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# Minnesota Timberwolves

2026-27: 8 games (Oct 21 @ MIA · Oct 23 @ ORL · Oct 25 vs TOR · Oct 26 @ CLE · Oct 28 vs GSW · Oct 30 vs LAC · Oct 31 @ SAS · Nov 2 vs MIL) · baseline 2025-26 regular season

**MIN @ HOU**
Wed Nov 4, 2026 · 8:30 PM ET
Game 0022600181

**INJURY REPORT & SCHEDULE** · official report of 2026-11-04, read 2026-11-05 00:16 UTC; statuses as listed, no reasons

**MIN** Anthony Edwards: Out · Donte DiVincenzo: Out · Terrence Shannon Jr: Out

**HOU** Clint Capela: Out · Julian Phillips: Out · Quadir Copeland: Out · Steven Adams: Out

MIN: one day of rest, previous game Nov 2 vs MIL.

## IN TEN SECONDS

1. **Last season: 3rd-most fouls (21.2/g), 3rd-best rim protection (62%), 7th-highest free-throw rate (0.28).**
2. **Scoring last season: L. Ball 20.1/g (16.9 so far), J. McDaniels 14.8/g (16.8 so far), A. Dosunmu 14.8/g (15.8 so far).**

## TEAM KEYS

- Soft rim protection: opponents shoot 62% at the rim (3rd best) and get 33% of their shots there (7th most). Get downhill; finish at the rim.
- They run shooters off the line: opponents take only 38% of their shots from 3 (2nd fewest). Attack closeouts.
- Foul-prone team: 21.2 fouls per game (3rd most). Attack the paint and get to the line.
- Efficient: eFG% 55.9% (7th best).
- They get to the line: 0.28 FTA per FGA (7th most). Verticality; no reach-ins.
- They finish: 67.4% at the rim (9th best). No free runs; wall up early.

## STARTERS · LAST GAME

### 3 Jaden McDaniels

F · 6-9 · age 26 · 6 yrs · STARTED LAST GAME

25-26 MIN · 73 GP · 31.7 MPG · 14.8 pts · 4.2 reb · 2.7 ast · 41.2% 3P on 3.4 3PA · 84% FT
26-27 8 GP · 32.9 MPG · 16.8 pts · 6.0 reb · 3.5 ast · 36% 3P on 4.1 3PA

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

- Knockdown 3: 41.2% on 3.4/g (92nd pct). No help off him; run him off the line.
- Downhill driver: 36% of his shots are drives at 60% (76th pct). Show early help, wall up, make him pass.

### 24 Jonathan Kuminga

F · 6-7 · age 24 · 5 yrs · STARTED LAST GAME · NEW · ATL/GSW LAST SEASON

25-26 ATL/GSW · 36 GP · 23.1 MPG · 12.2 pts · 5.6 reb · 2.3 ast · 33.3% 3P on 2.9 3PA · 72% FT
26-27 8 GP · 30.8 MPG · 12.2 pts · 5.2 reb · 2.6 ast · 44% 3P on 4.2 3PA

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

- Poor finisher: 59% at the rim (bad, 14th pct) on 128 attempts. Meet him at the rim; verticality, no fouls.
- Lives at the line: 0.36 FTA per FGA (excellent, 84th pct), 2.6 fouls drawn/g, 72% FT. Verticality, hands back, no reach.
- 2.9 3PA/g at 33.3%: contest, don't over-help.
- Pressure him: 14.6 TO per 100 usage (bad, 21st pct), 36% of them bad passes; 6 TO in 8 games so far. Hands in the lanes.

### 13 Ayo Dosunmu

G · 6-4 · age 26 · 5 yrs · STARTED LAST GAME

25-26 CHI/MIN · 69 GP · 27.3 MPG · 14.8 pts · 3.4 reb · 3.6 ast · 43.9% 3P on 4.1 3PA · 88% FT
26-27 8 GP · 29.9 MPG · 15.8 pts · 5.9 reb · 4.1 ast · 42% 3P on 3.9 3PA

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

- Knockdown 3: 43.9% on 4.1/g (98th pct). No help off him; run him off the line.
- Poor finisher: 62% at the rim (bad, 23rd pct) on 328 attempts. Meet him at the rim; verticality, no fouls.

### 27 Rudy Gobert

C · 7-1 · age 34 · 13 yrs · STARTED LAST GAME

25-26 MIN · 76 GP · 31.3 MPG · 10.9 pts · 11.5 reb · 1.7 ast · 0.0% 3P on 0.1 3PA · 53% FT
26-27 7 GP · 30.0 MPG · 7.4 pts · 11.9 reb · 1.4 ast · 0/3 3P

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

- Lives at the line: 0.61 FTA per FGA (elite, 99th pct), 4.0 fouls drawn/g, 53% FT. Verticality, hands back, no reach.
- Elite finisher: 73% at the rim (86th pct) on 434 attempts, 88% of his shots. No free runs; build the wall early.
- Non-shooter (0.1 3PA/g): sag off him and help from him; no closeouts needed.
- Pressure him: 14.5 TO per 100 usage (bad, 21st pct), 26% of them bad passes; 9 TO in 7 games so far. Hands in the lanes.

### 1 LaMelo Ball

G · 6-7 · age 25 · 6 yrs · STARTED LAST GAME · NEW · CHA LAST SEASON

25-26 CHA · 72 GP · 28.0 MPG · 20.1 pts · 4.8 reb · 7.1 ast · 36.8% 3P on 10.3 3PA · 90% FT
26-27 8 GP · 26.0 MPG · 16.9 pts · 3.6 reb · 5.9 ast · 36% 3P on 9.0 3PA

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

- Doesn't get to the line: 0.14 FTA per FGA (17th pct). Be physical; the whistle is quiet.
- Capable 3: 36.8% on 10.3/g (58th pct). Closeout under control, contest every one.
- Pull-up shooter: 35% of his shots are pull-ups (88th pct, 37%). Stay attached over screens; contest without fouling.

## BENCH

### 4 Terrence Shannon Jr
G-F · 6-6 · age 26 · 2 yrs · Out · DID NOT PLAY LAST GAME

25-26 MIN · 43 GP · 12.5 MPG · 5.6 pts · 1.1 reb · 0.9 ast · 40.8% 3P on 1.8 3PA · 80% FT
26-27 7 GP · 21.9 MPG · 12.0 pts · 3.6 reb · 2.6 ast · 39% 3P on 4.7 3PA

- Takes 1.8 3s/g at 40.8%: respect it, closeout.

### 19 Joan Beringer
F · 7-0 · age 19 · 1 yrs · STARTED 1 OF 8 · FOUL TARGET

25-26 MIN · 40 GP · 7.9 MPG · 3.9 pts · 2.3 reb · 0.3 ast · – 3P on 0.0 3PA · 70% FT
26-27 8 GP · 18.2 MPG · 6.5 pts · 6.9 reb · 0.9 ast · 0/0 3P

- Non-shooter (0.0 3PA/g): sag off him and help from him; no closeouts needed.
- Lives at the rim: 91% of his shots in the restricted area, 70% there. Build the wall, no straight-line drives.
- Crashes the glass (5.1 OREB per 36): hit him first, then go get it.
- Foul-prone: 5.4 PF per 36 (2025-26 regular season). Attack him early; get him to two.

### 5 Anthony Edwards
G · 6-4 · age 25 · 6 yrs · Out · STARTED 4 OF 4 · DID NOT PLAY LAST GAME

25-26 MIN · 61 GP · 35.0 MPG · 28.8 pts · 5.0 reb · 3.7 ast · 39.9% 3P on 8.4 3PA · 80% FT
26-27 4 GP · 33.9 MPG · 33.2 pts · 4.8 reb · 3.5 ast · 40% 3P on 11.2 3PA

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

- Lives at the line: 0.35 FTA per FGA (excellent, 83rd pct), 4.5 fouls drawn/g, 80% FT. Verticality, hands back, no reach.
- Knockdown 3: 39.9% on 8.4/g (85th pct). No help off him; run him off the line.
- Pull-up shooter: 45% of his shots are pull-ups (98th pct, 39%). Stay attached over screens; contest without fouling.

### 41 Trey Lyles
F · 6-9 · age 30 · 10 yrs

25-26 – · 0 GP · – MPG · – pts · – reb · – ast · – 3P on – 3PA · – FT
26-27 8 GP · 16.8 MPG · 6.4 pts · 3.2 reb · 0.8 ast · 36% 3P on 3.1 3PA

### 8 Bones Hyland
G · 6-2 · age 26 · 5 yrs

25-26 MIN · 71 GP · 16.6 MPG · 8.5 pts · 1.8 reb · 2.6 ast · 38.8% 3P on 4.2 3PA · 78% FT
26-27 8 GP · 12.0 MPG · 7.1 pts · 1.1 reb · 2.6 ast · 33% 3P on 3.8 3PA

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

- Knockdown 3: 38.8% on 4.2/g (78th pct). No help off him; run him off the line.
- Pull-up shooter: 35% of his shots are pull-ups (87th pct, 40%). Stay attached over screens; contest without fouling.

### 7 Jaylen Clark
G · 6-5 · age 25 · 2 yrs

25-26 MIN · 68 GP · 13.1 MPG · 4.0 pts · 1.8 reb · 0.6 ast · 33.0% 3P on 1.5 3PA · 66% FT
26-27 7 GP · 11.0 MPG · 3.7 pts · 1.4 reb · 0.9 ast · 5/14 3P

3P% below average

- Non-shooter (1.5 3PA/g, 33% from 3): go under screens, help off him.

### 9 Cody Williams
F · 6-7 · age 21 · 2 yrs · NEW · UTA LAST SEASON

25-26 UTA · 67 GP · 24.3 MPG · 8.8 pts · 3.0 reb · 2.0 ast · 21.4% 3P on 2.0 3PA · 71% FT
26-27 5 GP · 3.8 MPG · 0.0 pts · 0.2 reb · 0.0 ast · 0/1 3P

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

- Low-volume, 21.4% from 3 (2.0/g): help off him in the gaps.

Also seen: I. Evans (#33 F, 9.8 min), Z. Pullin (#15 G, 6.1 min). Not seen yet: D. DiVincenzo (#0 G, MIN 30.4 MPG last season), R. Zikarsky (#44 C, MIN 7.3 MPG last season).

## GAME PLAN BOXES

### FOUL HIM LATE (FT)

- **R. Gobert** — 53% FT (302 FTA, 1st pct), 7/13 in clutch
- **C. Williams** — 71% FT (119 FTA, 17th pct)
- **J. Kuminga** — 72% FT (123 FTA, 23rd pct)
- Don't foul: L. Ball 90% FT; A. Dosunmu 88% FT; J. McDaniels 84% FT

### FOUL TROUBLE

- **J. Beringer** — 5.4 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 | 31% | 67% | – | – |
| Paint (non-RA) | 17% | 44% | – | – |
| Mid-range | 10% | 42% | – | – |
| Corner 3 | 11% | 38% | – | – |
| Above the break 3 | 31% | 36% | – | – |

### SHOT DIET · SHARE OF FGA, FG%

| | 25-26 | FG% | 26-27 | FG% |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Pull-ups | 22% | 38% | – | – |
| Drives | 29% | 57% | – | – |
| Finishes | 10% | 70% | – | – |
| Catch-and-shoot 3s | 25% | 38% | – | – |
| Other shots | 14% | 48% | – | – |

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. This season's play-by-play is not available yet: its columns read –.

No change flags yet: this season's play-by-play is not available (8 games, box scores only), so no rate is compared with last season.

## 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 | J. McDaniels | 263.5 | 31.7 | 11.1 | 31% | 41.2% | 30% | 70% | 84% | 23% | 36% | 61% | 72% | 12.9 | 0.22 | 3.8 | 2.1 | – |
| 24 | J. Kuminga | 246.6 | 23.1 | 9.4 | 31% | 33.3% | 38% | 59% | 72% | 14% | 32% | 82% | 56% | 14.6 | 0.36 | 2.4 | 2.6 | – |
| 13 | A. Dosunmu | 239.3 | 27.3 | 10.8 | 38% | 43.9% | 44% | 62% | 88% | 10% | 52% | 71% | 64% | 10.6 | 0.19 | 2.5 | 1.5 | – |
| 27 | R. Gobert | 210.2 | 31.3 | 6.5 | 1% | 0.0% | 88% | 73% | 53% | 0% | 13% | 60% | 66% | 14.5 | 0.61 | 3.0 | 4.0 | – |
| 1 | L. Ball | 208.3 | 28.0 | 17.3 | 60% | 36.8% | 15% | 56% | 90% | 35% | 31% | 42% | 45% | 13.2 | 0.14 | 3.5 | 3.0 | – |
| 4 | T. Shannon Jr. | 153.6 | 12.5 | 4.0 | 44% | 40.8% | 38% | 55% | 80% | 18% | 48% | 68% | 55% | 10.6 | 0.41 | 3.3 | 1.2 | – |
| 19 | J. Beringer | 145.3 | 7.9 | 2.5 | 0% | – | 91% | 70% | 70% | 0% | 17% | – | 74% | 8.8 | 0.38 | 5.4 | 0.8 | – |
| 5 | A. Edwards | 135.4 | 35.0 | 20.2 | 42% | 39.9% | 23% | 70% | 80% | 45% | 30% | 25% | 39% | 10.9 | 0.35 | 2.0 | 4.5 | – |
| 41 | T. Lyles | 134.3 | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| 8 | B. Hyland | 96.3 | 16.6 | 6.6 | 64% | 38.8% | 23% | 65% | 78% | 35% | 27% | 46% | 57% | 12.2 | 0.17 | 3.7 | 1.1 | – |
| 7 | J. Clark | 76.9 | 13.1 | 3.3 | 44% | 33.0% | 34% | 61% | 66% | 2% | 34% | 88% | 66% | 8.2 | 0.29 | 3.5 | 0.7 | – |
| 9 | C. Williams | 19.1 | 24.3 | 7.6 | 26% | 21.4% | 37% | 66% | 71% | 15% | 33% | 89% | 76% | 11.5 | 0.23 | 2.7 | 1.2 | – |
| 33 | I. Evans | 9.8 | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| 15 | Z. Pullin | 6.1 | 8.5 | 2.6 | 23% | 33.3% | 38% | 80% | 100% | 23% | 62% | 33% | 33% | 16.9 | 0.31 | 5.1 | 0.4 | – |

## 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 (8 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 2026-11-05; report built 2026-11-05 00:16 UTC.