Scouting POR · from Utah's side

Portland Trail Blazers

2026-27: 4 games (Oct 21 vs PHX · Oct 23 @ SAC · Oct 27 @ LAL · Oct 29 vs MEM) · baseline 2025-26 regular season

POR @ UTA
Sat Oct 31, 2026 · 3:00 PM ET
Game 0022600147

INJURY REPORT & SCHEDULE · official report of 2026-10-31, read 2026-10-31 17:45 UTC; statuses as listed, no reasons

POR	Ja Morant: Out	Jayson Kent: Out	John Tonje: Out	Shaedon Sharpe: Out	Chris Youngblood: Questionable	Robert Williams III: Questionable
UTA	Harrison Ingram: Out	Jaren Jackson Jr.: Out	Jusuf Nurkić: Out	Kobe Bufkin: Out	Trey Alexander: Out	Lauri Markkanen: Questionable

POR: one day of rest, previous game Oct 29 vs MEM.

IN TEN SECONDS

1. **Last season: 4th-most rim attempts (34%), 4th-best offensive rebounding (35.4%), 7th-most turnovers forced (15.6/100), most turnovers (17.3/100). Through 4 games the profile has moved: non-rim paint share 13% → 21%; rim-attempt share 34% → 26% (359 trials; each clears the flag rule).**
2. **Scoring last season: D. Avdija 24.2/g (22.8 so far), J. Holiday 16.3/g (12.0 so far), S. Henderson 14.2/g (7.5 so far).**

TEAM KEYS

- Also moved through 4 games (359 trials): non-rim paint share 13% → 21%. Small sample, but each clears the flag rule.
- Paint team last season: 47% paint attempts (8th fewest); 34% at the rim (4th most); 47% 3PA share (3rd of 30). Through 4 games: rim-attempt share 34% → 26%. Chase Camara 37%, Holiday 38%, Krejčí 39%, Potter 42%, Carlson 36%; wall up on Cissoko, Williams III, Hansen.
- Turnover-prone: 17.3 per 100 possessions (most in the league). Pressure the ball, deny reversals.
- Second-chance shots are 15% of their FGA (2nd most). Finish possessions with a body.
- Glass: 35.4% OREB% (4th best). Hit bodies first; five to the ball.
- They run shooters off the line: opponents take only 39% of their shots from 3 (6th fewest). Attack closeouts.

STARTERS · LAST GAME

8 Deni Avdija

F · 6-8 · age 25 · 6 yrs · STARTED LAST GAME

25-26 POR · 66 GP · 33.3 MPG · 24.2 pts · 6.9 reb · 6.7 ast · 31.8% 3P on 6.0 3PA · 80% FT
26-27 4 GP · 31.6 MPG · 22.8 pts · 7.5 reb · 6.5 ast · 35% 3P on 5.0 3PA

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

- Lives at the line: 0.57 FTA per FGA (elite, 98th pct), 6.6 fouls drawn/g, 80% FT. Verticality, hands back, no reach.
- Pressure him: 15.9 TO per 100 usage (bad, 12th pct), 40% of them bad passes; 8 TO in 4 games so far. Hands in the lanes; 6.7 AST/g, so stay home on shooters when he drives.
- Volume 3s at 31.8%, 6.0/g (16th pct): make him shoot contested, no fly-bys.

0 Damian Lillard

G · 6-2 · age 36 · 14 yrs · STARTED LAST GAME

25-26 – · 0 GP · – MPG · – pts · – reb · – ast · – 3P on – 3PA · – FT
26-27 4 GP · 29.6 MPG · 18.5 pts · 3.8 reb · 3.5 ast · 35% 3P on 9.2 3PA

1 Ja Morant

G · 6-2 · age 27 · 7 yrs · Out · STARTED LAST GAME · NEW · MEM LAST SEASON

25-26 MEM · 20 GP · 28.4 MPG · 19.4 pts · 3.2 reb · 8.1 ast · 23.5% 3P on 4.2 3PA · 90% FT
26-27 4 GP · 25.9 MPG · 15.8 pts · 2.5 reb · 5.5 ast · 6/14 3P

FT% **elite** · Ball security **bad** · Gets to line **excellent**

- Pressure him: 16.0 TO per 100 usage (bad, 11th pct), 48% of them bad passes; 5 TO in 4 games so far. Hands in the lanes; 8.1 AST/g, so stay home on shooters when he drives.
- New this season: pull-up family share of FGA down, 33% -> 10% (48 trials 2026-27 regular season to date; 2025-26 regular season baseline).
- Lives at the line: 0.36 FTA per FGA (excellent, 84th pct), 4.2 fouls drawn/g, 90% FT. Verticality, hands back, no reach.

33 Toumani Camara

F · 6-7 · age 26 · 3 yrs · STARTED LAST GAME

25-26 POR · 82 GP · 33.3 MPG · 13.4 pts · 5.1 reb · 2.5 ast · 37.0% 3P on 7.2 3PA · 71% FT
26-27 4 GP · 25.0 MPG · 15.5 pts · 1.8 reb · 1.5 ast · 53% 3P on 7.5 3PA

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

- New this season: 3PA share of FGA up, 66% -> 83% (36 trials 2026-27 regular season to date; 2025-26 regular season baseline).
- Knockdown 3: 37.0% on 7.2/g (61st pct). No help off him; run him off the line.
- Doesn't get to the line: 0.15 FTA per FGA (20th pct). Be physical; the whistle is quiet.

23 Donovan Clingan

C · 7-2 · age 22 · 2 yrs · STARTED LAST GAME

25-26 POR · 77 GP · 27.2 MPG · 12.1 pts · 11.6 reb · 2.1 ast · 34.1% 3P on 3.2 3PA · 68% FT
26-27 4 GP · 24.1 MPG · 9.8 pts · 9.0 reb · 1.8 ast · 5/9 3P

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

- Capable 3: 34.1% on 3.2/g (35th pct). Closeout under control, contest every one.
- Lives at the rim: 56% of his shots in the restricted area, 65% there. Build the wall, no straight-line drives.
- Crashes the glass (6.0 OREB per 36): hit him first, then go get it.

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5 Jrue Holiday G · 6-4 · age 36 · 17 yrs

25-26 POR · 53 GP · 29.4 MPG · 16.3 pts · 4.6 reb · 6.1 ast · 37.8% 3P on 6.8 3PA · 84% FT
26-27 4 GP · 25.2 MPG · 12.0 pts · 3.8 reb · 4.0 ast · 30% 3P on 5.8 3PA

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

- Pressure him: 16.2 TO per 100 usage (bad, 10th pct), 47% of them bad passes; 3 TO in 4 games so far. Hands in the lanes; 6.1 AST/g, so stay home on shooters when he drives.
- Doesn't get to the line: 0.15 FTA per FGA (18th pct). Be physical; the whistle is quiet.
- Knockdown 3: 37.8% on 6.8/g (68th pct). No help off him; run him off the line.

91 Sidy Cissoko G · 6-6 · age 22 · 3 yrs FOUL TARGET

25-26 POR · 75 GP · 19.1 MPG · 5.1 pts · 2.2 reb · 1.5 ast · 29.8% 3P on 2.6 3PA · 66% FT
26-27 4 GP · 22.7 MPG · 7.0 pts · 4.8 reb · 2.5 ast · 3/13 3P

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

- Pressure him: 15.8 TO per 100 usage (bad, 13th pct), 34% of them bad passes; 2 TO in 4 games so far. Hands in the lanes.
- Low-volume, 29.8% from 3 (2.6/g): help off him in the gaps.
- Foul-prone: 4.6 PF per 36 (2025-26 regular season). Attack him early; get him to two.

00 Scoot Henderson G · 6-3 · age 22 · 3 yrs

25-26 POR · 30 GP · 24.9 MPG · 14.2 pts · 2.7 reb · 3.7 ast · 35.2% 3P on 5.4 3PA · 84% FT
26-27 4 GP · 18.8 MPG · 7.5 pts · 2.2 reb · 1.5 ast · 2/17 3P

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

- Pressure him: 15.9 TO per 100 usage (bad, 12th pct), 49% of them bad passes; 11 TO in 4 games so far. Hands in the lanes.
- Capable 3: 35.2% on 5.4/g (44th pct). Closeout under control, contest every one.
- Pull-up shooter: 30% of his shots are pull-ups (78th pct, 37%). Stay attached over screens; contest without fouling.

35 Robert Williams III C-F · 6-9 · age 29 · 8 yrs Questionable DID NOT PLAY LAST GAME

25-26 POR · 60 GP · 17.1 MPG · 6.6 pts · 6.9 reb · 1.0 ast · 39.1% 3P on 0.4 3PA · 60% FT
26-27 3 GP · 18.1 MPG · 9.7 pts · 8.7 reb · 0.7 ast · 0/0 3P

Rim FG% elite · Ball security bad

- Elite finisher: 77% at the rim (96th pct) on 197 attempts, 79% of his shots. No free runs; build the wall early.
- Pressure him: 15.1 TO per 100 usage (bad, 17th pct), 37% of them bad passes; 2 TO in 3 games so far. Hands in the lanes.
- Non-shooter (0.4 3PA/g): sag off him and help from him; no closeouts needed.

27 Vít Krejčí G · 6-8 · age 26 · 5 yrs

25-26 ATL/POR · 65 GP · 21.4 MPG · 8.5 pts · 2.3 reb · 1.5 ast · 39.0% 3P on 5.0 3PA · 74% FT
26-27 4 GP · 8.4 MPG · 1.8 pts · 1.0 reb · 1.0 ast · 1/7 3P

3P% excellent · Ball security elite · Gets to line bad

- Doesn't turn it over: 8.3 TO per 100 usage (90th pct). Don't gamble for steals; play him straight up.
- Knockdown 3: 39.0% on 5.0/g (80th pct). No help off him; run him off the line.

9 Micah Potter C · 6-9 · age 28 · 5 yrs NEW · IND LAST SEASON

25-26 IND · 47 GP · 19.3 MPG · 9.7 pts · 5.0 reb · 1.5 ast · 42.3% 3P on 3.6 3PA · 84% FT
26-27 2 GP · 10.3 MPG · 2.5 pts · 2.5 reb · 0.0 ast · 0/2 3P

3P% elite · FT% excellent · Ball security average

- Knockdown 3: 42.3% on 3.6/g (96th pct). No help off him; run him off the line.

16 Yang Hansen C · 7-1 · age 21 · 1 yrs FOUL TARGET

25-26 POR · 43 GP · 7.0 MPG · 2.2 pts · 1.5 reb · 0.5 ast · 11.9% 3P on 1.0 3PA · 82% FT
26-27 2 GP · 8.2 MPG · 4.0 pts · 2.5 reb · 0.5 ast · 2/3 3P

- Non-shooter (1.0 3PA/g): sag off him and help from him; no closeouts needed.
- Foul-prone: 5.2 PF per 36 (2025-26 regular season). Attack him early; get him to two.

10 Branden Carlson C · 7-0 · age 27 · 2 yrs NEW · OKC LAST SEASON

25-26 OKC · 42 GP · 11.6 MPG · 5.8 pts · 3.0 reb · 0.7 ast · 36.0% 3P on 2.0 3PA · 58% FT
26-27 1 GP · 12.1 MPG · 2.0 pts · 2.0 reb · 1.0 ast · 0/1 3P

- Takes 2.0 3s/g at 36.0%: respect it, closeout.
- Lives at the rim: 45% of his shots in the restricted area, 75% there. Build the wall, no straight-line drives.

Also seen: J. Kent (#29 F, 7.0 min), J. Tonje (#8 G, 4.5 min). Not seen yet: S. Sharpe (#17 G, POR 29.4 MPG last season), C. Youngblood (#3 G, OKC/POR 5.5 MPG last season).

GAME PLAN BOXES

FOUL HIM LATE (FT)

- **S. Cissoko** — 66% FT (88 FTA, 10th pct)
- **D. Clingan** — 68% FT (203 FTA, 12th pct), 8/17 in clutch
- **T. Camara** — 71% FT (137 FTA, 18th pct)
- Don't foul: M. Potter 84% FT; S. Henderson 84% FT; J. Holiday 84% FT; D. Avdija 80% FT

FOUL TROUBLE

- **S. Cissoko** — 4.6 PF per 36 (2025-26 regular season). Attack him early; get him to two
- **Yang** — 5.2 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	34%	65%	26%	61%
Paint (non-RA)	13%	38%	21%	66%
Mid-range	6%	38%	3%	42%
Corner 3	12%	34%	11%	33%
Above the break 3	35%	34%	39%	36%

SHOT DIET · SHARE OF FGA, FG%

	25-26	FG%	26-27	FG%
Pull-ups	18%	34%	18%	38%
Drives	28%	55%	31%	58%
Finishes	12%	69%	9%	73%
Catch-and-shoot 3s	31%	35%	32%	36%
Other shots	10%	43%	11%	55%

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.

3 player rates flagged as changed from last season (bullets starting 'New this season'); 2 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
8	D. Avdija	126.5	33.3	16.1	37%	31.8%	38%	63%	80%	18%	47%	60%	49%	15.9	0.57	2.7	6.6	0
0	D. Lillard	118.3	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
1	J. Morant	103.4	28.4	16.1	26%	23.5%	27%	60%	90%	33%	45%	42%	31%	16.0	0.36	2.5	4.2	2
5	J. Holiday	100.9	29.4	13.4	51%	37.8%	20%	68%	84%	42%	26%	32%	42%	16.2	0.15	1.8	1.7	0
33	T. Camara	99.9	33.3	10.9	66%	37.0%	24%	65%	71%	14%	18%	73%	79%	13.2	0.15	3.1	2.7	1
23	D. Clingan	96.5	27.2	8.9	36%	34.1%	56%	65%	68%	1%	5%	95%	66%	10.9	0.30	3.1	2.3	0
91	S. Cissoko	90.8	19.1	4.5	59%	29.8%	28%	67%	66%	6%	27%	88%	79%	15.8	0.26	4.6	1.7	0
00	S. Henderson	75.0	24.9	11.4	47%	35.2%	25%	56%	84%	30%	35%	55%	54%	15.9	0.29	4.1	3.0	0
35	R. Williams III	54.2	17.1	4.2	9%	39.1%	79%	77%	60%	0%	7%	100%	71%	15.1	0.23	2.6	0.7	0
27	V. Krejčí	33.6	21.4	6.6	76%	39.0%	11%	74%	74%	18%	14%	71%	92%	8.3	0.12	3.6	0.8	0
9	M. Potter	20.6	19.3	6.2	57%	42.3%	27%	75%	84%	0%	9%	96%	86%	12.2	0.34	3.2	1.8	0
16	Yang	16.5	7.0	2.3	42%	11.9%	35%	57%	82%	4%	21%	88%	68%	21.8	0.34	5.2	0.9	0
10	B. Carlson	12.1	11.6	4.4	46%	36.0%	45%	75%	58%	2%	9%	94%	89%	7.5	0.14	2.7	0.5	0
29	J. Kent	7.0	4.5	1.4	57%	25.0%	43%	100%	100%	0%	14%	100%	75%	0.0	0.14	1.6	0.2	0
8	J. Tonje	4.5	7.0	2.3	71%	30.0%	29%	25%	100%	7%	29%	80%	100%	0.0	0.29	4.3	0.7	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 2026-10-31; report built 2026-10-31 17:46 UTC.