Scouting ATL · from Cleveland's side

Atlanta Hawks

2026-27: 5 games (Oct 21 @ ORL · Oct 23 @ CHA · Oct 24 vs HOU · Oct 26 @ HOU · Oct 28 vs MIA) · baseline 2025-26 regular season

CLE @ ATL
Thu Oct 29, 2026 · 8:00 PM ET
Game 0022600144

INJURY REPORT & SCHEDULE · official report of 2026-10-29, read 2026-10-29 22:45 UTC; statuses as listed, no reasons

ATL	Henri Veesaar: Out	Mouhamed Gueye: Out	Jalen Wilson: Questionable	Keshon Gilbert: Questionable	RayJ Dennis: Questionable
CLE	Khalifa Diop: Out	Nae'Qwan Tomlin: Out	Jaylon Tyson: Questionable	Meleek Thomas: Questionable	

ATL: second night of a back-to-back, 3 games in 4 nights, previous game Oct 28 vs MIA.

IN TEN SECONDS

1. **Last season: 6th-most turnovers forced (15.9/100), 6th-most transition (13%), 8th-fewest turnovers (14.1/100), 5th-fastest pace (100.7).**
2. **Scoring last season: J. Johnson 22.5/g (19.6 so far), N. Alexander-Walker 20.8/g (19.6 so far), C. McCollum 18.6/g (16.4 so far).**

TEAM KEYS

- Soft rim protection: opponents shoot 65% at the rim (8th best) and get 33% of their shots there (5th most). Get downhill; finish at the rim.
- 69% of their makes are assisted (4th most). Take away the pass; stay home.
- Pace: 100.7 possessions per game (5th fastest).
- They rarely get to the line: 0.23 FTA per FGA (5th fewest). Be physical; the whistle is quiet.
- They run: 13% of FGA in transition (6th most). Sprint back, build the wall early, no leak-outs.
- They force turnovers: 15.9 per 100 (6th most). Strong with the ball; no casual passes.

STARTERS · LAST GAME

1 Jalen Johnson

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

25-26 ATL · 72 GP · 35.2 MPG · 22.5 pts · 10.3 reb · 7.9 ast · 35.2% 3P on 4.7 3PA · 79% FT
26-27 5 GP · 33.2 MPG · 19.6 pts · 9.6 reb · 8.8 ast · 22% 3P on 4.6 3PA

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

- Pressure him: 14.9 TO per 100 usage (bad, 19th pct), 46% of them bad passes; 14 TO in 5 games so far. Hands in the lanes; 7.9 AST/g, so stay home on shooters when he drives.
- Capable 3: 35.2% on 4.7/g (44th pct). Closeout under control, contest every one.
- Make him take the floater: 41% on 346 non-RA paint shots (28% of his FGA).

7 Nickeil Alexander-Walker

G · 6-5 · age 28 · 7 yrs · STARTED LAST GAME

25-26 ATL · 78 GP · 33.4 MPG · 20.8 pts · 3.4 reb · 3.6 ast · 39.9% 3P on 8.1 3PA · 90% FT
26-27 5 GP · 30.1 MPG · 19.6 pts · 3.4 reb · 3.2 ast · 42% 3P on 8.6 3PA

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

- New this season: assisted share of made FGs up, 70% -> 88% (33 trials 2026-27 regular season to date; 2025-26 regular season baseline).
- Knockdown 3: 39.9% on 8.1/g (86th pct). No help off him; run him off the line.
- Poor finisher: 61% at the rim (bad, 19th pct) on 315 attempts. Meet him at the rim; verticality, no fouls.
- Corner specialist: 48% from the corners (175 att), 37% above the break (454). No help off the corners; help off him on top.

5 Dyson Daniels

G · 6-7 · age 23 · 4 yrs · STARTED LAST GAME

25-26 ATL · 76 GP · 33.2 MPG · 11.9 pts · 6.8 reb · 5.9 ast · 18.8% 3P on 1.5 3PA · 62% FT
26-27 5 GP · 28.5 MPG · 12.0 pts · 5.0 reb · 4.2 ast · 1/6 3P

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

- New this season: assisted share of made FGs up, 60% -> 88% (26 trials 2026-27 regular season to date; 2025-26 regular season baseline).
- Low-volume, 18.8% from 3 (1.5/g): help off him in the gaps.
- Make him take the floater: 44% on 239 non-RA paint shots (31% of his FGA).

17 Onyeka Okongwu

F-C · 6-10 · age 25 · 6 yrs · STARTED LAST GAME

25-26 ATL · 74 GP · 31.0 MPG · 15.2 pts · 7.6 reb · 3.1 ast · 37.6% 3P on 5.2 3PA · 76% FT
26-27 5 GP · 27.4 MPG · 9.6 pts · 5.6 reb · 3.0 ast · 20% 3P on 4.0 3PA

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

- Knockdown 3: 37.6% on 5.2/g (67th pct). No help off him; run him off the line.

3 CJ McCollum

G · 6-2 · age 35 · 13 yrs · STARTED LAST GAME

25-26 ATL/WAS · 75 GP · 29.8 MPG · 18.6 pts · 3.3 reb · 3.9 ast · 37.2% 3P on 6.6 3PA · 77% FT
26-27 5 GP · 25.1 MPG · 16.4 pts · 1.6 reb · 2.0 ast · 44% 3P on 5.4 3PA

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

- Knockdown 3: 37.2% on 6.6/g (63rd pct). No help off him; run him off the line.
- Pull-up shooter: 37% of his shots are pull-ups (91st pct, 43%). Stay attached over screens; contest without fouling.

BENCH

2 Aaron Wiggins G · 6-5 · age 27 · 5 yrs NEW · OKC LAST SEASON

25-26 OKC · 65 GP · 21.8 MPG · 9.4 pts · 3.1 reb · 1.7 ast · 35.6% 3P on 4.2 3PA · 74% FT
26-27 5 GP · 26.5 MPG · 14.6 pts · 3.4 reb · 1.8 ast · 44% 3P on 6.4 3PA
3P% **average** Rim FG% **bad** Ball security **average** Gets to line **bad**

- Poor finisher: 59% at the rim (bad, 13th pct) on 156 attempts. Meet him at the rim; verticality, no fouls.
- Doesn't get to the line: 0.13 FTA per FGA (15th pct). Be physical; the whistle is quiet.
- Capable 3: 35.6% on 4.2/g (47th pct). Closeout under control, contest every one.

0 Luguentz Dort G · 6-4 · age 27 · 7 yrs NEW · OKC LAST SEASON

25-26 OKC · 69 GP · 26.8 MPG · 8.3 pts · 3.5 reb · 1.2 ast · 34.4% 3P on 5.4 3PA · 76% FT
26-27 5 GP · 23.0 MPG · 8.6 pts · 3.2 reb · 1.8 ast · 27% 3P on 4.4 3PA
3P% **below average** Ball security **excellent** Gets to line **bad**

- New this season: share of FGA from Restricted Area up, 12% -> 35% (40 trials 2026-27 regular season to date; 2025-26 regular season baseline).
- Doesn't turn it over: 8.9 TO per 100 usage (85th pct). Don't gamble for steals; play him straight up.
- Capable 3: 34.4% on 5.4/g (38th pct). Closeout under control, contest every one.

4 Kingston Flemings G · 6-3 · age 19 · rookie

25-26 – · 0 GP · – MPG · – pts · – reb · – ast · – 3P on – 3PA · – FT
26-27 5 GP · 20.2 MPG · 7.2 pts · 3.4 reb · 4.4 ast · 4/10 3P

31 Jock Landale C · 6-11 · age 31 · 5 yrs

25-26 ATL/MEM · 68 GP · 22.2 MPG · 10.6 pts · 5.7 reb · 1.7 ast · 38.3% 3P on 2.8 3PA · 64% FT
26-27 5 GP · 18.0 MPG · 7.6 pts · 4.8 reb · 2.6 ast · 1/13 3P
3P% **good** Rim FG% **below average** FT% **bad** Ball security **excellent** Gets to line **average**

- Doesn't turn it over: 9.0 TO per 100 usage (84th pct). Don't gamble for steals; play him straight up.
- Takes 2.8 3s/g at 38.3% (73rd pct): respect it, closeout.
- Poor finisher: 63% at the rim (below average, 34th pct) on 216 attempts. Meet him at the rim; verticality, no fouls.

24 Corey Kispert F · 6-6 · age 27 · 5 yrs DID NOT PLAY LAST GAME

25-26 ATL/WAS · 57 GP · 18.6 MPG · 9.1 pts · 2.3 reb · 1.5 ast · 36.5% 3P on 4.1 3PA · 78% FT
26-27 2 GP · 5.5 MPG · 8.0 pts · 0.5 reb · 0.5 ast · 4/5 3P
3P% **above average** Rim FG% **above average** FT% **average** Ball security **excellent** Gets to line **average**

- Capable 3: 36.5% on 4.1/g (56th pct). Closeout under control, contest every one.
- Doesn't turn it over: 9.3 TO per 100 usage (80th pct). Don't gamble for steals; play him straight up.

Also seen: D. Finney-Smith (#8 F, 9.5 min), A. Newell (#14 F, 9.5 min), Z. Ejiofor (#20 F, 9.5 min). Not seen yet: K. Gilbert (#00 G, ATL/WAS 18.4 MPG last season), J. Wilson (#22 F, BKN 15.9 MPG last season), M. Gueye (#18 F, ATL 15.3 MPG last season), R. Dennis (#00 G, ATL/IND/LAC 12.1 MPG last season), H. Veesaar (#13 C).

GAME PLAN BOXES

FOUL HIM LATE (FT)

- **D. Daniels** — 62% FT (122 FTA, 5th pct)
- **J. Landale** — 64% FT (126 FTA, 6th pct)
- **O. Okongwu** — 76% FT (202 FTA, 34th pct)
- Don't foul: N. Alexander-Walker 90% 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%	65%	32%	67%
Paint (non-RA)	19%	45%	18%	44%
Mid-range	8%	43%	6%	37%
Corner 3	12%	39%	10%	41%
Above the break 3	31%	36%	34%	33%

SHOT DIET · SHARE OF FGA, FG%

	25-26	FG%	26-27	FG%
Pull-ups	15%	37%	16%	37%
Drives	30%	54%	28%	63%
Finishes	10%	69%	11%	69%
Catch-and-shoot 3s	30%	38%	29%	33%
Other shots	15%	49%	17%	42%

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'); 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
1	J. Johnson	166.1	35.2	17.1	28%	35.2%	32%	69%	79%	17%	39%	64%	55%	14.9	0.31	2.1	3.7	0
7	N. Alexander-Walker	150.5	33.4	15.3	53%	39.9%	26%	61%	90%	22%	32%	61%	70%	10.8	0.26	2.4	3.7	1
5	D. Daniels	142.6	33.2	10.2	15%	18.8%	52%	66%	62%	2%	50%	92%	60%	14.0	0.16	2.4	1.7	1
17	O. Okongwu	136.9	31.0	11.6	45%	37.6%	30%	66%	76%	1%	24%	88%	84%	11.8	0.23	3.8	2.3	0
2	A. Wiggins	132.3	21.8	8.2	50%	35.6%	29%	59%	74%	14%	32%	72%	68%	12.5	0.13	2.1	0.9	0
3	C. McCollum	125.3	29.8	15.2	44%	37.2%	19%	60%	77%	37%	33%	43%	46%	9.6	0.20	2.3	2.2	0
0	L. Dort	114.9	26.8	7.6	71%	34.4%	12%	62%	76%	16%	12%	84%	89%	8.9	0.11	3.5	1.5	2
4	K. Flemings	101.1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
31	J. Landale	90.0	22.2	8.1	35%	38.3%	39%	63%	64%	0%	8%	96%	77%	9.0	0.23	3.6	2.0	0
24	C. Kispert	11.1	18.6	6.8	60%	36.5%	29%	66%	78%	7%	27%	72%	85%	9.3	0.24	2.0	1.2	0
8	D. Finney-Smith	9.5	16.8	3.6	76%	27.0%	21%	57%	89%	4%	8%	88%	80%	13.9	0.07	3.5	0.2	0
14	A. Newell	9.5	11.4	3.8	44%	38.7%	46%	69%	55%	1%	21%	91%	78%	11.2	0.17	4.7	0.7	0
20	Z. Ejiofor	9.5	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	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 (5 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 22:46 UTC.