Scouting NYK · from Chicago's side

New York Knicks

2026-27: 4 games (Oct 20 vs PHI · Oct 23 @ BOS · Oct 25 vs ORL · Oct 27 vs DET) · baseline 2025-26 regular season

NYK @ CHI
Wed Oct 28, 2026 · 8:00 PM ET
Game 0022600137

INJURY REPORT & SCHEDULE · official report of 2026-10-28, read 2026-10-28 22:46 UTC; statuses as listed, no reasons

NYK Jose Alvarado: Out

CHI Nic Claxton: Out Patrick Williams: Questionable Tobe Awaka: Questionable

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

IN TEN SECONDS

1. **Last season: 7th-fewest paint attempts (46%), 7th-best offensive rebounding (32.8%), 6th-slowest pace (96.3), 6th-best rim protection (64%). Through 4 games the profile has moved: shooting-foul share 50% → 36% (90 trials; each clears the flag rule).**
2. **Scoring last season: J. Brunson 26.0/g (22.8 so far), K. Towns 20.1/g (22.5 so far), O. Anunoby 16.7/g (16.2 so far).**

TEAM KEYS

- Also moved through 4 games (90 trials): shooting-foul share 50% → 36%. Small sample, but each clears the flag rule.
- Shot profile last season: 46% paint attempts (7th fewest); 43% 3PA share (12th of 30). Chase Brunson 37%, McBride 41%, Anunoby 39%, Shamet 39%, Bridges 37%; wall up on Drummond, Clarkson.
- Rim protection: opponents shoot 64% at the rim (6th best). Drive to kick; don't finish into the bigs.
- They close possessions: DREB% 71.5% (4th best).
- They give up 3s: opponents take 45% of their shots from 3 (4th most). Space them; move it side to side.
- Slow pace: 96.3 possessions per game (6th slowest).

STARTERS · LAST GAME

11 Jalen Brunson

G · 6-2 · age 30 · 8 yrs · STARTED LAST GAME

25-26 NYK · 74 GP · 35.0 MPG · 26.0 pts · 3.3 reb · 6.8 ast · 36.9% 3P on 7.1 3PA · 84% FT

26-27 4 GP · 35.1 MPG · 22.8 pts · 2.8 reb · 4.5 ast · 20% 3P on 5.0 3PA

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

- New this season: drive family share of FGA up, 31% -> 45% (82 trials 2026-27 regular season to date; 2025-26 regular season baseline).
- Capable 3: 36.9% on 7.1/g (60th pct). Closeout under control, contest every one.
- Pull-up shooter: 40% of his shots are pull-ups (95th pct, 44%). Stay attached over screens; contest without fouling.

8 OG Anunoby

F-G · 6-7 · age 29 · 9 yrs · STARTED LAST GAME

25-26 NYK · 67 GP · 33.2 MPG · 16.7 pts · 5.2 reb · 2.2 ast · 38.6% 3P on 6.1 3PA · 83% FT

26-27 4 GP · 34.0 MPG · 16.2 pts · 6.2 reb · 3.0 ast · 26% 3P on 6.8 3PA

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

- Knockdown 3: 38.6% on 6.1/g (75th pct). No help off him; run him off the line.
- Corner specialist: 45% from the corners (199 att), 33% above the break (208). No help off the corners; help off him on top.

3 Josh Hart

G · 6-5 · age 31 · 9 yrs · STARTED LAST GAME

25-26 NYK · 66 GP · 30.2 MPG · 12.0 pts · 7.4 reb · 4.8 ast · 41.3% 3P on 3.7 3PA · 72% FT

26-27 4 GP · 32.0 MPG · 10.8 pts · 7.8 reb · 3.5 ast · 39% 3P on 5.8 3PA

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

- Pressure him: 16.5 TO per 100 usage (bad, 10th pct), 40% of them bad passes; 8 TO in 4 games so far. Hands in the lanes.
- New this season: catch-and-shoot-3 proxy share of FGA up, 28% -> 58% (36 trials 2026-27 regular season to date; 2025-26 regular season baseline).
- Knockdown 3: 41.3% on 3.7/g (92nd pct). No help off him; run him off the line.
- Corner specialist: 50% from the corners (72 att), 38% above the break (170). No help off the corners; help off him on top.

32 Karl-Anthony Towns

C-F · 7-0 · age 30 · 11 yrs · STARTED LAST GAME

25-26 NYK · 75 GP · 31.0 MPG · 20.1 pts · 11.8 reb · 3.0 ast · 36.8% 3P on 4.1 3PA · 86% FT

26-27 4 GP · 31.6 MPG · 22.5 pts · 14.0 reb · 2.8 ast · 6/16 3P

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

- Lives at the line: 0.40 FTA per FGA (excellent, 89th pct), 4.9 fouls drawn/g, 86% FT. Verticality, hands back, no reach.
- Capable 3: 36.8% on 4.1/g (59th pct). Closeout under control, contest every one.
- Poor finisher: 61% at the rim (bad, 20th pct) on 514 attempts. Meet him at the rim; verticality, no fouls.

25 Mikal Bridges

G-F · 6-6 · age 30 · 8 yrs · STARTED LAST GAME

25-26 NYK · 82 GP · 32.8 MPG · 14.4 pts · 3.8 reb · 3.7 ast · 37.1% 3P on 5.1 3PA · 83% FT

26-27 4 GP · 30.4 MPG · 5.5 pts · 3.0 reb · 2.5 ast · 4/18 3P

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

- Doesn't turn it over: 7.6 TO per 100 usage (95th pct). Don't gamble for steals; play him straight up.
- Doesn't get to the line: 0.10 FTA per FGA (6th pct). Be physical; the whistle is quiet.
- Knockdown 3: 37.1% on 5.1/g (62nd pct). No help off him; run him off the line.

BENCH

44 Landry Shamet
G · 6-5 · age 29 · 8 yrs

25-26 NYK · 51 GP · 23.0 MPG · 9.3 pts · 1.8 reb · 1.4 ast · 39.2% 3P on 5.2 3PA · 71% FT
26-27 4 GP · 24.0 MPG · 8.0 pts · 2.0 reb · 2.0 ast · 8/19 3P
3P% **excellent** FT% **bad** Ball security **elite** Gets to line **below 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: 39.2% on 5.2/g (81st pct). No help off him; run him off the line.
- Pull-up shooter: 27% of his shots are pull-ups (74th pct, 36%). Stay attached over screens; contest without fouling.

2 Miles McBride
G · 6-2 · age 26 · 5 yrs

25-26 NYK · 41 GP · 26.3 MPG · 12.0 pts · 2.4 reb · 2.6 ast · 41.3% 3P on 6.6 3PA · 79% FT
26-27 4 GP · 18.4 MPG · 7.2 pts · 1.2 reb · 1.0 ast · 8/15 3P
3P% **elite** Ball security **elite** Gets to line **bad**

- Doesn't turn it over: 7.2 TO per 100 usage (96th pct). Don't gamble for steals; play him straight up.
- Doesn't get to the line: 0.12 FTA per FGA (9th pct). Be physical; the whistle is quiet.
- Knockdown 3: 41.3% on 6.6/g (92nd pct). No help off him; run him off the line.
- Better above the break: 44% there (192 att) vs 35% from the corners (79). Help off him in the corners; stay attached on top.

0 Andre Drummond
C · 6-10 · age 33 · 14 yrs · NEW · PHI LAST SEASON

25-26 PHI · 63 GP · 19.5 MPG · 6.4 pts · 8.4 reb · 1.3 ast · 35.6% 3P on 1.4 3PA · 63% FT
26-27 4 GP · 13.2 MPG · 7.0 pts · 6.8 reb · 1.8 ast · 0/1 3P
Rim FG% **bad** FT% **bad** Ball security **below average** Gets to line **above average**

- Poor finisher: 53% at the rim (bad, 3rd pct) on 201 attempts. Meet him at the rim; verticality, no fouls.
- New this season: share of FGA from Corner 3 down, 23% -> 0% (25 trials 2026-27 regular season to date; 2025-26 regular season baseline).
- Non-shooter (1.4 3PA/g): sag off him and help from him; no closeouts needed.
- Pressure him: 14.0 TO per 100 usage (below average, 25th pct), 33% of them bad passes; 1 TO in 4 games so far. Hands in the lanes.

5 Jose Alvarado
G · 6-0 · age 28 · 5 yrs · Out · DID NOT PLAY LAST GAME

25-26 NOP/NYK · 69 GP · 19.9 MPG · 7.4 pts · 2.5 reb · 3.4 ast · 35.2% 3P on 4.2 3PA · 76% FT
26-27 2 GP · 13.7 MPG · 5.0 pts · 2.5 reb · 2.5 ast · 2/4 3P
3P% **average** Ball security **bad** Gets to line **bad**

- Capable 3: 35.2% on 4.2/g (44th pct). Closeout under control, contest every one.
- Pressure him: 14.1 TO per 100 usage (bad, 24th pct), 46% of them bad passes; 4 TO in 2 games so far. Hands in the lanes.
- Pull-up shooter: 26% of his shots are pull-ups (73rd pct, 30%). Stay attached over screens; contest without fouling.

13 Tyler Kolek
G · 6-2 · age 25 · 2 yrs

25-26 NYK · 62 GP · 11.7 MPG · 4.4 pts · 1.6 reb · 2.7 ast · 38.6% 3P on 1.8 3PA · 70% FT
26-27 2 GP · 13.1 MPG · 1.0 pts · 2.0 reb · 6.0 ast · 0/3 3P
3P% **excellent** Ball security **bad**

- Pressure him: 17.6 TO per 100 usage (bad, 6th pct), 49% of them bad passes; 0 TO in 2 games so far. Hands in the lanes.
- Takes 1.8 3s/g at 38.6% (76th pct): respect it, closeout.

00 Jordan Clarkson
G · 6-5 · age 34 · 12 yrs · DID NOT PLAY LAST GAME

25-26 NYK · 72 GP · 17.8 MPG · 8.6 pts · 1.8 reb · 1.3 ast · 32.7% 3P on 3.0 3PA · 83% FT
26-27 3 GP · 5.5 MPG · 1.3 pts · 1.0 reb · 0.3 ast · 0/1 3P
3P% **bad** Rim FG% **below average** FT% **good** Ball security **excellent** Gets to line **below average**

- Low-volume, 32.7% from 3 (3.0/g): help off him in the gaps.

11 James Wiseman
C · 7-0 · age 25 · 6 yrs · NEW · IND LAST SEASON

25-26 IND · 4 GP · 14.6 MPG · 3.2 pts · 2.0 reb · 0.8 ast · – 3P on 0.0 3PA · 50% FT
26-27 3 GP · 3.5 MPG · 0.0 pts · 1.0 reb · 0.0 ast · 0/0 3P

- Crashes the glass (3.1 OREB per 36): hit him first, then go get it.

Also seen: J. Akins (#14 G, 1.9 min), M. Diawara (#51 F, 1.2 min), P. Dadiet (#4 F, 1.2 min). Not seen yet: D. Knecht (#4 F, LAL 10.2 MPG last season), K. McCullar Jr. (#9 , NYK 7.4 MPG last season), T. Nickel (#55 F).

GAME PLAN BOXES

FOUL HIM LATE (FT)

- **A. Drummond** — 63% FT (84 FTA, 6th pct)
- **L. Shamet** — 71% FT (76 FTA, 18th pct), 6/12 in clutch
- **J. Hart** — 72% FT (125 FTA, 22nd pct)
- Don't foul: K. Towns 86% FT; J. Brunson 84% FT; J. Clarkson 83% FT; O. Anunoby 83% FT; M. Bridges 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	30%	66%	34%	60%
Paint (non-RA)	16%	45%	15%	27%
Mid-range	12%	44%	10%	38%
Corner 3	14%	42%	15%	36%
Above the break 3	29%	35%	26%	31%

SHOT DIET · SHARE OF FGA, FG%

	25-26	FG%	26-27	FG%
Pull-ups	20%	40%	17%	34%
Drives	27%	56%	26%	46%
Finishes	9%	70%	13%	66%
Catch-and-shoot 3s	28%	38%	28%	34%
Other shots	15%	46%	15%	34%

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.

8 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
11	J. Brunson	140.2	35.0	19.9	36%	36.9%	16%	62%	84%	40%	31%	39%	31%	9.5	0.28	2.4	5.1	2
8	O. Anunoby	136.0	33.2	12.0	51%	38.6%	36%	68%	83%	11%	29%	81%	79%	12.0	0.28	2.7	2.3	0
3	J. Hart	128.1	30.2	9.0	41%	41.3%	35%	67%	72%	21%	34%	68%	73%	16.5	0.21	3.0	2.1	2
32	K. Towns	126.6	31.0	13.8	30%	36.8%	50%	61%	86%	5%	36%	76%	66%	13.3	0.40	4.0	4.9	0
25	M. Bridges	121.6	32.8	11.7	44%	37.1%	24%	74%	83%	16%	18%	78%	78%	7.6	0.10	2.1	1.4	0
44	L. Shamet	95.9	23.0	7.1	72%	39.2%	17%	69%	71%	27%	12%	64%	91%	7.0	0.21	2.4	1.6	0
2	M. McBride	73.5	26.3	9.8	67%	41.3%	10%	56%	79%	36%	11%	64%	68%	7.2	0.12	2.3	1.0	0
0	A. Drummond	52.9	19.5	5.3	27%	35.6%	60%	53%	63%	1%	7%	97%	60%	14.0	0.25	3.7	1.3	4
5	J. Alvarado	27.3	19.9	6.5	64%	35.2%	18%	66%	76%	26%	28%	54%	65%	14.1	0.10	3.4	0.9	0
13	T. Kolek	26.3	11.7	4.0	46%	38.6%	22%	61%	70%	25%	37%	60%	50%	17.6	0.08	3.2	0.6	0
00	J. Clarkson	16.6	17.8	7.3	41%	32.7%	24%	64%	83%	14%	34%	67%	64%	10.0	0.18	3.5	1.1	0
11	J. Wiseman	10.5	14.6	2.5	0%	–	70%	71%	50%	0%	10%	–	67%	31.5	0.20	6.2	0.5	0
14	J. Akins	1.9	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
51	M. Diawara	1.2	9.2	3.1	61%	36.9%	24%	50%	75%	13%	26%	78%	81%	11.8	0.11	2.8	0.3	0
4	P. Dadiet	1.2	4.7	1.7	67%	21.9%	17%	88%	82%	17%	17%	75%	94%	5.4	0.23	2.1	0.2	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.

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 22:46 UTC.