Scouting WAS · from Cleveland's side

Washington Wizards

2026-27: 3 games (Oct 21 vs MIL · Oct 24 @ CHI · Oct 26 @ CHA) · baseline 2025-26 regular season

WAS @ CLE
Wed Oct 28, 2026 · 7:00 PM ET
Game 0022600133

INJURY REPORT & SCHEDULE · official report of 2026-10-28, read 2026-10-28 21:51 UTC; statuses as listed, no reasons

WAS	Jamir Watkins: Out	Justin Champagnie: Out	Tristan Vukčević: Out
CLE	Ernest Udeh, Jr.: Out	Khalifa Diop: Out	Nae'Qwan Tomlin: Out

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

IN TEN SECONDS

1. **Last season: 6th-worst offensive rebounding (28.4%), 9th-fewest turnovers forced (13.7/100), 2nd-most fouls (21.3/g), 7th-most turnovers (15.5/100). Through 3 games the profile has moved: above-the-break-3 share 31% → 22% (265 trials; each clears the flag rule).**
2. **Scoring last season: A. Davis 20.4/g (27.3 so far), T. Young 16.8/g (22.3 so far), A. Sarr 16.2/g (9.3 so far).**

TEAM KEYS

- Also moved through 3 games (265 trials): above-the-break-3 share 31% → 22%. Small sample, but each clears the flag rule.
- Soft rim protection: opponents shoot 68% at the rim (6th worst) and get 35% of their shots there (most in the league). Get downhill; finish at the rim.
- Soft on the defensive glass: DREB% 66.6% (2nd worst). Send two to the offensive boards.
- Foul-prone team: 21.3 fouls per game (2nd most). Attack the paint and get to the line.
- They rarely get to the line: 0.23 FTA per FGA (4th fewest). Be physical; the whistle is quiet.
- Pace: 100.6 possessions per game (6th fastest).

STARTERS · LAST GAME

3 Trae Young

G · 6-1 · age 28 · 8 yrs · STARTED LAST GAME

25-26 ATL/WAS · 16 GP · 25.6 MPG · 16.8 pts · 1.9 reb · 7.5 ast · 33.8% 3P on 5.0 3PA · 82% FT
26-27 3 GP · 36.6 MPG · 22.3 pts · 3.3 reb · 10.7 ast · 25% 3P on 6.7 3PA

FT% **good**

- Capable 3: 33.8% on 5.0/g. Closeout under control, contest every one.
- Primary creator (7.5 AST/g): stay home on shooters when he drives; take away the kick-out.

23 Anthony Davis

F-C · 6-10 · age 33 · 14 yrs · STARTED LAST GAME · NEW · DAL LAST SEASON

25-26 DAL · 20 GP · 31.3 MPG · 20.4 pts · 11.1 reb · 2.8 ast · 27.0% 3P on 1.9 3PA · 73% FT
26-27 3 GP · 33.4 MPG · 27.3 pts · 9.3 reb · 2.7 ast · 4/10 3P

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

- Low-volume, 27.0% from 3 (1.9/g): help off him in the gaps.
- Crashes the glass (3.6 OREB per 36): hit him first, then go get it.

18 Kyshawn George

F · 6-8 · age 22 · 2 yrs · STARTED LAST GAME

25-26 WAS · 48 GP · 29.0 MPG · 14.8 pts · 5.1 reb · 4.5 ast · 38.1% 3P on 5.4 3PA · 80% FT
26-27 3 GP · 31.2 MPG · 20.0 pts · 6.0 reb · 3.3 ast · 3/13 3P

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

- Pressure him: 16.5 TO per 100 usage (bad, 10th pct), 38% of them bad passes; 11 TO in 3 games so far. Hands in the lanes.
- New this season: share of FGA from Restricted Area up, 21% -> 44% (45 trials 2026-27 regular season to date; 2025-26 regular season baseline).
- Knockdown 3: 38.1% on 5.4/g (70th pct). No help off him; run him off the line.

0 Bilal Coulibaly

G · 6-7 · age 22 · 3 yrs · STARTED LAST GAME

25-26 WAS · 56 GP · 26.2 MPG · 11.7 pts · 4.3 reb · 2.6 ast · 31.9% 3P on 3.6 3PA · 75% FT
26-27 3 GP · 27.7 MPG · 7.0 pts · 3.7 reb · 0.7 ast · 1/8 3P

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

- New this season: share of FGA from Corner 3 up, 13% -> 41% (17 trials 2026-27 regular season to date; 2025-26 regular season baseline).
- Volume 3s at 31.9%, 3.6/g (17th pct): make him shoot contested, no fly-bys.
- Corner specialist: 44% from the corners (70 att), 25% above the break (134). No help off the corners; help off him on top.

20 Alex Sarr

C · 7-0 · age 21 · 2 yrs · STARTED LAST GAME

25-26 WAS · 47 GP · 27.1 MPG · 16.2 pts · 7.5 reb · 2.7 ast · 34.2% 3P on 3.1 3PA · 70% FT
26-27 3 GP · 24.3 MPG · 9.3 pts · 5.7 reb · 2.0 ast · 0/6 3P

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

- Capable 3: 34.2% on 3.1/g (36th pct). Closeout under control, contest every one.
- Make him take the floater: 38% on 178 non-RA paint shots (28% of his FGA).

BENCH

7 Bub Carrington G · 6-4 · age 21 · 2 yrs

25-26 WAS · 81 GP · 27.7 MPG · 10.8 pts · 3.4 reb · 4.6 ast · 41.0% 3P on 5.0 3PA · 73% FT
26-27 3 GP · 22.5 MPG · 8.3 pts · 1.0 reb · 2.7 ast · 7/13 3P
3P% **elite** FT% **below average** Ball security **bad** Gets to line **bad**

- Pressure him: 19.6 TO per 100 usage (bad, 2nd pct), 55% of them bad passes; 3 TO in 3 games so far. Hands in the lanes.
- New this season: share of FGA from Corner 3 up, 7% -> 37% (19 trials 2026-27 regular season to date; 2025-26 regular season baseline).
- Doesn't get to the line: 0.15 FTA per FGA (18th pct). Be physical; the whistle is quiet.

12 Tre Johnson G · 6-5 · age 20 · 1 yrs

25-26 WAS · 59 GP · 24.0 MPG · 12.1 pts · 2.8 reb · 2.0 ast · 35.3% 3P on 5.4 3PA · 88% FT
26-27 3 GP · 21.7 MPG · 9.3 pts · 2.0 reb · 1.3 ast · 3/13 3P
3P% **average** FT% **elite** 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: 35.3% on 5.4/g (45th pct). Closeout under control, contest every one.
- Corner specialist: 47% from the corners (57 att), 33% above the break (260). No help off the corners; help off him on top.

9 Justin Champagnie G-F · 6-6 · age 25 · 5 yrs **Out**

25-26 WAS · 68 GP · 20.0 MPG · 8.7 pts · 5.5 reb · 1.2 ast · 32.5% 3P on 2.4 3PA · 78% FT
26-27 3 GP · 16.9 MPG · 7.0 pts · 8.0 reb · 1.7 ast · 2/5 3P
3P% **bad** Rim FG% **good** FT% **average** Ball security **elite** Gets to line **below average**

- Doesn't turn it over: 8.1 TO per 100 usage (92nd pct). Don't gamble for steals; play him straight up.
- Low-volume, 32.5% from 3 (2.4/g): help off him in the gaps.
- Lives at the rim: 53% of his shots in the restricted area, 70% there. Build the wall, no straight-line drives.

8 Deandre Ayton C · 7-0 · age 28 · 8 yrs NEW · LAL LAST SEASON

25-26 LAL · 72 GP · 27.2 MPG · 12.5 pts · 8.0 reb · 0.8 ast · – 3P on 0.0 3PA · 64% FT
26-27 3 GP · 14.4 MPG · 5.7 pts · 4.3 reb · 0.7 ast · 0/0 3P
Rim FG% **elite** FT% **bad** Ball security **above average** Gets to line **average**

- Elite finisher: 80% at the rim (99th pct) on 331 attempts, 55% 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.
- Crashes the glass (3.4 OREB per 36): hit him first, then go get it.

22 Khris Middleton F · 6-7 · age 35 · 14 yrs

25-26 DAL/WAS · 62 GP · 22.9 MPG · 10.3 pts · 3.7 reb · 2.8 ast · 36.2% 3P on 3.0 3PA · 88% FT
26-27 2 GP · 12.6 MPG · 1.0 pts · 1.5 reb · 0.0 ast · 0/0 3P
3P% **above average** FT% **excellent** Ball security **bad** Gets to line **above average**

- Pressure him: 15.1 TO per 100 usage (bad, 18th pct), 49% of them bad passes; 2 TO in 2 games so far. Hands in the lanes.
- Takes 3.0 3s/g at 36.2% (54th pct): respect it, closeout.
- Pull-up shooter: 30% of his shots are pull-ups (79th pct, 39%). Stay attached over screens; contest without fouling.

Also seen: W. Riley (#27 F, 8.7 min), A. Dybantsa (#4 F, 0.0 min). Not seen yet in the 3 games counted (1 left out: box score not held): J. Watkins (#5 F, WAS 20.6 MPG last season), A. Gill (#16 F, WAS 17.6 MPG last season), T. Vukcevic (#00 F, WAS 13.9 MPG last season), T. Mann (#1 G, CHA 12.6 MPG last season), R. Beekman (#26 G), F. Okpara (#34 C).

GAME PLAN BOXES

FOUL HIM LATE (FT)

- **D. Ayton** — 64% FT (141 FTA, 8th pct), 8/10 in clutch
- **A. Sarr** — 70% FT (142 FTA, 16th pct)
- **A. Davis** — 73% FT (81 FTA, 25th pct)
- **B. Carrington** — 73% FT (111 FTA, 25th pct)
- **B. Coulibaly** — 75% FT (177 FTA, 30th pct)
- Don't foul: T. Johnson 88% FT; K. Middleton 88% FT; T. Young 82% FT; K. George 80% 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	29%	67%	35%	78%
Paint (non-RA)	18%	39%	18%	44%
Mid-range	13%	43%	13%	34%
Corner 3	9%	39%	11%	30%
Above the break 3	31%	35%	22%	27%

SHOT DIET · SHARE OF FGA, FG%

	25-26	FG%	26-27	FG%
Pull-ups	23%	40%	20%	27%
Drives	27%	51%	25%	62%
Finishes	10%	73%	14%	87%
Catch-and-shoot 3s	24%	36%	18%	35%
Other shots	16%	47%	23%	43%

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'); 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
3	T. Young	109.7	25.6	11.1	45%	33.8%	19%	68%	82%	41%	44%	20%	44%	15.1	0.55	3.1	5.2	0
23	A. Davis	100.2	31.3	16.7	11%	27.0%	44%	66%	73%	10%	26%	89%	58%	10.0	0.24	2.4	4.3	0
18	K. George	93.5	29.0	12.0	45%	38.1%	21%	64%	80%	34%	28%	48%	52%	16.5	0.23	4.4	2.6	3
0	B. Coulibaly	83.1	26.2	9.7	38%	31.9%	35%	64%	75%	13%	38%	78%	55%	11.6	0.33	3.2	2.4	1
20	A. Sarr	72.9	27.1	13.6	23%	34.2%	38%	68%	70%	7%	20%	87%	71%	10.1	0.22	3.0	2.6	0
7	B. Carrington	67.4	27.7	9.0	56%	41.0%	8%	50%	73%	51%	13%	39%	51%	19.6	0.15	2.9	1.4	2
12	T. Johnson	65.0	24.0	10.8	50%	35.3%	11%	52%	88%	35%	25%	51%	58%	11.9	0.14	3.0	1.2	0
9	J. Champagnie	50.8	20.0	6.7	36%	32.5%	53%	70%	78%	4%	26%	80%	65%	8.1	0.21	3.0	1.2	0
8	D. Ayton	43.3	27.2	8.3	0%	–	55%	80%	64%	1%	13%	–	80%	11.1	0.23	2.9	1.6	0
22	K. Middleton	25.2	22.9	8.7	34%	36.2%	12%	55%	88%	30%	17%	58%	55%	15.1	0.25	3.6	1.8	0
27	W. Riley	8.7	22.2	8.4	40%	31.6%	28%	70%	80%	21%	34%	60%	57%	11.9	0.29	2.0	1.8	0
4	A. Dybantsa	0.0	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	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 (3 games; 1 left out: box score not held). 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 21:51 UTC.