last season), B. Beal (#3 G, LAC 20.2 MPG last season), Y. Niederhäuser (#14 C, LAC 10.3 MPG last season).

GAME PLAN BOXES

FOUL HIM LATE (FT)

- **I. Jackson** — 65% FT (105 FTA, 8th pct)
- Don't foul: G. Dick 88% FT; D. Garland 86% FT

FOUL TROUBLE

- **I. Jackson** — 5.8 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	29%	69%	28%	74%
Paint (non-RA)	20%	46%	19%	43%
Mid-range	10%	41%	8%	29%
Corner 3	10%	42%	9%	48%
Above the break 3	30%	35%	35%	39%

SHOT DIET · SHARE OF FGA, FG%

	25-26	FG%	26-27	FG%
Pull-ups	20%	40%	24%	32%
Drives	26%	56%	24%	66%
Finishes	10%	70%	10%	72%
Catch-and-shoot 3s	26%	38%	26%	46%
Other shots	17%	50%	16%	40%

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.

4 player rates flagged as changed from last season (bullets starting 'New this season'); 1 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
10	D. Garland	104.3	29.9	14.9	46%	39.5%	21%	58%	86%	35%	38%	36%	39%	15.3	0.18	2.3	2.6	1
28	R. Hachimura	93.7	28.3	8.8	44%	44.3%	20%	63%	69%	22%	13%	87%	87%	6.3	0.12	2.1	0.7	0
8	K. Dunn	93.3	27.2	5.8	45%	37.4%	28%	66%	76%	5%	36%	87%	64%	17.8	0.17	3.1	0.9	0
5	D. Jones Jr.	90.6	27.0	7.6	40%	35.9%	44%	70%	76%	4%	28%	92%	80%	8.7	0.24	2.8	1.8	0
1	K. Wagler	78.1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
11	B. Lopez	69.6	21.8	7.2	58%	36.0%	18%	64%	76%	4%	13%	92%	80%	9.6	0.14	3.4	1.2	3
23	I. Jackson	66.6	16.5	4.3	1%	0.0%	78%	71%	65%	2%	23%	67%	62%	17.0	0.44	5.8	1.5	0
4	K. Sanders	57.8	19.9	5.7	51%	40.8%	19%	72%	83%	13%	16%	88%	74%	16.4	0.18	3.9	0.9	0
9	G. Dick	48.1	14.0	5.0	48%	30.3%	28%	67%	88%	15%	28%	73%	89%	9.2	0.23	3.4	0.9	0
18	B. Miller	11.9	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
24	J. Pickett	2.0	16.1	4.6	55%	38.6%	16%	57%	79%	32%	20%	57%	63%	12.7	0.08	1.9	0.4	0
24	C. Christie	2.0	8.7	2.5	35%	24.5%	32%	62%	76%	12%	42%	67%	79%	12.0	0.36	1.4	0.6	0
12	N. Martinelli	2.0	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	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 (3 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 2026-10-29; report built 2026-10-29 01:17 UTC.