Scouting ORL · from Phoenix's side

Orlando Magic

2026-27: 7 games (Oct 21 vs ATL · Oct 23 vs MIN · Oct 25 @ NYK · Oct 28 @ TOR · Oct 30 @ TOR · Nov 1 vs BOS · Nov 2 vs WAS) · baseline 2025-26 regular season

ORL @ PHX
Thu Nov 5, 2026 · 9:00 PM ET
Game 0022600187

INJURY REPORT & SCHEDULE · official report of 2026-11-05, read 2026-11-06 00:47 UTC; statuses as listed, no reasons

ORL	Izaiyah Nelson: Out	Jalen Suggs: Out	Jonathan Isaac: Out	Noah Penda: Out	Paolo Banchero: Out
PHX	Jordan Goodwin: Out	Mark Williams: Out	Rasheer Fleming: Out		

ORL: 2 days of rest, previous game Nov 2 vs WAS.

IN TEN SECONDS

1. **Last season: 6th-most rim attempts (33%), 9th-best offensive rebounding (30.6%), 6th-most fouls (21.0/g), 7th-lowest 3PA share (39%). Through 7 games the profile has moved: rim-attempt share 33% → 24%; 3PA share 39% → 47% (572 trials; each clears the flag rule).**
2. **Scoring last season: D. Bane 20.1/g (17.9 so far), F. Wagner 20.0/g (20.3 so far), N. Vučević 15.1/g (3.1 so far).**

TEAM KEYS

- Paint team last season: 51% paint attempts (6th most); 33% at the rim (6th most); 39% 3PA share (24th of 30). Through 7 games: 3PA share 39% → 47%; rim-attempt share 33% → 24%. Chase Bane 39%, Vučević 37%, da Silva 37%, Carter 36%, Cain 38%; wall up on Carter Jr., Richardson, Bitadze.
- They get to the line: 0.31 FTA per FGA (2nd most). Verticality; no reach-ins.
- They close possessions: DREB% 71.0% (5th best).
- They run shooters off the line: opponents take only 39% of their shots from 3 (5th fewest). Attack closeouts.
- Inefficient offense: eFG% 53.0% (6th worst). Make them take contested twos.
- Foul-prone team: 21.0 fouls per game (6th most). Attack the paint and get to the line.

STARTERS · LAST GAME

22 Franz Wagner

F · 6-10 · age 25 · 5 yrs · STARTED LAST GAME

25-26 ORL · 35 GP · 30.0 MPG · 20.0 pts · 5.1 reb · 3.2 ast · 34.5% 3P on 4.0 3PA · 82% FT
26-27 7 GP · 35.8 MPG · 20.3 pts · 6.1 reb · 7.6 ast · 20% 3P on 5.0 3PA

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

- Lives at the line: 0.39 FTA per FGA (excellent, 88th pct), 4.4 fouls drawn/g, 82% FT. Verticality, hands back, no reach.
- New this season: turnovers per usage event (FGA + 0.44*FTA + TOV) up, 9% -> 17% (170 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.

3 Desmond Bane

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

25-26 ORL · 82 GP · 33.6 MPG · 20.1 pts · 4.1 reb · 4.1 ast · 38.9% 3P on 5.2 3PA · 91% FT
26-27 7 GP · 34.8 MPG · 17.9 pts · 3.6 reb · 2.6 ast · 37% 3P on 9.6 3PA

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

- New this season: 3PA share of FGA up, 36% -> 66% (101 trials 2026-27 regular season to date; 2025-26 regular season baseline).
- Poor finisher: 60% at the rim (bad, 17th pct) on 389 attempts. Meet him at the rim; verticality, no fouls.
- Knockdown 3: 38.9% on 5.2/g (80th pct). No help off him; run him off the line.

34 Wendell Carter Jr.

C-F · 6-10 · age 27 · 8 yrs · STARTED LAST GAME

25-26 ORL · 78 GP · 29.3 MPG · 11.8 pts · 7.4 reb · 2.0 ast · 31.9% 3P on 2.9 3PA · 79% FT
26-27 7 GP · 32.5 MPG · 12.4 pts · 8.9 reb · 1.0 ast · 6/18 3P

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

- Lives at the line: 0.39 FTA per FGA (excellent, 88th pct), 2.9 fouls drawn/g, 79% FT. Verticality, hands back, no reach.
- Elite finisher: 73% at the rim (86th pct) on 260 attempts, 41% of his shots. No free runs; build the wall early.
- Low-volume, 31.9% from 3 (2.9/g): help off him in the gaps.

11 Jase Richardson

G · 6-2 · age 21 · 1 yrs · STARTED LAST GAME

25-26 ORL · 54 GP · 10.9 MPG · 4.4 pts · 1.2 reb · 1.1 ast · 35.4% 3P on 1.5 3PA · 72% FT
26-27 7 GP · 21.2 MPG · 5.9 pts · 1.9 reb · 2.4 ast · 5/19 3P

- Non-shooter (1.5 3PA/g, 35% from 3): go under screens, help off him.

8 Jamal Cain

F · 6-7 · age 27 · 4 yrs · STARTED LAST GAME

25-26 ORL · 40 GP · 12.2 MPG · 5.4 pts · 1.9 reb · 0.7 ast · 38.4% 3P on 1.8 3PA · 85% FT
26-27 7 GP · 16.5 MPG · 6.0 pts · 1.6 reb · 0.3 ast · 7/19 3P

- New this season: share of FGA from Restricted Area down, 27% -> 3% (30 trials 2026-27 regular season to date; 2025-26 regular season baseline).
- Takes 1.8 3s/g at 38.4%: respect it, closeout.

BENCH

23 Tristan da Silva
F · 6-8 · age 25 · 2 yrs

25-26 ORL · 77 GP · 24.7 MPG · 9.9 pts · 3.7 reb · 1.6 ast · 37.4% 3P on 4.2 3PA · 88% FT
26-27 7 GP · 29.4 MPG · 14.1 pts · 3.4 reb · 1.7 ast · 44% 3P on 7.4 3PA

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

- New this season: share of FGA from Above the Break 3 up, 32% -> 53% (76 trials 2026-27 regular season to date; 2025-26 regular season baseline).
- Knockdown 3: 37.4% on 4.2/g (66th pct). No help off him; run him off the line.
- Doesn't get to the line: 0.15 FTA per FGA (19th pct). Be physical; the whistle is quiet.
- Corner specialist: 44% from the corners (125 att), 33% above the break (196). No help off the corners; help off him on top.

0 Anthony Black
G · 6-7 · age 22 · 3 yrs · STARTED 3 OF 4 · DID NOT PLAY LAST GAME

25-26 ORL · 64 GP · 29.9 MPG · 15.0 pts · 3.8 reb · 3.7 ast · 33.2% 3P on 4.7 3PA · 73% FT
26-27 4 GP · 27.9 MPG · 16.5 pts · 4.8 reb · 4.8 ast · 9/19 3P

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

- New this season: catch-and-shoot-3 proxy share of FGA up, 23% -> 45% (40 trials 2026-27 regular season to date; 2025-26 regular season baseline).
- Capable 3: 33.2% on 4.7/g (28th pct). Closeout under control, contest every one.
- Corner specialist: 40% from the corners (91 att), 30% above the break (210). No help off the corners; help off him on top.

4 Jalen Suggs
G · 6-5 · age 25 · 5 yrs · Out · STARTED 3 OF 3 · DID NOT PLAY LAST GAME

25-26 ORL · 57 GP · 27.6 MPG · 13.8 pts · 3.9 reb · 5.5 ast · 33.9% 3P on 6.3 3PA · 86% FT
26-27 3 GP · 33.4 MPG · 8.0 pts · 5.0 reb · 5.7 ast · 1/9 3P

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

- Pressure him: 17.8 TO per 100 usage (bad, 6th pct), 40% of them bad passes; 9 TO in 3 games so far. Hands in the lanes; 5.5 AST/g, so stay home on shooters when he drives.
- New this season: share of FGA from Above the Break 3 down, 44% -> 14% (28 trials 2026-27 regular season to date; 2025-26 regular season baseline).
- Capable 3: 33.9% on 6.3/g (34th pct). Closeout under control, contest every one.

5 Paolo Banchero
F · 6-10 · age 23 · 4 yrs · Out · STARTED 2 OF 2 · DID NOT PLAY LAST GAME

25-26 ORL · 72 GP · 34.8 MPG · 22.2 pts · 8.4 reb · 5.2 ast · 30.5% 3P on 3.8 3PA · 78% FT
26-27 2 GP · 33.8 MPG · 24.5 pts · 6.5 reb · 7.5 ast · 3/6 3P

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

- Lives at the line: 0.51 FTA per FGA (elite, 98th pct), 5.5 fouls drawn/g, 78% FT. Verticality, hands back, no reach.
- Volume 3s at 30.5%, 3.8/g (10th pct): make him shoot contested, no fly-bys.
- Corner specialist: 44% from the corners (52 att), 27% above the break (223). No help off the corners; help off him on top.

9 Nikola Vučević
C · 6-11 · age 36 · 15 yrs · NEW · BOS/CHI LAST SEASON

25-26 BOS/CHI · 64 GP · 28.4 MPG · 15.1 pts · 8.4 reb · 3.3 ast · 36.9% 3P on 4.2 3PA · 83% FT
26-27 7 GP · 9.5 MPG · 3.1 pts · 3.0 reb · 1.3 ast · 3/11 3P

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

- Doesn't get to the line: 0.12 FTA per FGA (9th pct). Be physical; the whistle is quiet.
- Doesn't turn it over: 9.2 TO per 100 usage (82nd pct). Don't gamble for steals; play him straight up.
- Capable 3: 36.9% on 4.2/g (59th pct). Closeout under control, contest every one.

2 Jevon Carter
G · 6-1 · age 31 · 8 yrs

25-26 CHI/ORL · 53 GP · 16.4 MPG · 6.4 pts · 1.7 reb · 1.6 ast · 36.3% 3P on 4.1 3PA · 79% FT
26-27 3 GP · 17.6 MPG · 3.7 pts · 0.7 reb · 2.7 ast · 3/11 3P

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

- Capable 3: 36.3% on 4.1/g (55th pct). Closeout under control, contest every one.
- Pull-up shooter: 37% of his shots are pull-ups (91st pct, 42%). Stay attached over screens; contest without fouling.

35 Goga Bitadze
C-F · 6-11 · age 27 · 7 yrs · DID NOT PLAY LAST GAME · FOUL TARGET

25-26 ORL · 64 GP · 15.2 MPG · 5.9 pts · 5.0 reb · 1.3 ast · 18.2% 3P on 0.2 3PA · 71% FT
26-27 5 GP · 9.3 MPG · 3.6 pts · 2.8 reb · 0.4 ast · 0/0 3P

Rim FG% excellent · FT% bad · Ball security below average

- Elite finisher: 74% at the rim (89th pct) on 190 attempts, 84% of his shots. No free runs; build the wall early.
- Non-shooter (0.2 3PA/g): sag off him and help from him; no closeouts needed.
- Pressure him: 13.8 TO per 100 usage (below average, 27th pct), 33% of them bad passes; 2 TO in 5 games so far. Hands in the lanes.
- Foul-prone: 5.0 PF per 36 (2025-26 regular season). Attack him early; get him to two.

30 Alex Morales
G · 6-6 · age 28 · 1 yrs

25-26 ORL · 4 GP · 5.9 MPG · 2.0 pts · 0.8 reb · 1.0 ast · 0.0% 3P on 0.2 3PA · 100% FT
26-27 4 GP · 8.2 MPG · 1.2 pts · 1.5 reb · 0.2 ast · 0/2 3P

14 Colin Castleton
C · 6-11 · age 26 · 3 yrs · DID NOT PLAY LAST GAME

25-26 ORL · 4 GP · 5.3 MPG · 1.2 pts · 2.0 reb · 0.2 ast · – 3P on 0.0 3PA · 100% FT
26-27 2 GP · 5.3 MPG · 4.5 pts · 2.0 reb · 0.5 ast · 0/0 3P

- Crashes the glass (3.4 OREB per 36): hit him first, then go get it.

Not seen yet: N. Penda (#93 G-F, ORL 12.8 MPG last season), J. Isaac (#1 F, ORL 10.0 MPG last season), I. Nelson (#25 F).

GAME PLAN BOXES

FOUL HIM LATE (FT)

- **G. Bitadze** — 71% FT (97 FTA, 19th pct)
- **A. Black** — 73% FT (231 FTA, 26th pct), 5/10 in clutch
- Don't foul: D. Bane 91% FT; T. da Silva 88% FT; N. Vučević 83% FT; F. Wagner 82% FT

FOUL TROUBLE

- **G. Bitadze** — 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	33%	65%	24%	64%
Paint (non-RA)	18%	41%	22%	54%
Mid-range	10%	42%	8%	31%
Corner 3	11%	38%	13%	41%
Above the break 3	28%	33%	34%	32%

SHOT DIET · SHARE OF FGA, FG%

	25-26	FG%	26-27	FG%
Pull-ups	19%	34%	17%	30%
Drives	33%	53%	29%	55%
Finishes	10%	72%	9%	71%
Catch-and-shoot 3s	25%	36%	32%	37%
Other shots	13%	48%	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.

19 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
22	F. Wagner	250.6	30.0	14.5	27%	34.5%	38%	62%	82%	16%	52%	52%	57%	8.9	0.39	2.5	4.4	2
3	D. Bane	243.4	33.6	14.7	36%	38.9%	32%	60%	91%	26%	45%	49%	60%	10.8	0.29	3.3	2.8	6
34	W. Carter Jr.	227.5	29.3	8.2	36%	31.9%	41%	73%	79%	4%	12%	93%	79%	11.8	0.39	4.2	2.9	0
23	T. da Silva	205.7	24.7	8.1	52%	37.4%	22%	67%	88%	12%	26%	71%	78%	9.4	0.15	2.2	1.0	3
11	J. Richardson	148.3	10.9	3.5	42%	35.4%	28%	67%	72%	20%	42%	58%	68%	10.7	0.24	3.3	0.9	0
8	J. Cain	115.2	12.2	3.8	48%	38.4%	27%	66%	85%	12%	22%	74%	81%	9.9	0.30	3.9	0.9	3
0	A. Black	111.7	29.9	12.1	39%	33.2%	34%	65%	73%	22%	40%	59%	66%	13.1	0.30	3.2	2.9	3
4	J. Suggs	100.1	27.6	11.4	56%	33.9%	20%	63%	86%	31%	26%	56%	56%	17.8	0.18	3.3	2.3	2
5	P. Banchero	67.5	34.8	16.0	24%	30.5%	39%	64%	78%	24%	42%	53%	50%	13.6	0.51	2.1	5.5	0
9	N. Vučević	66.7	28.4	12.5	34%	36.9%	25%	63%	83%	1%	13%	93%	82%	9.2	0.12	2.5	1.8	0
2	J. Carter	52.9	16.4	5.8	70%	36.3%	8%	40%	79%	37%	12%	60%	69%	10.2	0.06	2.4	0.3	0
35	G. Bitadze	46.6	15.2	3.5	5%	18.2%	84%	74%	71%	0%	8%	100%	69%	13.8	0.43	5.0	1.5	0
30	A. Morales	32.9	5.9	1.8	14%	0.0%	57%	50%	100%	14%	71%	100%	0%	33.7	0.29	10.7	0.2	0
14	C. Castleton	10.6	5.3	1.2	0%	–	20%	100%	100%	20%	0%	–	50%	26.9	0.20	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 (7 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 2026-11-06; report built 2026-11-06 00:47 UTC.