Scouting DAL · from Utah's side

Dallas Mavericks

2026-27: 16 games (Oct 21 @ HOU · Oct 23 @ IND · Oct 24 vs SAS · Oct 26 @ MIA · Oct 28 vs OKC · Oct 30 vs HOU · Nov 2 vs SAC · Nov 4 @ SAS · Nov 6 vs UTA · Nov 8 vs BKN · Nov 9 vs IND · Nov 12 @ MIN · Nov 14 @ CLE · Nov 15 @ BOS · Nov 18 vs GSW · Nov 21 vs LAC) · baseline 2025-26 regular season

DAL @ UTA
Sun Nov 22, 2026 · 7:00 PM ET
Game 0022600284

INJURY REPORT & SCHEDULE · official report of 2026-11-22, read 2026-11-22 22:46 UTC; statuses as listed, no reasons

DAL Dereck Lively II: Out · Sergio de Larrea: Out · Tarik Biberović: Out · Tobi Lawal: Out · P.J. Washington: Doubtful · Walter Clayton Jr.: Questionable

UTA Harrison Ingram: Out · Jaren Jackson Jr.: Out · Jonas Aidoo: Out · Jusuf Nurkić: Out · Kobe Bufkin: Out · Lauri Markkanen: Out

DAL: second night of a back-to-back, previous game Nov 21 vs LAC.

IN TEN SECONDS

1. **Last season: 5th-most paint attempts (52%), 4th-worst offensive rebounding (27.9%), 4th-fewest turnovers forced (13.2/100), 2nd-fewest fouls (18.4/g). Through 16 games the profile has moved: above-the-break-3 share 25% → 32%; 3PA share 36% → 43%; shooting-foul share 59% → 45%; drive share 32% → 25% (1410 trials; each clears the flag rule).**
2. **Scoring last season: C. Flagg 21.0/g (24.1 so far), N. Marshall 15.2/g (11.0 so far), S. Aldama 14.0/g (5.7 so far).**

TEAM KEYS

- Also moved through 16 games (1410 trials): above-the-break-3 share 25% → 32%; shooting-foul share 59% → 45%; drive share 32% → 25%. Small sample, but each clears the flag rule.
- Paint team last season: 52% paint attempts (5th most); 36% 3PA share (26th of 30). Through 16 games: 3PA share 36% → 43%; paint-attempt share 52% → 45%. Chase Christie 40%, Risacher 37%, Sasser 42%, Howard 37%; wall up on Gafford, Marshall, Martin, Cisse.
- Soft rim protection: get 32% of their shots there (9th most). Get downhill; finish at the rim.
- Disciplined: 18.4 fouls per game (2nd fewest). Don't count on free throws; earn them in the paint.
- Pace: 101.3 possessions per game (3rd fastest).
- Inefficient offense: eFG% 52.7% (4th worst). Make them take contested twos.

STARTERS · LAST GAME

32 Cooper Flagg

F · 6-10 · age 19 · 1 yrs · STARTED LAST GAME

25-26 DAL · 70 GP · 33.5 MPG · 21.0 pts · 6.7 reb · 4.5 ast · 29.5% 3P on 3.5 3PA · 83% FT
26-27 15 GP · 33.6 MPG · 24.1 pts · 6.5 reb · 6.5 ast · 32% 3P on 4.9 3PA

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

- New this season: catch-and-shoot-3 proxy share of FGA up, 9% -> 17% (257 trials 2026-27 regular season to date; 2025-26 regular season baseline).
- Volume 3s at 29.5%, 3.5/g (8th pct): make him shoot contested, no fly-bys.
- Downhill driver: 44% of his shots are drives at 54% (91st pct). Show early help, wall up, make him pass.

11 Kyrie Irving

G · 6-2 · age 34 · 15 yrs · STARTED LAST GAME

25-26 – · 0 GP · – MPG · – pts · – reb · – ast · – 3P on – 3PA · – FT
26-27 13 GP · 31.0 MPG · 22.5 pts · 3.9 reb · 4.4 ast · 37% 3P on 8.8 3PA

10 Zaccharie Risacher

F · 6-8 · age 21 · 2 yrs · STARTED LAST GAME · NEW · ATL LAST SEASON

25-26 ATL · 67 GP · 22.4 MPG · 9.6 pts · 3.8 reb · 1.1 ast · 36.8% 3P on 3.9 3PA · 64% FT
26-27 16 GP · 23.7 MPG · 8.6 pts · 4.8 reb · 1.2 ast · 30% 3P on 3.5 3PA

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

- Doesn't turn it over: 9.2 TO per 100 usage (83rd pct). Don't gamble for steals; play him straight up.
- Capable 3: 36.8% on 3.9/g (59th pct). Closeout under control, contest every one.
- Poor finisher: 61% at the rim (bad, 19th pct) on 183 attempts. Meet him at the rim; verticality, no fouls.

21 Daniel Gafford

F-C · 6-10 · age 28 · 7 yrs · STARTED LAST GAME

25-26 DAL · 55 GP · 21.7 MPG · 9.5 pts · 6.9 reb · 1.1 ast · – 3P on 0.0 3PA · 68% FT
26-27 16 GP · 21.8 MPG · 8.6 pts · 5.4 reb · 1.9 ast · 2/2 3P

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

- Lives at the line: 0.51 FTA per FGA (elite, 97th pct), 2.7 fouls drawn/g, 68% FT. Verticality, hands back, no reach.
- New this season: drive family share of FGA down, 24% -> 10% (79 trials 2026-27 regular season to date; 2025-26 regular season baseline).
- Non-shooter (0.0 3PA/g): sag off him and help from him; no closeouts needed.

16 Caleb Martin

F · 6-5 · age 31 · 7 yrs · STARTED LAST GAME

25-26 DAL · 58 GP · 14.8 MPG · 3.9 pts · 2.5 reb · 1.4 ast · 35.1% 3P on 1.0 3PA · 61% FT
26-27 12 GP · 21.4 MPG · 5.6 pts · 3.3 reb · 2.3 ast · 52% 3P on 2.1 3PA

- New this season: drive family share of FGA down, 42% -> 16% (50 trials 2026-27 regular season to date; 2025-26 regular season baseline).
- Non-shooter (1.0 3PA/g, 35% from 3): go under screens, help off him.

BENCH

25 P.J. Washington
F · 6-6 · age 28 · 7 yrs — Doubtful — STARTED 15 OF 15 — DID NOT PLAY LAST GAME

25-26 DAL · 56 GP · 31.0 MPG · 14.2 pts · 7.0 reb · 1.8 ast · 32.5% 3P on 4.2 3PA · 69% FT
26-27 15 GP · 30.8 MPG · 14.0 pts · 6.7 reb · 1.3 ast · 36% 3P on 6.3 3PA
3P% bad · Rim FG% bad · FT% bad · Ball security above average · Gets to line good

- New this season: catch-and-shoot-3 proxy share of FGA up, 29% -> 50% (164 trials 2026-27 regular season to date; 2025-26 regular season baseline).
- Poor finisher: 60% at the rim (bad, 18th pct) on 223 attempts. Meet him at the rim; verticality, no fouls.
- Volume 3s at 32.5%, 4.2/g (21st pct): make him shoot contested, no fly-bys.

3 Naji Marshall
F · 6-6 · age 28 · 6 yrs — STARTED 2 OF 13

25-26 DAL · 74 GP · 29.5 MPG · 15.2 pts · 4.7 reb · 3.3 ast · 29.1% 3P on 2.9 3PA · 76% FT
26-27 13 GP · 24.2 MPG · 11.0 pts · 2.9 reb · 3.9 ast · 30% 3P on 3.3 3PA
3P% bad · Rim FG% good · FT% below average · Ball security good · Gets to line excellent

- New this season: share of FGA from Above the Break 3 up, 13% -> 24% (120 trials 2026-27 regular season to date; 2025-26 regular season baseline).
- Lives at the line: 0.36 FTA per FGA (excellent, 86th pct), 2.6 fouls drawn/g, 76% FT. Verticality, hands back, no reach.
- Low-volume, 29.1% from 3 (2.9/g): help off him in the gaps.
- Corner specialist: 35% from the corners (103 att), 24% above the break (110). No help off the corners; help off him on top.

1 Walter Clayton Jr.
G · 6-3 · age 23 · 1 yrs — Questionable — NEW · MEM/UTA LAST SEASON

25-26 MEM/UTA · 69 GP · 20.4 MPG · 7.8 pts · 2.0 reb · 4.0 ast · 30.7% 3P on 3.5 3PA · 90% FT
26-27 15 GP · 18.3 MPG · 7.7 pts · 3.1 reb · 3.4 ast · 38% 3P on 3.5 3PA
3P% bad · FT% elite · Ball security bad · Gets to line above average

- Pressure him: 18.4 TO per 100 usage (bad, 4th pct), 42% of them bad passes; 23 TO in 15 games so far. Hands in the lanes.
- Volume 3s at 30.7%, 3.5/g (10th pct): make him shoot contested, no fly-bys.
- Pull-up shooter: 33% of his shots are pull-ups (85th pct, 33%). Stay attached over screens; contest without fouling.

14 Morez Johnson Jr.
F · 6-10 · age 20 · rookie

25-26 – · 0 GP · – MPG · – pts · – reb · – ast · – 3P on – 3PA · – FT
26-27 15 GP · 17.0 MPG · 6.3 pts · 4.6 reb · 1.3 ast · 3/16 3P

0 Max Christie
G · 6-5 · age 23 · 4 yrs — STARTED 7 OF 13

25-26 DAL · 77 GP · 29.1 MPG · 12.3 pts · 3.2 reb · 2.0 ast · 40.4% 3P on 5.8 3PA · 90% FT
26-27 13 GP · 18.1 MPG · 5.8 pts · 2.9 reb · 1.1 ast · 32% 3P on 3.9 3PA
3P% excellent · Rim FG% below average · FT% elite · Ball security good · Gets to line below average

- New this season: catch-and-shoot-3 proxy share of FGA up, 36% -> 52% (73 trials 2026-27 regular season to date; 2025-26 regular season baseline).
- Knockdown 3: 40.4% on 5.8/g (88th pct). No help off him; run him off the line.
- Pull-up shooter: 26% of his shots are pull-ups (72nd pct, 36%). Stay attached over screens; contest without fouling.

8 Marcus Sasser
G · 6-2 · age 26 · 3 yrs — DID NOT PLAY LAST GAME — NEW · DET LAST SEASON

25-26 DET · 38 GP · 12.0 MPG · 5.2 pts · 1.0 reb · 2.0 ast · 41.5% 3P on 2.8 3PA · 83% FT
26-27 12 GP · 14.9 MPG · 5.1 pts · 1.2 reb · 1.7 ast · 30% 3P on 2.8 3PA
3P% elite

- Takes 2.8 3s/g at 41.5% (93rd pct): respect it, closeout.

34 Santi Aldama
F-C · 7-0 · age 25 · 5 yrs — NEW · MEM LAST SEASON

25-26 MEM · 43 GP · 27.9 MPG · 14.0 pts · 6.7 reb · 2.9 ast · 35.0% 3P on 4.7 3PA · 67% FT
26-27 7 GP · 12.6 MPG · 5.7 pts · 2.7 reb · 0.6 ast · 27% 3P on 3.1 3PA
3P% average · Rim FG% good · FT% bad · Ball security excellent · Gets to line average

- New this season: 3PA share of FGA up, 42% -> 61% (36 trials 2026-27 regular season to date; 2025-26 regular season baseline).
- Capable 3: 35.0% on 4.7/g (42nd pct). Closeout under control, contest every one.
- Corner specialist: 54% from the corners (50 att), 29% above the break (150). No help off the corners; help off him on top.

55 Sergio de Larrea
G · 6-6 · age 20 · rookie — Out — DID NOT PLAY LAST GAME

25-26 – · 0 GP · – MPG · – pts · – reb · – ast · – 3P on – 3PA · – FT
26-27 4 GP · 11.6 MPG · 5.2 pts · 2.0 reb · 1.2 ast · 3/5 3P

33 Tobi Lawal
F · 6-7 · age 23 · rookie — Out — DID NOT PLAY LAST GAME

25-26 – · 0 GP · – MPG · – pts · – reb · – ast · – 3P on – 3PA · – FT
26-27 8 GP · 4.5 MPG · 1.4 pts · 1.1 reb · 0.4 ast · 1/6 3P

30 Moussa Cissé
C · 6-11 · age 24 · 1 yrs — DID NOT PLAY LAST GAME — FOUL TARGET

25-26 DAL · 38 GP · 13.9 MPG · 4.5 pts · 5.7 reb · 0.2 ast · – 3P on 0.0 3PA · 47% FT
26-27 10 GP · 3.6 MPG · 1.3 pts · 0.8 reb · 0.1 ast · 0/0 3P
Rim FG% bad · FT% bad

- Non-shooter (0.0 3PA/g): sag off him and help from him; no closeouts needed.
- Poor finisher: 61% at the rim (bad, 21st pct) on 103 attempts. Meet him at the rim; verticality, no fouls.
- Crashes the glass (6.0 OREB per 36): hit him first, then go get it.
- Foul-prone: 5.0 PF per 36 (2025-26 regular season). Attack him early; get him to two.

9 Jett Howard
G · 6-8 · age 23 · 3 yrs — DID NOT PLAY LAST GAME — NEW · ORL LAST SEASON

25-26 ORL · 55 GP · 12.7 MPG · 5.5 pts · 1.6 reb · 0.8 ast · 37.2% 3P on 2.6 3PA · 95% FT
26-27 7 GP · 3.4 MPG · 2.1 pts · 0.1 reb · 0.1 ast · 3/9 3P
3P% good

- Takes 2.6 3s/g at 37.2% (63rd pct): respect it, closeout.

Not seen yet: D. Lively II (#2 C, DAL 16.5 MPG last season), T. Biberović (#13 F).

GAME PLAN BOXES

FOUL HIM LATE (FT)

- **M. Cisse** — 47% FT (81 FTA, 1st pct)
- **Z. Risacher** — 64% FT (90 FTA, 7th pct)
- **S. Aldama** — 67% FT (114 FTA, 11th pct)
- **D. Gafford** — 68% FT (161 FTA, 13th pct), 11/14 in clutch
- **N. Marshall** — 76% FT (300 FTA, 35th pct), 19/29 in clutch
- Don't foul: W. Clayton Jr. 90% FT; M. Christie 90% FT; C. Flagg 83% FT

FOUL TROUBLE

- **M. Cisse** — 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	30%	65%	27%	65%
Paint (non-RA)	21%	46%	18%	47%
Mid-range	13%	39%	12%	40%
Corner 3	11%	37%	11%	38%
Above the break 3	25%	33%	32%	33%

SHOT DIET · SHARE OF FGA, FG%

	25-26	FG%	26-27	FG%
Pull-ups	20%	38%	19%	37%
Drives	32%	53%	25%	55%
Finishes	10%	68%	10%	72%
Catch-and-shoot 3s	23%	35%	29%	35%
Other shots	15%	49%	16%	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.

22 player rates flagged as changed from last season (bullets starting 'New this season'); 5 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
32	C. Flagg	503.5	33.5	17.1	20%	29.5%	30%	65%	83%	30%	44%	43%	44%	10.7	0.29	2.2	4.1	5
25	P. Washington	461.6	31.0	11.8	36%	32.5%	34%	60%	69%	8%	34%	82%	68%	11.3	0.28	2.5	2.4	7
11	K. Irving	402.7	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
10	Z. Risacher	378.7	22.4	8.0	48%	36.8%	34%	61%	64%	12%	24%	71%	81%	9.2	0.17	3.5	1.1	0
21	D. Gafford	348.5	21.7	5.8	0%	–	83%	70%	68%	0%	24%	–	64%	14.0	0.51	4.3	2.7	1
3	N. Marshall	314.8	29.5	11.1	26%	29.1%	29%	68%	76%	14%	48%	83%	56%	11.1	0.36	2.4	2.6	2
1	W. Clayton Jr.	273.8	20.4	6.7	53%	30.7%	20%	50%	90%	33%	30%	52%	55%	18.4	0.26	3.0	1.6	0
16	C. Martin	256.3	14.8	3.3	30%	35.1%	36%	68%	61%	6%	42%	93%	66%	15.6	0.32	3.6	1.0	4
14	M. Johnson Jr.	255.7	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
0	M. Christie	235.1	29.1	9.4	62%	40.4%	19%	64%	90%	26%	24%	58%	77%	10.9	0.19	1.6	1.5	1
8	M. Sasser	178.4	12.0	4.7	60%	41.5%	16%	57%	83%	40%	22%	49%	72%	14.4	0.10	3.2	0.4	0
34	S. Aldama	88.3	27.9	11.1	42%	35.0%	27%	69%	67%	6%	31%	80%	86%	9.5	0.24	2.1	2.2	2
55	S. de Larrea	46.4	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
33	T. Lawal	36.1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
30	M. Cisse	36.0	13.9	3.0	0%	–	90%	61%	47%	0%	12%	–	68%	16.6	0.70	5.0	1.8	0
9	J. Howard	24.0	12.7	4.6	58%	37.2%	21%	60%	95%	17%	27%	74%	80%	5.3	0.15	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 (16 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 2026-11-22; report built 2026-11-22 22:46 UTC.