Scouting DAL · from Houston's side

Dallas Mavericks

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

HOU @ DAL
Fri Oct 30, 2026 · 8:00 PM ET
Game 0022600021

INJURY REPORT & SCHEDULE · official report of 2026-10-30, read 2026-10-30 22:50 UTC; statuses as listed, no reasons

DAL Dereck Lively II: Out · Sergio de Larrea: Out · Santi Aldama: Doubtful · Tarik Biberović: Doubtful · Naji Marshall: Probable

HOU Julian Phillips: Out · Quadir Copeland: Out · Reed Sheppard: Out · Steven Adams: Out · Alperen Sengun: Questionable · Marcus Smart: Questionable

DAL: one day of rest, previous game Oct 28 vs OKC.

IN TEN SECONDS

1. **Last season: 5th-most paint attempts (52%), 4th-worst offensive rebounding (27.9%), 4th-fewest turnovers forced (13.2/100), 2nd-fewest fouls (18.4/g). Through 5 games the profile has moved: above-the-break-3 share 25% → 32%; drive share 32% → 25%; 3PA share 36% → 43%; shooting-foul share 59% → 46% (446 trials; each clears the flag rule).**
2. **Scoring last season: C. Flagg 21.0/g (25.2 so far), N. Marshall 15.2/g (13.7 so far), P. Washington 14.2/g (16.0 so far).**

TEAM KEYS

- Also moved through 5 games (446 trials): above-the-break-3 share 25% → 32%; drive share 32% → 25%; shooting-foul share 59% → 46%. Small sample, but each clears the flag rule.
- Paint team last season: 52% paint attempts (5th most); 36% 3PA share (26th of 30). Through 5 games: 3PA share 36% → 43%. Chase Christie 40%, Risacher 37%, Sasser 42%; wall up on Gafford, Marshall, Martin, Cisse.
- Soft rim protection: get 32% of their shots there (9th most). Get downhill; finish at the rim.
- Disciplined: 18.4 fouls per game (2nd fewest). Don't count on free throws; earn them in the paint.
- Pace: 101.3 possessions per game (3rd fastest).
- Inefficient offense: eFG% 52.7% (4th worst). Make them take contested twos.

STARTERS · LAST GAME

25 P.J. Washington

F · 6-6 · age 28 · 7 yrs · STARTED LAST GAME

25-26 DAL · 56 GP · 31.0 MPG · 14.2 pts · 7.0 reb · 1.8 ast · 32.5% 3P on 4.2 3PA · 69% FT
26-27 5 GP · 33.4 MPG · 16.0 pts · 7.8 reb · 1.2 ast · 32% 3P on 6.2 3PA

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

- New this season: catch-and-shoot-3 proxy share of FGA up, 29% -> 43% (63 trials 2026-27 regular season to date; 2025-26 regular season baseline).
- Poor finisher: 60% at the rim (bad, 18th pct) on 223 attempts. Meet him at the rim; verticality, no fouls.
- Volume 3s at 32.5%, 4.2/g (21st pct): make him shoot contested, no fly-bys.

0 Max Christie

G · 6-5 · age 23 · 4 yrs · STARTED LAST GAME

25-26 DAL · 77 GP · 29.1 MPG · 12.3 pts · 3.2 reb · 2.0 ast · 40.4% 3P on 5.8 3PA · 90% FT
26-27 5 GP · 27.9 MPG · 9.6 pts · 4.4 reb · 2.4 ast · 33% 3P on 6.0 3PA

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

- New this season: catch-and-shoot-3 proxy share of FGA up, 36% -> 53% (45 trials 2026-27 regular season to date; 2025-26 regular season baseline).
- Knockdown 3: 40.4% on 5.8/g (88th pct). No help off him; run him off the line.
- Pull-up shooter: 26% of his shots are pull-ups (72nd pct, 36%). Stay attached over screens; contest without fouling.

32 Cooper Flagg

F · 6-10 · age 19 · 1 yrs · STARTED LAST GAME

25-26 DAL · 70 GP · 33.5 MPG · 21.0 pts · 6.7 reb · 4.5 ast · 29.5% 3P on 3.5 3PA · 83% FT
26-27 4 GP · 30.6 MPG · 25.2 pts · 5.2 reb · 6.8 ast · 32% 3P on 5.5 3PA

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

- New this season: catch-and-shoot-3 proxy share of FGA up, 9% -> 20% (69 trials 2026-27 regular season to date; 2025-26 regular season baseline).
- Volume 3s at 29.5%, 3.5/g (8th pct): make him shoot contested, no fly-bys.
- Downhill driver: 44% of his shots are drives at 54% (91st pct). Show early help, wall up, make him pass.

21 Daniel Gafford

F-C · 6-10 · age 28 · 7 yrs · STARTED LAST GAME

25-26 DAL · 55 GP · 21.7 MPG · 9.5 pts · 6.9 reb · 1.1 ast · – 3P on 0.0 3PA · 68% FT
26-27 5 GP · 22.3 MPG · 6.6 pts · 7.0 reb · 2.6 ast · 1/1 3P

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

- Lives at the line: 0.51 FTA per FGA (elite, 97th pct), 2.7 fouls drawn/g, 68% FT. Verticality, hands back, no reach.
- Non-shooter (0.0 3PA/g): sag off him and help from him; no closeouts needed.
- Lives at the rim: 83% of his shots in the restricted area, 70% there. Build the wall, no straight-line drives.

11 Kyrie Irving

G · 6-2 · age 34 · 15 yrs · STARTED LAST GAME

25-26 – · 0 GP · – MPG · – pts · – reb · – ast · – 3P on – 3PA · – FT
26-27 4 GP · 27.1 MPG · 18.0 pts · 3.2 reb · 3.8 ast · 33% 3P on 8.2 3PA

BENCH

10 Zaccharie Risacher
F · 6-8 · age 21 · 2 yrs · STARTED 1 OF 5 · NEW · ATL LAST SEASON

25-26 ATL · 67 GP · 22.4 MPG · 9.6 pts · 3.8 reb · 1.1 ast · 36.8% 3P on 3.9 3PA · 64% FT
26-27 5 GP · 29.8 MPG · 9.0 pts · 6.0 reb · 1.4 ast · 25% 3P on 4.0 3PA

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

- Doesn't turn it over: 9.2 TO per 100 usage (83rd pct). Don't gamble for steals; play him straight up.
- Capable 3: 36.8% on 3.9/g (59th pct). Closeout under control, contest every one.
- Poor finisher: 61% at the rim (bad, 19th pct) on 183 attempts. Meet him at the rim; verticality, no fouls.

8 Marcus Sasser
G · 6-2 · age 26 · 3 yrs · NEW · DET LAST SEASON

25-26 DET · 38 GP · 12.0 MPG · 5.2 pts · 1.0 reb · 2.0 ast · 41.5% 3P on 2.8 3PA · 83% FT
26-27 5 GP · 21.4 MPG · 9.0 pts · 1.6 reb · 2.6 ast · 9/19 3P

3P% elite

- Takes 2.8 3s/g at 41.5% (93rd pct): respect it, closeout.

3 Naji Marshall
F · 6-6 · age 28 · 6 yrs · Probable · STARTED 1 OF 3 · DID NOT PLAY LAST GAME

25-26 DAL · 74 GP · 29.5 MPG · 15.2 pts · 4.7 reb · 3.3 ast · 29.1% 3P on 2.9 3PA · 76% FT
26-27 3 GP · 27.6 MPG · 13.7 pts · 3.3 reb · 5.7 ast · 3/11 3P

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

- Lives at the line: 0.36 FTA per FGA (excellent, 86th pct), 2.6 fouls drawn/g, 76% FT. Verticality, hands back, no reach.
- Low-volume, 29.1% from 3 (2.9/g): help off him in the gaps.
- Corner specialist: 35% from the corners (103 att), 24% above the break (110). No help off the corners; help off him on top.

14 Morez Johnson Jr.
F · 6-10 · age 20 · rookie

25-26 – · 0 GP · – MPG · – pts · – reb · – ast · – 3P on – 3PA · – FT
26-27 5 GP · 15.1 MPG · 7.2 pts · 3.6 reb · 1.4 ast · 0/3 3P

4 Walter Clayton Jr.
G · 6-3 · age 23 · 1 yrs · NEW · MEM/UTA LAST SEASON

25-26 MEM/UTA · 69 GP · 20.4 MPG · 7.8 pts · 2.0 reb · 4.0 ast · 30.7% 3P on 3.5 3PA · 90% FT
26-27 4 GP · 11.8 MPG · 4.5 pts · 2.2 reb · 3.5 ast · 3/7 3P

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

- Pressure him: 18.4 TO per 100 usage (bad, 4th pct), 42% of them bad passes; 2 TO in 4 games so far. Hands in the lanes.
- Volume 3s at 30.7%, 3.5/g (10th pct): make him shoot contested, no fly-bys.
- Pull-up shooter: 33% of his shots are pull-ups (85th pct, 33%). Stay attached over screens; contest without fouling.

55 Sergio de Larrea
G · 6-6 · age 20 · rookie · Out · DID NOT PLAY LAST GAME

25-26 – · 0 GP · – MPG · – pts · – reb · – ast · – 3P on – 3PA · – FT
26-27 4 GP · 11.6 MPG · 5.2 pts · 2.0 reb · 1.2 ast · 3/5 3P

16 Caleb Martin
F · 6-5 · age 31 · 7 yrs

25-26 DAL · 58 GP · 14.8 MPG · 3.9 pts · 2.5 reb · 1.4 ast · 35.1% 3P on 1.0 3PA · 61% FT
26-27 1 GP · 13.8 MPG · 10.0 pts · 2.0 reb · 0.0 ast · 2/4 3P

- Non-shooter (1.0 3PA/g, 35% from 3): go under screens, help off him.

30 Moussa Cissé
C · 6-11 · age 24 · 1 yrs · FOUL TARGET

25-26 DAL · 38 GP · 13.9 MPG · 4.5 pts · 5.7 reb · 0.2 ast · – 3P on 0.0 3PA · 47% FT
26-27 4 GP · 3.3 MPG · 2.5 pts · 1.2 reb · 0.0 ast · 0/0 3P

Rim FG% bad · FT% bad

- Non-shooter (0.0 3PA/g): sag off him and help from him; no closeouts needed.
- Poor finisher: 61% at the rim (bad, 21st pct) on 103 attempts. Meet him at the rim; verticality, no fouls.
- Crashes the glass (6.0 OREB per 36): hit him first, then go get it.
- Foul-prone: 5.0 PF per 36 (2025-26 regular season). Attack him early; get him to two.

Also seen: T. Lawal (#33 F, 8.1 min), J. Howard (#9 G, 6.8 min). Not seen yet: S. Aldama (#34 F-C, MEM 27.9 MPG last season), D. Lively II (#2 C, DAL 16.5 MPG last season), T. Biberović (#13 F).

GAME PLAN BOXES

FOUL HIM LATE (FT)

- **M. Cisse** — 47% FT (81 FTA, 1st pct)
- **Z. Risacher** — 64% FT (90 FTA, 7th pct)
- **D. Gafford** — 68% FT (161 FTA, 13th pct), 11/14 in clutch
- **P. Washington** — 69% FT (182 FTA, 13th pct), 14/20 in clutch
- **N. Marshall** — 76% FT (300 FTA, 35th pct), 19/29 in clutch
- Don't foul: W. Clayton Jr. 90% FT; M. Christie 90% FT; C. Flagg 83% FT

FOUL TROUBLE

- **M. Cisse** — 5.0 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	30%	65%	25%	66%
Paint (non-RA)	21%	46%	21%	58%
Mid-range	13%	39%	11%	51%
Corner 3	11%	37%	10%	41%
Above the break 3	25%	33%	32%	33%

SHOT DIET · SHARE OF FGA, FG%

	25-26	FG%	26-27	FG%
Pull-ups	20%	38%	20%	42%
Drives	32%	53%	25%	57%
Finishes	10%	68%	10%	79%
Catch-and-shoot 3s	23%	35%	29%	33%
Other shots	15%	49%	17%	57%

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.

5 player rates flagged as changed from last season (bullets starting 'New this season'); 4 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
25	P. Washington	167.0	31.0	11.8	36%	32.5%	34%	60%	69%	8%	34%	82%	68%	11.3	0.28	2.5	2.4	2
10	Z. Risacher	149.1	22.4	8.0	48%	36.8%	34%	61%	64%	12%	24%	71%	81%	9.2	0.17	3.5	1.1	0
0	M. Christie	139.7	29.1	9.4	62%	40.4%	19%	64%	90%	26%	24%	58%	77%	10.9	0.19	1.6	1.5	1
32	C. Flagg	122.5	33.5	17.1	20%	29.5%	30%	65%	83%	30%	44%	43%	44%	10.7	0.29	2.2	4.1	2
21	D. Gafford	111.7	21.7	5.8	0%	–	83%	70%	68%	0%	24%	–	64%	14.0	0.51	4.3	2.7	0
11	K. Irving	108.4	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
8	M. Sasser	107.1	12.0	4.7	60%	41.5%	16%	57%	83%	40%	22%	49%	72%	14.4	0.10	3.2	0.4	0
3	N. Marshall	82.9	29.5	11.1	26%	29.1%	29%	68%	76%	14%	48%	83%	56%	11.1	0.36	2.4	2.6	0
14	M. Johnson Jr.	75.6	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
4	W. Clayton Jr.	47.3	20.4	6.7	53%	30.7%	20%	50%	90%	33%	30%	52%	55%	18.4	0.26	3.0	1.6	0
55	S. de Larrea	46.4	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
16	C. Martin	13.8	14.8	3.3	30%	35.1%	36%	68%	61%	6%	42%	93%	66%	15.6	0.32	3.6	1.0	0
30	M. Cisse	13.4	13.9	3.0	0%	–	90%	61%	47%	0%	12%	–	68%	16.6	0.70	5.0	1.8	0
33	T. Lawal	8.1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
9	J. Howard	6.8	12.7	4.6	58%	37.2%	21%	60%	95%	17%	27%	74%	80%	5.3	0.15	3.4	0.5	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 2026-10-30; report built 2026-10-30 22:51 UTC.