Scouting LAC · from New Orleans's side

LA Clippers

2026-27: 8 games (Oct 21 vs SAC · Oct 23 @ LAL · Oct 25 @ OKC · Oct 28 vs LAL · Oct 30 @ MIN · Nov 1 @ GSW · Nov 2 vs TOR · Nov 4 vs MIA) · baseline 2025-26 regular season

NOP @ LAC
Sun Nov 8, 2026 · 9:00 PM ET
Game 0022600201

INJURY REPORT & SCHEDULE · official report of 2026-11-08, read 2026-11-09 00:50 UTC; statuses as listed, no reasons

LAC Bradley Beal: Out · Brandon Ingram: Out · Isaiah Jackson: Out · Jordan Miller: Out · Yanic Konan Niederhäuser: Out

NOP Jaron Pierre Jr.: Out · Malik Dia: Out · Yves Missi: Out

LAC: 3 days of rest, previous game Nov 4 vs MIA.

IN TEN SECONDS

1. **Last season: 7th-worst offensive rebounding (28.4%), 6th-fewest fouls (18.9/g), 8th-least transition (10%), 2nd-slowest pace (95.9). Through 8 games the profile has moved: assisted share 59% → 67% (307 trials; each clears the flag rule).**
2. **Scoring last season: D. Garland 18.8/g (20.9 so far), R. Hachimura 11.5/g (14.7 so far), M. Strus 11.2/g (10.0 so far).**

TEAM KEYS

- Soft rim protection: opponents shoot 67% at the rim (9th worst) and get 28% of their shots there (8th fewest). Get downhill; finish at the rim.
- Slow pace: 95.9 possessions per game (2nd slowest).
- Isolation-heavy: only 59% of their makes are assisted (2nd fewest). Load up on the ball; help off the corners late — through 8 games: assisted share 59% → 67%.
- They finish: 68.9% at the rim (3rd best). No free runs; wall up early.
- They get to the line: 0.29 FTA per FGA (3rd most). Verticality; no reach-ins.
- Few second chances: 12% of their FGA (5th fewest). One shot and out; run.

STARTERS · LAST GAME

10 Darius Garland

G · 6-1 · age 26 · 7 yrs · STARTED LAST GAME

25-26 CLE/LAC · 44 GP · 29.9 MPG · 18.8 pts · 2.4 reb · 6.6 ast · 39.5% 3P on 6.8 3PA · 86% FT
26-27 8 GP · 33.7 MPG · 20.9 pts · 1.6 reb · 6.6 ast · 36% 3P on 6.9 3PA

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

- New this season: turnovers per usage event (FGA + 0.44*FTA + TOV) up, 15% -> 24% (187 trials 2026-27 regular season to date; 2025-26 regular season baseline).
- Pressure him: 15.3 TO per 100 usage (bad, 16th pct), 51% of them bad passes; 44 TO in 8 games so far. Hands in the lanes; 6.6 AST/g, so stay home on shooters when he drives.
- Knockdown 3: 39.5% on 6.8/g (83rd pct). No help off him; run him off the line.

8 Kris Dunn

G · 6-3 · age 32 · 10 yrs · STARTED LAST GAME

25-26 LAC · 82 GP · 27.2 MPG · 7.3 pts · 3.3 reb · 3.6 ast · 37.4% 3P on 2.6 3PA · 76% FT
26-27 8 GP · 30.4 MPG · 8.5 pts · 4.1 reb · 4.5 ast · 35% 3P on 2.5 3PA

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

- Pressure him: 17.8 TO per 100 usage (bad, 6th pct), 50% of them bad passes; 14 TO in 8 games so far. Hands in the lanes.
- New this season: share of FGA from Restricted Area up, 28% -> 42% (50 trials 2026-27 regular season to date; 2025-26 regular season baseline).
- Takes 2.6 3s/g at 37.4% (66th pct): respect it, closeout.
- Corner specialist: 44% from the corners (91 att), 32% above the break (123). No help off the corners; help off him on top.

5 Derrick Jones Jr.

F · 6-6 · age 29 · 10 yrs · STARTED LAST GAME

25-26 LAC · 50 GP · 27.0 MPG · 10.1 pts · 3.5 reb · 1.4 ast · 35.9% 3P on 3.1 3PA · 76% FT
26-27 7 GP · 29.8 MPG · 11.6 pts · 5.3 reb · 1.4 ast · 50% 3P on 4.3 3PA

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

- Doesn't turn it over: 8.7 TO per 100 usage (87th pct). Don't gamble for steals; play him straight up.
- Capable 3: 35.9% on 3.1/g (49th pct). Closeout under control, contest every one.

11 Brook Lopez

C · 7-1 · age 38 · 18 yrs · STARTED LAST GAME

25-26 LAC · 75 GP · 21.8 MPG · 8.4 pts · 3.6 reb · 1.3 ast · 36.0% 3P on 4.2 3PA · 76% FT
26-27 8 GP · 23.5 MPG · 13.5 pts · 5.1 reb · 1.0 ast · 42% 3P on 3.2 3PA

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

- New this season: 3PA share of FGA down, 58% -> 35% (75 trials 2026-27 regular season to date; 2025-26 regular season baseline).
- Capable 3: 36.0% on 4.2/g (50th pct). Closeout under control, contest every one.

28 Rui Hachimura

F · 6-8 · age 28 · 7 yrs · STARTED LAST GAME · NEW · LAL LAST SEASON

25-26 LAL · 68 GP · 28.3 MPG · 11.5 pts · 3.3 reb · 0.8 ast · 44.3% 3P on 3.9 3PA · 69% FT
26-27 6 GP · 31.2 MPG · 14.7 pts · 6.5 reb · 1.7 ast · 34% 3P on 6.3 3PA

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

- Doesn't turn it over: 6.3 TO per 100 usage (99th pct). Don't gamble for steals; play him straight up.
- Doesn't get to the line: 0.12 FTA per FGA (11th pct). Be physical; the whistle is quiet.
- New this season: assisted share of made FGs down, 87% -> 61% (31 trials 2026-27 regular season to date; 2025-26 regular season baseline).

BENCH

4 Kobe Sanders
G · 6-8 · age 24 · 1 yrs · STARTED 2 OF 8

25-26 LAC · 68 GP · 19.9 MPG · 7.3 pts · 2.2 reb · 1.6 ast · 40.8% 3P on 2.9 3PA · 83% FT
26-27 8 GP · 24.3 MPG · 10.1 pts · 3.0 reb · 2.0 ast · 38% 3P on 4.6 3PA

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

- Pressure him: 16.4 TO per 100 usage (bad, 10th pct), 41% of them bad passes; 12 TO in 8 games so far. Hands in the lanes.
- New this season: share of FGA from Above the Break 3 up, 33% -> 46% (63 trials 2026-27 regular season to date; 2025-26 regular season baseline).
- Takes 2.9 3s/g at 40.8% (89th pct): respect it, closeout.
- Corner specialist: 48% from the corners (71 att), 37% above the break (125). No help off the corners; help off him on top.

1 Keaton Wagler
G · 6-6 · age 19 · rookie

25-26 – · 0 GP · – MPG · – pts · – reb · – ast · – 3P on – 3PA · – FT
26-27 8 GP · 23.8 MPG · 12.0 pts · 4.1 reb · 3.2 ast · 35% 3P on 4.6 3PA

23 Isaiah Jackson
F · 6-8 · age 24 · 5 yrs · Out · STARTED 6 OF 8 · FOUL TARGET

25-26 IND/LAC · 55 GP · 16.5 MPG · 6.7 pts · 5.3 reb · 0.9 ast · 0.0% 3P on 0.1 3PA · 65% FT
26-27 8 GP · 20.9 MPG · 8.6 pts · 6.1 reb · 2.2 ast · 1/1 3P

Rim FG% **excellent** FT% **bad** Ball security **bad**

- Pressure him: 17.0 TO per 100 usage (bad, 8th pct), 24% of them bad passes; 16 TO in 8 games so far. Hands in the lanes.
- Non-shooter (0.1 3PA/g): sag off him and help from him; no closeouts needed.
- Elite finisher: 71% at the rim (80th pct) on 184 attempts, 78% of his shots. No free runs; build the wall early.
- Foul-prone: 5.8 PF per 36 (2025-26 regular season). Attack him early; get him to two.

9 Gradey Dick
G-F · 6-7 · age 22 · 3 yrs · STARTED 1 OF 8 · NEW · TOR LAST SEASON

25-26 TOR · 76 GP · 14.0 MPG · 6.0 pts · 1.9 reb · 0.7 ast · 30.3% 3P on 2.4 3PA · 88% FT
26-27 8 GP · 14.7 MPG · 6.0 pts · 2.9 reb · 0.6 ast · 5/13 3P

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

- New this season: share of FGA from Restricted Area up, 28% -> 46% (37 trials 2026-27 regular season to date; 2025-26 regular season baseline).
- Doesn't turn it over: 9.2 TO per 100 usage (82nd pct). Don't gamble for steals; play him straight up.
- Low-volume, 30.3% from 3 (2.4/g): help off him in the gaps.
- Corner specialist: 39% from the corners (71 att), 25% above the break (114). No help off the corners; help off him on top.

18 Baba Miller
F · 6-11 · age 22 · rookie

25-26 – · 0 GP · – MPG · – pts · – reb · – ast · – 3P on – 3PA · – FT
26-27 7 GP · 8.4 MPG · 2.3 pts · 2.1 reb · 0.7 ast · 1/2 3P

31 Max Strus
G-F · 6-5 · age 30 · 7 yrs · NEW · CLE LAST SEASON

25-26 CLE · 12 GP · 24.0 MPG · 11.2 pts · 5.4 reb · 2.0 ast · 40.2% 3P on 6.8 3PA · 78% FT
26-27 2 GP · 23.2 MPG · 10.0 pts · 4.5 reb · 5.5 ast · 6/18 3P

- Knockdown 3: 40.2% on 6.8/g. No help off him; run him off the line.

24 Cam Christie
G · 6-5 · age 21 · 2 yrs · DID NOT PLAY LAST GAME

25-26 LAC · 55 GP · 8.7 MPG · 2.8 pts · 1.4 reb · 0.6 ast · 24.5% 3P on 0.9 3PA · 76% FT
26-27 4 GP · 6.8 MPG · 1.8 pts · 0.5 reb · 0.2 ast · 1/4 3P

- Non-shooter (0.9 3PA/g, 24% from 3): go under screens, help off him.

12 Nick Martinelli
F · 6-7 · age 22 · rookie · DID NOT PLAY LAST GAME

25-26 – · 0 GP · – MPG · – pts · – reb · – ast · – 3P on – 3PA · – FT
26-27 4 GP · 4.9 MPG · 3.8 pts · 1.8 reb · 0.5 ast · 2/3 3P

21 Jalen Pickett
G · 6-2 · age 27 · 3 yrs · DID NOT PLAY LAST GAME · NEW · DEN LAST SEASON

25-26 DEN · 50 GP · 16.1 MPG · 5.2 pts · 2.3 reb · 2.3 ast · 38.6% 3P on 2.5 3PA · 79% FT
26-27 3 GP · 5.3 MPG · 2.3 pts · 1.0 reb · 1.3 ast · 1/2 3P

3P% **excellent**

- Takes 2.5 3s/g at 38.6% (76th pct): respect it, closeout.

Also seen: B. Wesley (#20 , 9.4 min). Not seen yet: B. Ingram (#7 F, TOR 33.8 MPG last season), J. Miller (#22 G, LAC 22.1 MPG last season), B. Beal (#3 G, LAC 20.2 MPG last season), Y. Niederhäuser (#14 C, LAC 10.3 MPG last season).

GAME PLAN BOXES

FOUL HIM LATE (FT)

- Don't foul: G. Dick 88% FT; D. Garland 86% FT

FOUL TROUBLE

- Nobody over 4.5 fouls per 36 last season.

SHOT PROFILE · ZONES AND DIET

SHOT ZONES · SHARE OF FGA, FG%

	25-26	FG%	26-27	FG%
Restricted area	29%	69%	30%	66%
Paint (non-RA)	20%	46%	18%	35%
Mid-range	10%	41%	10%	31%
Corner 3	10%	42%	9%	41%
Above the break 3	30%	35%	34%	38%

SHOT DIET · SHARE OF FGA, FG%

	25-26	FG%	26-27	FG%
Pull-ups	20%	40%	21%	35%
Drives	26%	56%	26%	52%
Finishes	10%	70%	11%	68%
Catch-and-shoot 3s	26%	38%	26%	39%
Other shots	17%	50%	17%	42%

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.

9 player rates flagged as changed from last season (bullets starting 'New this season'); 1 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
10	D. Garland	269.9	29.9	14.9	46%	39.5%	21%	58%	86%	35%	38%	36%	39%	15.3	0.18	2.3	2.6	2
8	K. Dunn	242.9	27.2	5.8	45%	37.4%	28%	66%	76%	5%	36%	87%	64%	17.8	0.17	3.1	0.9	1
5	D. Jones Jr.	208.7	27.0	7.6	40%	35.9%	44%	70%	76%	4%	28%	92%	80%	8.7	0.24	2.8	1.8	0
4	K. Sanders	194.5	19.9	5.7	51%	40.8%	19%	72%	83%	13%	16%	88%	74%	16.4	0.18	3.9	0.9	1
1	K. Wagler	190.4	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
11	B. Lopez	188.2	21.8	7.2	58%	36.0%	18%	64%	76%	4%	13%	92%	80%	9.6	0.14	3.4	1.2	3
28	R. Hachimura	187.5	28.3	8.8	44%	44.3%	20%	63%	69%	22%	13%	87%	87%	6.3	0.12	2.1	0.7	1
23	I. Jackson	167.6	16.5	4.3	1%	0.0%	78%	71%	65%	2%	23%	67%	62%	17.0	0.44	5.8	1.5	0
9	G. Dick	117.9	14.0	5.0	48%	30.3%	28%	67%	88%	15%	28%	73%	89%	9.2	0.23	3.4	0.9	1
18	B. Miller	58.8	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
31	M. Strus	46.5	24.0	8.8	77%	40.2%	16%	59%	78%	12%	17%	79%	81%	7.6	0.09	4.2	1.2	0
24	C. Christie	27.1	8.7	2.5	35%	24.5%	32%	62%	76%	12%	42%	67%	79%	12.0	0.36	1.4	0.6	0
12	N. Martinelli	19.5	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
21	J. Pickett	15.9	16.1	4.6	55%	38.6%	16%	57%	79%	32%	20%	57%	63%	12.7	0.08	1.9	0.4	0
20	B. Wesley	9.4	11.7	4.0	29%	27.8%	47%	69%	55%	13%	48%	86%	50%	17.6	0.38	3.4	1.4	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 (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 2026-11-09; report built 2026-11-09 00:50 UTC.