Scouting BOS · from Houston's side

Boston Celtics

2026-27: 6 games (Oct 20 @ DET · Oct 23 vs NYK · Oct 26 vs CHI · Oct 27 vs BKN · Oct 30 vs CHI · Nov 1 @ ORL) · baseline 2025-26 regular season

BOS @ HOU
Mon Nov 2, 2026 · 8:30 PM ET
Game 0022600167

INJURY REPORT & SCHEDULE · official report of 2026-11-02, read 2026-11-03 00:18 UTC; statuses as listed, no reasons

BOS	Devin Carter: Out	Paul George: Out			
HOU	Clint Capela: Out	Julian Phillips: Out	Quadir Copeland: Out	Steven Adams: Out	Reed Sheppard: Questionable

BOS: second night of a back-to-back, 3 games in 4 nights, previous game Nov 1 @ ORL.

IN TEN SECONDS

1. **Last season: fewest rim attempts (22%), 5th-best offensive rebounding (33.7%), 6th-fewest turnovers forced (13.3/100), 9th-fewest fouls (19.1/g). Through 6 games the profile has moved: rim-attempt share 22% → 30%; assisted share 58% → 68%; shooting-foul share 51% → 41% (527 trials; each clears the flag rule).**
2. **Scoring last season: J. Tatum 21.8/g (28.3 so far), P. Pritchard 17.0/g (15.0 so far), D. White 16.4/g (11.8 so far).**

TEAM KEYS

- Also moved through 6 games (149 trials): shooting-foul share 51% → 41%. Small sample, but each clears the flag rule.
- Perimeter team last season: 41% paint attempts (fewest in the league); 22% at the rim (fewest in the league); 47% 3PA share (4th of 30). Through 6 games: rim-attempt share 22% → 30%. Chase Pritchard 38%, Hauser 39%, Scheierman 40%, Walsh 38%, Garza 43%; wall up on Queta, Robinson.
- Rim protection: opponents shoot 64% at the rim (7th best) and get 23% of their shots there (fewest in the league). Drive to kick; don't finish into the bigs.
- Slow pace: 93.9 possessions per game (1st slowest).
- Half-court team: 9% of FGA in transition (fewest in the league). Pressure the ball; they don't run.
- They rarely get to the line: 0.21 FTA per FGA (fewest in the league). Be physical; the whistle is quiet.

STARTERS · LAST GAME

0 Jayson Tatum

F-G · 6-8 · age 28 · 9 yrs · STARTED LAST GAME

25-26 BOS · 16 GP · 32.6 MPG · 21.8 pts · 10.0 reb · 5.3 ast · 32.9% 3P on 8.9 3PA · 82% FT
26-27 6 GP · 35.6 MPG · 28.3 pts · 6.0 reb · 7.7 ast · 24% 3P on 6.8 3PA

3P% **bad** FT% **good** Ball security **good**

- New this season: 3PA share of FGA down, 50% -> 33% (125 trials 2026-27 regular season to date; 2025-26 regular season baseline).
- Volume 3s at 32.9%, 8.9/g (24th pct): make him shoot contested, no fly-bys.

13 Paul George

F · 6-8 · age 36 · 16 yrs · Out · STARTED LAST GAME · NEW · PHI LAST SEASON

25-26 PHI · 37 GP · 30.7 MPG · 17.3 pts · 5.3 reb · 3.6 ast · 39.2% 3P on 6.9 3PA · 82% FT
26-27 6 GP · 31.0 MPG · 20.7 pts · 6.0 reb · 5.0 ast · 39% 3P on 8.2 3PA

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

- New this season: share of FGA from Restricted Area up, 14% -> 26% (95 trials 2026-27 regular season to date; 2025-26 regular season baseline).
- Knockdown 3: 39.2% on 6.9/g (82nd pct). No help off him; run him off the line.
- Corner specialist: 45% from the corners (64 att), 37% above the break (191). No help off the corners; help off him on top.

9 Derrick White

G · 6-4 · age 32 · 9 yrs · STARTED LAST GAME

25-26 BOS · 77 GP · 34.1 MPG · 16.4 pts · 4.4 reb · 5.4 ast · 32.7% 3P on 8.3 3PA · 90% FT
26-27 6 GP · 29.9 MPG · 11.8 pts · 3.3 reb · 5.2 ast · 34% 3P on 4.8 3PA

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

- New this season: pull-up family share of FGA down, 38% -> 14% (57 trials 2026-27 regular season to date; 2025-26 regular season baseline).
- Volume 3s at 32.7%, 8.3/g (22nd pct): make him shoot contested, no fly-bys.
- Pull-up shooter: 38% of his shots are pull-ups (94th pct, 36%). Stay attached over screens; contest without fouling.

88 Neemias Queta

C · 7-0 · age 27 · 5 yrs · STARTED LAST GAME

25-26 BOS · 76 GP · 25.4 MPG · 10.2 pts · 8.4 reb · 1.7 ast · 12.5% 3P on 0.1 3PA · 70% FT
26-27 6 GP · 21.0 MPG · 8.8 pts · 5.3 reb · 1.2 ast · 1/2 3P

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

- Elite finisher: 75% at the rim (92nd pct) on 343 attempts, 69% of his shots. No free runs; build the wall early.
- Lives at the line: 0.35 FTA per FGA (excellent, 82nd pct), 2.5 fouls drawn/g, 70% FT. Verticality, hands back, no reach.
- Non-shooter (0.1 3PA/g): sag off him and help from him; no closeouts needed.

28 Hugo González

G · 6-6 · age 20 · 1 yrs · STARTED LAST GAME

25-26 BOS · 74 GP · 14.7 MPG · 3.9 pts · 3.3 reb · 0.5 ast · 36.2% 3P on 1.6 3PA · 50% FT
26-27 6 GP · 12.0 MPG · 3.3 pts · 2.2 reb · 0.7 ast · 2/9 3P

3P% **above average**

- Takes 1.6 3s/g at 36.2% (53rd pct): respect it, closeout.

BENCH

11 Payton Pritchard G · 6-1 · age 28 · 6 yrs

25-26 BOS · 79 GP · 32.4 MPG · 17.0 pts · 4.0 reb · 5.2 ast · 37.7% 3P on 7.1 3PA · 89% FT
26-27 6 GP · 27.7 MPG · 15.0 pts · 3.0 reb · 3.5 ast · 35% 3P on 6.2 3PA

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

- Doesn't turn it over: 8.7 TO per 100 usage (88th pct). Don't gamble for steals; play him straight up.
- Doesn't get to the line: 0.12 FTA per FGA (13th pct). Be physical; the whistle is quiet.
- Knockdown 3: 37.7% on 7.1/g (68th pct). No help off him; run him off the line.

30 Sam Hauser F · 6-7 · age 28 · 5 yrs

25-26 BOS · 78 GP · 24.8 MPG · 9.2 pts · 3.9 reb · 1.5 ast · 39.3% 3P on 6.5 3PA · 85% FT
26-27 6 GP · 20.1 MPG · 8.0 pts · 3.2 reb · 1.0 ast · 48% 3P on 4.8 3PA

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

- Doesn't turn it over: 5.4 TO per 100 usage (99th pct). Don't gamble for steals; play him straight up.
- Knockdown 3: 39.3% on 6.5/g (82nd pct). No help off him; run him off the line.

55 Baylor Scheierman G · 6-6 · age 26 · 2 yrs

25-26 BOS · 77 GP · 18.6 MPG · 5.5 pts · 3.5 reb · 1.5 ast · 39.9% 3P on 3.2 3PA · 90% FT
26-27 6 GP · 18.7 MPG · 4.5 pts · 3.0 reb · 1.2 ast · 5/14 3P

3P% **excellent** Ball security **above average** Gets to line **bad**

- Knockdown 3: 39.9% on 3.2/g (86th pct). No help off him; run him off the line.
- Corner specialist: 48% from the corners (88 att), 36% above the break (155). No help off the corners; help off him on top.

4 Mitchell Robinson C-F · 7-0 · age 28 · 8 yrs STARTED 5 OF 5 DID NOT PLAY LAST GAME NEW · NYK LAST SEASON

25-26 NYK · 60 GP · 19.6 MPG · 5.7 pts · 8.8 reb · 0.9 ast · – 3P on 0.0 3PA · 41% FT
26-27 5 GP · 20.1 MPG · 6.6 pts · 4.6 reb · 0.6 ast · 0/0 3P

Rim FG% **excellent** FT% **bad**

- Elite finisher: 72% at the rim (83rd pct) on 204 attempts, 99% 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 (7.7 OREB per 36): hit him first, then go get it.

27 Jordan Walsh G · 6-6 · age 22 · 3 yrs STARTED 5 OF 6

25-26 BOS · 68 GP · 17.8 MPG · 5.3 pts · 4.0 reb · 0.8 ast · 38.4% 3P on 1.8 3PA · 77% FT
26-27 6 GP · 16.6 MPG · 4.3 pts · 3.8 reb · 1.0 ast · 4/15 3P

3P% **good** Rim FG% **excellent** Ball security **good**

- Takes 1.8 3s/g at 38.4% (74th pct): respect it, closeout.
- Elite finisher: 72% at the rim (81st pct) on 110 attempts, 41% of his shots. No free runs; build the wall early.

52 Luka Garza C · 6-10 · age 27 · 5 yrs FOUL TARGET

25-26 BOS · 69 GP · 16.2 MPG · 8.1 pts · 4.1 reb · 1.0 ast · 43.3% 3P on 1.8 3PA · 77% FT
26-27 6 GP · 10.8 MPG · 5.8 pts · 2.8 reb · 1.2 ast · 4/10 3P

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

- Takes 1.8 3s/g at 43.3% (97th pct): respect it, closeout.
- Elite finisher: 72% at the rim (81st pct) on 158 attempts, 44% of his shots. No free runs; build the wall early.
- Crashes the glass (5.0 OREB per 36): hit him first, then go get it.
- Foul-prone: 5.2 PF per 36 (2025-26 regular season). Attack him early; get him to two.

Also seen: R. Harper Jr. (#8 G-F, 9.8 min), M. Conley (#45 G, 7.1 min), C. Cenac Jr. (#12 F, 7.1 min). Not seen yet: D. Carter (#22 G, SAC 18.4 MPG last season), A. Williams (#77 F-C, BOS 6.6 MPG last season), D. Mitchell (#20 F).

GAME PLAN BOXES

FOUL HIM LATE (FT)

- **M. Robinson** — 41% FT (103 FTA, 1st pct)
- **N. Queta** — 70% FT (175 FTA, 16th pct), 9/12 in clutch
- Don't foul: D. White 90% FT; P. Pritchard 89% FT; J. Tatum 82% FT

FOUL TROUBLE

- **L. Garza** — 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	22%	70%	30%	64%
Paint (non-RA)	18%	48%	12%	46%
Mid-range	12%	41%	11%	48%
Corner 3	8%	42%	12%	44%
Above the break 3	38%	36%	34%	33%

SHOT DIET · SHARE OF FGA, FG%

	25-26	FG%	26-27	FG%
Pull-ups	26%	40%	22%	38%
Drives	22%	56%	21%	57%
Finishes	9%	72%	14%	66%
Catch-and-shoot 3s	28%	38%	31%	38%
Other shots	15%	46%	13%	46%

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'); 3 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
0	J. Tatum	213.5	32.6	17.9	50%	32.9%	23%	61%	82%	42%	30%	27%	36%	10.8	0.28	1.8	3.4	3
13	P. George	185.7	30.7	13.9	50%	39.2%	14%	55%	82%	36%	16%	62%	55%	10.2	0.22	2.7	2.6	2
9	D. White	179.7	34.1	14.4	58%	32.7%	11%	68%	90%	38%	24%	50%	59%	10.1	0.18	1.6	2.8	3
11	P. Pritchard	165.9	32.4	13.8	52%	37.7%	14%	67%	89%	38%	18%	52%	45%	8.7	0.12	1.7	1.6	0
88	N. Queta	125.9	25.4	6.6	2%	12.5%	69%	75%	70%	0%	12%	88%	74%	11.5	0.35	4.0	2.5	0
30	S. Hauser	120.6	24.8	7.7	84%	39.3%	5%	77%	85%	22%	2%	71%	93%	5.4	0.03	2.1	0.4	0
55	B. Scheierman	112.5	18.6	4.3	73%	39.9%	9%	73%	90%	20%	15%	70%	85%	11.7	0.09	2.7	0.9	0
4	M. Robinson	100.4	19.6	3.4	0%	–	99%	72%	41%	0%	2%	–	58%	14.0	0.50	3.9	1.5	0
27	J. Walsh	99.3	17.8	3.9	47%	38.4%	41%	72%	77%	3%	26%	88%	74%	10.7	0.21	4.1	0.8	0
28	H. González	72.1	14.7	3.3	47%	36.2%	37%	71%	50%	5%	28%	84%	79%	12.9	0.11	4.1	0.7	0
52	L. Garza	64.8	16.2	5.2	36%	43.3%	44%	72%	77%	0%	8%	98%	70%	10.1	0.33	5.2	1.7	0
8	R. Harper Jr.	9.8	11.0	3.8	73%	35.0%	16%	78%	75%	14%	16%	74%	74%	6.7	0.04	2.3	0.3	0
45	M. Conley	7.1	18.4	4.0	77%	33.7%	7%	44%	90%	28%	17%	58%	89%	12.6	0.23	3.1	0.9	0
12	C. Cenac Jr.	7.1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	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 (6 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.

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