Scouting DET · from New Orleans's side

Detroit Pistons

2026-27: 13 games (Oct 20 vs BOS · Oct 23 @ MIA · Oct 25 @ PHI · Oct 27 @ NYK · Oct 28 vs CHA · Oct 30 @ BKN · Nov 2 @ CHA · Nov 4 vs PHI · Nov 8 vs LAL · Nov 9 vs WAS · Nov 12 @ WAS · Nov 14 @ MIA · Nov 17 @ SAS) · baseline 2025-26 regular season

DET @ NOP
Wed Nov 18, 2026 · 8:00 PM ET
Game 0022600264

INJURY REPORT & SCHEDULE · official report of 2026-11-18, read 2026-11-18 23:50 UTC; statuses as listed, no reasons
DET Duncan Robinson: Out · Ebuka Okorie: Out · Jalen Duren: Out · Ronald Holland II: Out · Taurean Prince: Out · Ugonna Onyenso: Out · Cade Cunningham: Questionable · Isaiah Joe: Questionable
NOP Bennedict Mathurin: Out · Bryce McGowens: Out · Dejounte Murray: Out · Trendon Watford: Out · Trey Murphy III: Out · Jaron Pierre Jr.: Probable · Julian Reese: Probable · Malik Dia: Probable
DET: second night of a back-to-back, previous game Nov 17 @ SAS.

IN TEN SECONDS

1. **Last season: 2nd-most rim attempts (37%), 3rd-best offensive rebounding (35.4%), force the most turnovers (17.2/100), most fouls in the league (21.9/g). Through 13 games the profile has moved: paint-attempt share 56% → 48%; shooting-foul share 51% → 43% (1152 trials; each clears the flag rule).**
2. **Scoring last season: C. Cunningham 24.0/g (25.8 so far), J. Collins 13.6/g (10.5 so far), I. Joe 11.1/g (7.3 so far).**

TEAM KEYS

- Also moved through 13 games (304 trials): shooting-foul share 51% → 43%. Small sample, but each clears the flag rule.
- Paint team last season: 56% paint attempts (2nd most); 37% at the rim (2nd most); 34% 3PA share (29th of 30). Through 13 games: paint-attempt share 56% → 48%. Chase Joe 42%, Collins 41%, Green 38%, Jenkins 37%; wall up on Reed, Thompson, Lanier.
- Rim protection: opponents shoot 62% at the rim (4th best) and get 28% of their shots there (6th fewest). Drive to kick; don't finish into the bigs.
- Foul-prone team: 21.9 fouls per game (most in the league). Attack the paint and get to the line.
- They force turnovers: 17.2 per 100 (most in the league). Strong with the ball; no casual passes.
- They run: 13% of FGA in transition (3rd most). Sprint back, build the wall early, no leak-outs.

STARTERS · LAST GAME

2 Cade Cunningham

G · 6-6 · age 25 · 5 yrs · Questionable · STARTED LAST GAME

25-26 DET · 63 GP · 33.9 MPG · 24.0 pts · 5.5 reb · 9.9 ast · 34.1% 3P on 5.7 3PA · 81% FT
26-27 13 GP · 34.9 MPG · 25.8 pts · 5.2 reb · 7.8 ast · 32% 3P on 6.3 3PA

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

- New this season: drive family share of FGA down, 41% -> 31% (243 trials 2026-27 regular season to date; 2025-26 regular season baseline).
- Capable 3: 34.1% on 5.7/g (35th pct). Closeout under control, contest every one.
- Pressure him: 14.6 TO per 100 usage (bad, 21st pct), 50% of them bad passes; 40 TO in 13 games so far. Hands in the lanes; 9.9 AST/g, so stay home on shooters when he drives.
- Poor finisher: 62% at the rim (bad, 22nd pct) on 335 attempts. Meet him at the rim; verticality, no fouls.

24 Daniss Jenkins

G · 6-4 · age 25 · 2 yrs · STARTED LAST GAME

25-26 DET · 71 GP · 20.4 MPG · 9.4 pts · 2.3 reb · 3.9 ast · 37.3% 3P on 2.7 3PA · 83% FT
26-27 13 GP · 28.9 MPG · 14.1 pts · 3.7 reb · 4.4 ast · 42% 3P on 5.1 3PA

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

- Poor finisher: 52% at the rim (bad, 2nd pct) on 160 attempts. Meet him at the rim; verticality, no fouls.
- New this season: share of FGA from Corner 3 up, 9% -> 20% (139 trials 2026-27 regular season to date; 2025-26 regular season baseline).
- Pressure him: 15.3 TO per 100 usage (bad, 15th pct), 46% of them bad passes; 18 TO in 13 games so far. Hands in the lanes.

20 John Collins

F-C · 6-9 · age 29 · 9 yrs · STARTED LAST GAME · NEW · LAC LAST SEASON

25-26 LAC · 69 GP · 27.1 MPG · 13.6 pts · 5.3 reb · 1.0 ast · 40.6% 3P on 3.2 3PA · 77% FT
26-27 13 GP · 26.1 MPG · 10.5 pts · 5.6 reb · 0.6 ast · 40% 3P on 2.9 3PA

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

- Elite finisher: 75% at the rim (92nd pct) on 253 attempts, 38% of his shots. No free runs; build the wall early.
- New this season: cut/putback/alley-oop/tip finish share of FGA up, 19% -> 29% (114 trials 2026-27 regular season to date; 2025-26 regular season baseline).
- Knockdown 3: 40.6% on 3.2/g (88th pct). No help off him; run him off the line.

9 Ausar Thompson

G-F · 6-7 · age 23 · 3 yrs · STARTED LAST GAME

25-26 DET · 72 GP · 26.0 MPG · 9.8 pts · 5.8 reb · 3.1 ast · 23.8% 3P on 0.3 3PA · 58% FT
26-27 12 GP · 27.9 MPG · 10.4 pts · 8.7 reb · 5.7 ast · 0/5 3P

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

- Non-shooter (0.3 3PA/g, 24% from 3): go under screens, help off him.
- Pressure him: 14.5 TO per 100 usage (bad, 22nd pct), 34% of them bad passes; 30 TO in 12 games so far. Hands in the lanes.
- Make him take the floater: 37% on 175 non-RA paint shots (31% of his FGA).

27 Kevin Huerter

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

25-26 CHI/DET · 69 GP · 22.4 MPG · 10.0 pts · 3.5 reb · 2.6 ast · 30.8% 3P on 4.7 3PA · 78% FT
26-27 13 GP · 25.3 MPG · 9.8 pts · 2.9 reb · 2.4 ast · 33% 3P on 4.5 3PA

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

- Doesn't get to the line: 0.12 FTA per FGA (11th pct). Be physical; the whistle is quiet.
- New this season: pull-up family share of FGA up, 15% -> 24% (106 trials 2026-27 regular season to date; 2025-26 regular season baseline).
- Elite finisher: 73% at the rim (87th pct) on 161 attempts, 27% of his shots. No free runs; build the wall early.

BENCH

55 Duncan Robinson
F · 6-7 · age 32 · 8 yrs — Out — STARTED 12 OF 12 — DID NOT PLAY LAST GAME

25-26 DET · 76 GP · 27.3 MPG · 12.1 pts · 2.7 reb · 2.1 ast · 40.9% 3P on 7.0 3PA · 75% FT
26-27 12 GP · 30.5 MPG · 17.4 pts · 1.8 reb · 2.1 ast · 43% 3P on 9.1 3PA

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

- Doesn't turn it over: 6.8 TO per 100 usage (98th pct). Don't gamble for steals; play him straight up.
- Knockdown 3: 40.9% on 7.0/g (90th 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.

7 Paul Reed
F · 6-9 · age 27 · 6 yrs — STARTED 7 OF 13 — FOUL TARGET

25-26 DET · 64 GP · 13.8 MPG · 7.7 pts · 4.5 reb · 1.2 ast · 30.8% 3P on 0.6 3PA · 66% FT
26-27 13 GP · 26.5 MPG · 11.2 pts · 7.7 reb · 2.3 ast · 5/10 3P

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

- Elite finisher: 75% at the rim (93rd pct) on 190 attempts, 58% of his shots. No free runs; build the wall early.
- Non-shooter (0.6 3PA/g, 31% from 3): go under screens, help off him.
- Crashes the glass (5.1 OREB per 36): hit him first, then go get it.
- Foul-prone: 4.7 PF per 36 (2025-26 regular season). Attack him early; get him to two.

31 Javonte Green
G · 6-5 · age 33 · 7 yrs

25-26 DET · 81 GP · 17.6 MPG · 6.9 pts · 2.8 reb · 0.7 ast · 38.0% 3P on 3.0 3PA · 84% FT
26-27 13 GP · 17.3 MPG · 6.0 pts · 2.5 reb · 0.5 ast · 27% 3P on 3.4 3PA

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

- New this season: drive family share of FGA down, 24% -> 10% (59 trials 2026-27 regular season to date; 2025-26 regular season baseline).
- Doesn't turn it over: 8.7 TO per 100 usage (87th pct). Don't gamble for steals; play him straight up.
- Knockdown 3: 38.0% on 3.0/g (70th pct). No help off him; run him off the line.
- Poor finisher: 61% at the rim (bad, 22nd pct) on 119 attempts. Meet him at the rim; verticality, no fouls.

5 Ronald Holland II
F · 6-8 · age 21 · 2 yrs — Out — DID NOT PLAY LAST GAME

25-26 DET · 77 GP · 20.0 MPG · 8.2 pts · 4.0 reb · 1.2 ast · 24.7% 3P on 2.5 3PA · 81% FT
26-27 12 GP · 15.9 MPG · 4.9 pts · 3.8 reb · 1.8 ast · 31% 3P on 2.2 3PA

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

- Low-volume, 24.7% from 3 (2.5/g): help off him in the gaps.
- Downhill driver: 42% of his shots are drives at 55% (87th pct). Show early help, wall up, make him pass.
- Pressure him: 13.5 TO per 100 usage (below average, 31st pct), 27% of them bad passes; 11 TO in 12 games so far. Hands in the lanes.

17 Isaiah Joe
G · 6-4 · age 27 · 6 yrs — Questionable — DID NOT PLAY LAST GAME — NEW · OKC LAST SEASON

25-26 OKC · 71 GP · 21.2 MPG · 11.1 pts · 2.5 reb · 1.3 ast · 42.3% 3P on 6.0 3PA · 89% FT
26-27 3 GP · 13.9 MPG · 7.3 pts · 1.7 reb · 1.0 ast · 3/13 3P

3P% elite · FT% elite · Ball security elite · Gets to line average

- Doesn't turn it over: 7.0 TO per 100 usage (97th pct). Don't gamble for steals; play him straight up.
- Knockdown 3: 42.3% on 6.0/g (96th pct). No help off him; run him off the line.
- Corner specialist: 53% from the corners (102 att), 39% above the break (326). No help off the corners; help off him on top.

0 Jalen Duren
C · 6-10 · age 23 · 4 yrs — Out — STARTED 2 OF 2 — DID NOT PLAY LAST GAME

25-26 DET · 69 GP · 28.5 MPG · 19.7 pts · 10.6 reb · 2.0 ast · – 3P on 0.0 3PA · 75% FT
26-27 2 GP · 19.1 MPG · 13.0 pts · 7.5 reb · 2.0 ast · 0/0 3P

Rim FG% excellent · FT% below average · Ball security above average · Gets to line elite

- Lives at the line: 0.54 FTA per FGA (elite, 98th pct), 4.3 fouls drawn/g, 75% FT. Verticality, hands back, no reach.
- Elite finisher: 72% at the rim (82nd pct) on 582 attempts, 73% 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.

8 Chaz Lanier
G · 6-4 · age 24 · 1 yrs

25-26 DET · 33 GP · 7.6 MPG · 2.3 pts · 0.7 reb · 0.5 ast · 28.1% 3P on 1.9 3PA · 83% FT
26-27 5 GP · 7.6 MPG · 3.2 pts · 0.6 reb · 0.2 ast · 4/9 3P

- Low-volume, 28.1% from 3 (1.9/g): help off him in the gaps.

35 Tolu Smith
F · 6-11 · age 26 · 2 yrs — DID NOT PLAY LAST GAME

25-26 DET · 15 GP · 9.2 MPG · 3.7 pts · 3.3 reb · 0.9 ast · – 3P on 0.0 3PA · 67% FT
26-27 8 GP · 3.6 MPG · 1.1 pts · 1.6 reb · 0.1 ast · 0/0 3P

- Crashes the glass (5.8 OREB per 36): hit him first, then go get it.

12 Taurean Prince
F · 6-6 · age 32 · 10 yrs — Out — DID NOT PLAY LAST GAME — NEW · MIL LAST SEASON

25-26 MIL · 26 GP · 23.5 MPG · 9.2 pts · 3.1 reb · 1.8 ast · 43.6% 3P on 5.4 3PA · 100% FT
26-27 3 GP · 7.4 MPG · 2.0 pts · 0.7 reb · 0.3 ast · 1/4 3P

3P% elite

- Knockdown 3: 43.6% on 5.4/g (98th pct). No help off him; run him off the line.

23 Ebuka Okorie
G · 6-2 · age 19 · rookie — Out — DID NOT PLAY LAST GAME

25-26 – · 0 GP · – MPG · – pts · – reb · – ast · – 3P on – 3PA · – FT
26-27 5 GP · 4.0 MPG · 2.2 pts · 0.4 reb · 0.6 ast · 0/3 3P

13 Isaac Jones
F · 6-8 · age 26 · 2 yrs — DID NOT PLAY LAST GAME

25-26 DET/SAC · 7 GP · 5.1 MPG · 1.3 pts · 0.7 reb · 0.1 ast · 0.0% 3P on 0.3 3PA · 75% FT
26-27 5 GP · 3.0 MPG · 0.4 pts · 1.2 reb · 0.2 ast · 0/1 3P

Also seen: E. Harkless (#94 G, 8.0 min). Not seen yet: U. Onyenso (#34 C).

GAME PLAN BOXES

FOUL HIM LATE (FT)

- **A. Thompson** — 58% FT (189 FTA, 3rd pct)
- **P. Reed** — 66% FT (110 FTA, 11th pct)
- Don't foul: I. Joe 89% FT; J. Green 84% FT; D. Jenkins 83% FT; C. Cunningham 81% FT

FOUL TROUBLE

- **P. Reed** — 4.7 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	37%	66%	32%	63%
Paint (non-RA)	20%	41%	17%	43%
Mid-range	9%	42%	11%	44%
Corner 3	10%	37%	12%	30%
Above the break 3	24%	35%	28%	38%

SHOT DIET · SHARE OF FGA, FG%

	25-26	FG%	26-27	FG%
Pull-ups	16%	37%	19%	40%
Drives	32%	54%	26%	54%
Finishes	13%	70%	12%	66%
Catch-and-shoot 3s	23%	36%	26%	36%
Other shots	16%	51%	18%	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.

11 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
2	C. Cunningham	453.2	33.9	18.6	30%	34.1%	29%	62%	81%	32%	41%	38%	34%	14.6	0.32	3.3	4.6	1
24	D. Jenkins	375.8	20.4	8.0	34%	37.3%	28%	52%	83%	31%	41%	51%	48%	15.3	0.28	2.7	2.0	5
55	D. Robinson	366.0	27.3	9.1	77%	40.9%	12%	68%	75%	18%	17%	66%	91%	6.8	0.15	2.8	1.5	0
7	P. Reed	344.0	13.8	5.1	12%	30.8%	58%	75%	66%	3%	31%	85%	74%	12.9	0.33	4.7	1.2	0
20	J. Collins	339.3	27.1	9.6	33%	40.6%	38%	75%	77%	5%	25%	92%	79%	11.6	0.23	3.6	2.2	1
9	A. Thompson	334.4	26.0	7.8	4%	23.8%	58%	66%	58%	8%	43%	90%	63%	14.5	0.34	3.8	2.1	0
27	K. Huerter	329.3	22.4	8.6	55%	30.8%	27%	73%	78%	15%	26%	70%	78%	10.3	0.12	2.7	1.0	2
31	J. Green	225.4	17.6	5.0	60%	38.0%	29%	61%	84%	2%	24%	91%	85%	8.7	0.30	2.7	1.2	2
5	R. Holland II	190.6	20.0	7.0	36%	24.7%	43%	64%	81%	5%	42%	89%	69%	13.5	0.27	4.1	1.9	0
17	I. Joe	41.8	21.2	7.7	79%	42.3%	9%	63%	89%	18%	9%	77%	91%	7.0	0.23	2.9	1.9	0
0	J. Duren	38.1	28.5	11.6	0%	–	73%	72%	75%	3%	36%	–	65%	11.6	0.54	3.5	4.3	0
8	C. Lanier	37.9	7.6	2.6	74%	28.1%	2%	50%	83%	16%	5%	81%	89%	3.3	0.07	1.7	0.1	0
35	T. Smith	28.9	9.2	2.4	0%	–	86%	55%	67%	0%	28%	–	61%	12.5	0.83	6.0	1.3	0
12	T. Prince	22.2	23.5	7.3	73%	43.6%	10%	63%	100%	22%	17%	71%	81%	13.8	0.03	2.8	0.5	0
23	E. Okorie	19.8	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
13	I. Jones	15.0	5.1	1.0	29%	0.0%	57%	75%	75%	0%	43%	100%	33%	10.2	0.57	4.0	0.6	0
94	E. Harkless	8.0	21.0	6.2	55%	23.9%	28%	51%	77%	14%	34%	76%	63%	12.1	0.40	3.4	2.7	0

HOW TO READ IT

Baseline = 2025-26 regular season (81 games; 1 left out: score not verified; a player's baseline covers every game he played, with any team). Recent = 2026-27 (13 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 2026-11-18; report built 2026-11-18 23:50 UTC.