Scouting NYK · from Cleveland's side

New York Knicks

2026-27: 17 games (Oct 20 vs PHI · Oct 23 @ BOS · Oct 25 vs ORL · Oct 27 vs DET · Oct 28 @ CHI · Oct 30 @ PHI · Nov 2 vs BKN · Nov 4 vs CHI · Nov 7 @ CLE · Nov 10 vs MIL · Nov 11 vs CLE · Nov 13 @ IND · Nov 15 @ TOR · Nov 17 @ TOR · Nov 19 @ MIN · Nov 21 vs POR · Nov 22 vs IND) · baseline 2025-26 regular season

CLE @ NYK
Wed Nov 25, 2026 · 7:30 PM ET
Game 0022600057

INJURY REPORT & SCHEDULE · official report of 2026-11-25, read 2026-11-25 23:19 UTC; statuses as listed, no reasons

NYK	Jordan Clarkson: Out	Miles McBride: Out	OG Anunoby: Out	Jalen Brunson: Probable	Josh Hart: Probable	Karl-Anthony Towns: Probable
CLE	Ernest Udeh Jr.: Out	Evan Mobley: Out	Khalifa Diop: Out	Nae'Qwan Tomlin: Out	Zack Austin: Out	

NYK: 2 days of rest, previous game Nov 22 vs IND.

IN TEN SECONDS

1. **Last season: 7th-fewest paint attempts (46%), 7th-best offensive rebounding (32.8%), 6th-slowest pace (96.3), 6th-best rim protection (64%). Through 17 games the profile has moved: shooting-foul share 50% → 42% (358 trials; each clears the flag rule).**
2. **Scoring last season: J. Brunson 26.0/g (26.5 so far), K. Towns 20.1/g (21.8 so far), M. Bridges 14.4/g (7.8 so far).**

TEAM KEYS

- Also moved through 17 games (358 trials): shooting-foul share 50% → 42%. Small sample, but each clears the flag rule.
- Shot profile last season: 46% paint attempts (7th fewest); 43% 3PA share (12th of 30). Chase Brunson 37%, Shamet 39%, Bridges 37%, Towns 37%, Hart 41%; wall up on Drummond, Dadiet.
- Rim protection: opponents shoot 64% at the rim (6th best). Drive to kick; don't finish into the bigs.
- They close possessions: DREB% 71.5% (4th best).
- They give up 3s: opponents take 45% of their shots from 3 (4th most). Space them; move it side to side.
- Slow pace: 96.3 possessions per game (6th slowest).

STARTERS · LAST GAME

11 Jalen Brunson

G · 6-2 · age 30 · 8 yrs · Probable · STARTED LAST GAME

25-26 NYK · 74 GP · 35.0 MPG · 26.0 pts · 3.3 reb · 6.8 ast · 36.9% 3P on 7.1 3PA · 84% FT
26-27 17 GP · 34.4 MPG · 26.5 pts · 3.1 reb · 5.9 ast · 40% 3P on 7.4 3PA

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

- New this season: share of FGA from In The Paint (Non-RA) down, 27% -> 20% (355 trials 2026-27 regular season to date; 2025-26 regular season baseline).
- Capable 3: 36.9% on 7.1/g (60th pct). Closeout under control, contest every one.
- Pull-up shooter: 40% of his shots are pull-ups (95th pct, 44%). Stay attached over screens; contest without fouling.

32 Karl-Anthony Towns

C-F · 7-0 · age 31 · 11 yrs · Probable · STARTED LAST GAME

25-26 NYK · 75 GP · 31.0 MPG · 20.1 pts · 11.8 reb · 3.0 ast · 36.8% 3P on 4.1 3PA · 86% FT
26-27 16 GP · 32.6 MPG · 21.8 pts · 13.9 reb · 4.0 ast · 42% 3P on 5.1 3PA

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

- Lives at the line: 0.40 FTA per FGA (excellent, 89th pct), 4.9 fouls drawn/g, 86% FT. Verticality, hands back, no reach.
- New this season: drive family share of FGA down, 36% -> 25% (232 trials 2026-27 regular season to date; 2025-26 regular season baseline).
- Capable 3: 36.8% on 4.1/g (59th pct). Closeout under control, contest every one.
- Poor finisher: 61% at the rim (bad, 20th pct) on 514 attempts. Meet him at the rim; verticality, no fouls.

44 Landry Shamet

G · 6-5 · age 29 · 8 yrs · STARTED LAST GAME

25-26 NYK · 51 GP · 23.0 MPG · 9.3 pts · 1.8 reb · 1.4 ast · 39.2% 3P on 5.2 3PA · 71% FT
26-27 17 GP · 26.9 MPG · 11.3 pts · 1.6 reb · 1.9 ast · 44% 3P on 5.6 3PA

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

- Doesn't turn it over: 7.0 TO per 100 usage (97th pct). Don't gamble for steals; play him straight up.
- New this season: share of FGA from Corner 3 down, 32% -> 21% (136 trials 2026-27 regular season to date; 2025-26 regular season baseline).
- Knockdown 3: 39.2% on 5.2/g (81st pct). No help off him; run him off the line.

25 Mikal Bridges

G-F · 6-6 · age 30 · 8 yrs · STARTED LAST GAME

25-26 NYK · 82 GP · 32.8 MPG · 14.4 pts · 3.8 reb · 3.7 ast · 37.1% 3P on 5.1 3PA · 83% FT
26-27 17 GP · 26.4 MPG · 7.8 pts · 3.4 reb · 2.2 ast · 32% 3P on 3.5 3PA

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

- Doesn't turn it over: 7.6 TO per 100 usage (95th pct). Don't gamble for steals; play him straight up.
- Doesn't get to the line: 0.10 FTA per FGA (6th pct). Be physical; the whistle is quiet.
- Knockdown 3: 37.1% on 5.1/g (62nd pct). No help off him; run him off the line.

3 Josh Hart

G · 6-5 · age 31 · 9 yrs · Probable · STARTED LAST GAME

25-26 NYK · 66 GP · 30.2 MPG · 12.0 pts · 7.4 reb · 4.8 ast · 41.3% 3P on 3.7 3PA · 72% FT
26-27 14 GP · 30.7 MPG · 6.6 pts · 6.7 reb · 4.0 ast · 27% 3P on 4.4 3PA

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

- Pressure him: 16.5 TO per 100 usage (bad, 10th pct), 40% of them bad passes; 21 TO in 14 games so far. Hands in the lanes.
- New this season: catch-and-shoot-3 proxy share of FGA up, 28% -> 47% (106 trials 2026-27 regular season to date; 2025-26 regular season baseline).
- Knockdown 3: 41.3% on 3.7/g (92nd pct). No help off him; run him off the line.
- Corner specialist: 50% from the corners (72 att), 38% above the break (170). No help off the corners; help off him on top.

BENCH

8 OG Anunoby F-G · 6-7 · age 29 · 9 yrs Out STARTED 15 OF 15 DID NOT PLAY LAST GAME

25-26 NYK · 67 GP · 33.2 MPG · 16.7 pts · 5.2 reb · 2.2 ast · 38.6% 3P on 6.1 3PA · 83% FT
26-27 15 GP · 34.0 MPG · 16.3 pts · 5.4 reb · 2.0 ast · 32% 3P on 6.2 3PA
3P% excellent Rim FG% good FT% good Ball security average Gets to line good

- Knockdown 3: 38.6% on 6.1/g (75th pct). No help off him; run him off the line.
- Corner specialist: 45% from the corners (199 att), 33% above the break (208). No help off the corners; help off him on top.

2 Miles McBride G · 6-2 · age 26 · 5 yrs Out DID NOT PLAY LAST GAME

25-26 NYK · 41 GP · 26.3 MPG · 12.0 pts · 2.4 reb · 2.6 ast · 41.3% 3P on 6.6 3PA · 79% FT
26-27 16 GP · 17.2 MPG · 6.8 pts · 1.2 reb · 1.0 ast · 42% 3P on 4.3 3PA
3P% elite Ball security elite Gets to line bad

- Doesn't turn it over: 7.2 TO per 100 usage (96th pct). Don't gamble for steals; play him straight up.
- Doesn't get to the line: 0.12 FTA per FGA (9th pct). Be physical; the whistle is quiet.
- New this season: share of FGA from Corner 3 up, 20% -> 33% (86 trials 2026-27 regular season to date; 2025-26 regular season baseline).
- Better above the break: 44% there (192 att) vs 35% from the corners (79). Help off him in the corners; stay attached on top.

0 Andre Drummond C · 6-10 · age 33 · 14 yrs STARTED 1 OF 17 NEW · PHI LAST SEASON

25-26 PHI · 63 GP · 19.5 MPG · 6.4 pts · 8.4 reb · 1.3 ast · 35.6% 3P on 1.4 3PA · 63% FT
26-27 17 GP · 14.0 MPG · 3.8 pts · 7.8 reb · 1.0 ast · 1/3 3P
Rim FG% bad FT% bad Ball security below average Gets to line above average

- Poor finisher: 53% at the rim (bad, 3rd pct) on 201 attempts. Meet him at the rim; verticality, no fouls.
- New this season: share of FGA from Corner 3 down, 23% -> 0% (68 trials 2026-27 regular season to date; 2025-26 regular season baseline).
- Non-shooter (1.4 3PA/g): sag off him and help from him; no closeouts needed.
- Pressure him: 14.0 TO per 100 usage (below average, 25th pct), 33% of them bad passes; 17 TO in 17 games so far. Hands in the lanes.

13 Tyler Kolek G · 6-2 · age 25 · 2 yrs

25-26 NYK · 62 GP · 11.7 MPG · 4.4 pts · 1.6 reb · 2.7 ast · 38.6% 3P on 1.8 3PA · 70% FT
26-27 15 GP · 13.3 MPG · 4.1 pts · 2.1 reb · 4.1 ast · 26% 3P on 2.1 3PA
3P% excellent Ball security bad

- Pressure him: 17.6 TO per 100 usage (bad, 6th pct), 49% of them bad passes; 9 TO in 15 games so far. Hands in the lanes.
- Takes 1.8 3s/g at 38.6% (76th pct): respect it, closeout.

00 Jordan Clarkson G · 6-5 · age 34 · 12 yrs Out DID NOT PLAY LAST GAME

25-26 NYK · 72 GP · 17.8 MPG · 8.6 pts · 1.8 reb · 1.3 ast · 32.7% 3P on 3.0 3PA · 83% FT
26-27 12 GP · 9.8 MPG · 4.9 pts · 1.6 reb · 0.4 ast · 6/12 3P
3P% bad Rim FG% below average FT% good Ball security excellent Gets to line below average

- New this season: 3PA share of FGA down, 41% -> 24% (50 trials 2026-27 regular season to date; 2025-26 regular season baseline).
- Low-volume, 32.7% from 3 (3.0/g): help off him in the gaps.

5 Jose Alvarado G · 6-0 · age 28 · 5 yrs

25-26 NOP/NYK · 69 GP · 19.9 MPG · 7.4 pts · 2.5 reb · 3.4 ast · 35.2% 3P on 4.2 3PA · 76% FT
26-27 10 GP · 11.0 MPG · 3.3 pts · 1.1 reb · 1.9 ast · 33% 3P on 2.1 3PA
3P% average Ball security bad Gets to line bad

- Capable 3: 35.2% on 4.2/g (44th pct). Closeout under control, contest every one.
- Pressure him: 14.1 TO per 100 usage (bad, 24th pct), 46% of them bad passes; 9 TO in 10 games so far. Hands in the lanes.
- Pull-up shooter: 26% of his shots are pull-ups (73rd pct, 30%). Stay attached over screens; contest without fouling.

51 Mohamed Diawara F · 6-9 · age 21 · 1 yrs

25-26 NYK · 69 GP · 9.2 MPG · 3.6 pts · 1.4 reb · 0.8 ast · 36.9% 3P on 1.9 3PA · 75% FT
26-27 7 GP · 11.4 MPG · 2.4 pts · 2.1 reb · 1.4 ast · 2/15 3P
3P% above average

- Takes 1.9 3s/g at 36.9% (60th pct): respect it, closeout.

35 James Wiseman C · 7-0 · age 25 · 6 yrs DID NOT PLAY LAST GAME NEW · IND LAST SEASON

25-26 IND · 4 GP · 14.6 MPG · 3.2 pts · 2.0 reb · 0.8 ast · – 3P on 0.0 3PA · 50% FT
26-27 7 GP · 7.7 MPG · 1.9 pts · 3.0 reb · 0.3 ast · 0/0 3P

- Crashes the glass (3.1 OREB per 36): hit him first, then go get it.

4 Pacôme Dadiet F · 6-9 · age 21 · 2 yrs

25-26 NYK · 29 GP · 4.7 MPG · 1.7 pts · 0.9 reb · 0.4 ast · 21.9% 3P on 1.1 3PA · 82% FT
26-27 6 GP · 7.6 MPG · 3.7 pts · 0.8 reb · 0.3 ast · 3/7 3P

- Non-shooter (1.1 3PA/g, 22% from 3): go under screens, help off him.

1 Dalton Knecht F · 6-5 · age 25 · 2 yrs DID NOT PLAY LAST GAME NEW · LAL LAST SEASON

25-26 LAL · 54 GP · 10.2 MPG · 4.2 pts · 1.4 reb · 0.4 ast · 34.2% 3P on 2.1 3PA · 73% FT
26-27 4 GP · 8.1 MPG · 3.2 pts · 1.8 reb · 0.2 ast · 3/7 3P
3P% below average

- 2.1 3PA/g at 34.2%: contest, don't over-help.

Also seen: J. Akins (#14 G, 1.9 min). Not seen yet: K. McCullar Jr. (#9 , NYK 7.4 MPG last season), T. Nickel (#55 F).

GAME PLAN BOXES

FOUL HIM LATE (FT)

- **A. Drummond** — 63% FT (84 FTA, 6th pct)
- **L. Shamet** — 71% FT (76 FTA, 18th pct), 6/12 in clutch
- **J. Hart** — 72% FT (125 FTA, 22nd pct)
- Don't foul: K. Towns 86% FT; J. Brunson 84% FT; M. Bridges 83% 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	30%	66%	30%	59%
Paint (non-RA)	16%	45%	12%	37%
Mid-range	12%	44%	12%	41%
Corner 3	14%	42%	13%	33%
Above the break 3	29%	35%	33%	39%

SHOT DIET · SHARE OF FGA, FG%

	25-26	FG%	26-27	FG%
Pull-ups	20%	40%	20%	39%
Drives	27%	56%	22%	48%
Finishes	9%	70%	11%	64%
Catch-and-shoot 3s	28%	38%	30%	39%
Other shots	15%	46%	16%	41%

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.

20 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
11	J. Brunson	584.8	35.0	19.9	36%	36.9%	16%	62%	84%	40%	31%	39%	31%	9.5	0.28	2.4	5.1	2
32	K. Towns	520.9	31.0	13.8	30%	36.8%	50%	61%	86%	5%	36%	76%	66%	13.3	0.40	4.0	4.9	1
8	O. Anunoby	509.3	33.2	12.0	51%	38.6%	36%	68%	83%	11%	29%	81%	79%	12.0	0.28	2.7	2.3	0
44	L. Shamet	457.4	23.0	7.1	72%	39.2%	17%	69%	71%	27%	12%	64%	91%	7.0	0.21	2.4	1.6	2
25	M. Bridges	448.7	32.8	11.7	44%	37.1%	24%	74%	83%	16%	18%	78%	78%	7.6	0.10	2.1	1.4	0
3	J. Hart	430.4	30.2	9.0	41%	41.3%	35%	67%	72%	21%	34%	68%	73%	16.5	0.21	3.0	2.1	5
2	M. McBride	274.7	26.3	9.8	67%	41.3%	10%	56%	79%	36%	11%	64%	68%	7.2	0.12	2.3	1.0	4
0	A. Drummond	237.6	19.5	5.3	27%	35.6%	60%	53%	63%	1%	7%	97%	60%	14.0	0.25	3.7	1.3	4
13	T. Kolek	199.1	11.7	4.0	46%	38.6%	22%	61%	70%	25%	37%	60%	50%	17.6	0.08	3.2	0.6	0
00	J. Clarkson	118.1	17.8	7.3	41%	32.7%	24%	64%	83%	14%	34%	67%	64%	10.0	0.18	3.5	1.1	2
5	J. Alvarado	110.4	19.9	6.5	64%	35.2%	18%	66%	76%	26%	28%	54%	65%	14.1	0.10	3.4	0.9	0
51	M. Diawara	79.8	9.2	3.1	61%	36.9%	24%	50%	75%	13%	26%	78%	81%	11.8	0.11	2.8	0.3	0
35	J. Wiseman	53.8	14.6	2.5	0%	–	70%	71%	50%	0%	10%	–	67%	31.5	0.20	6.2	0.5	0
4	P. Dadiet	45.4	4.7	1.7	67%	21.9%	17%	88%	82%	17%	17%	75%	94%	5.4	0.23	2.1	0.2	0
1	D. Knecht	32.5	10.2	3.5	58%	34.2%	20%	71%	73%	22%	18%	75%	80%	10.3	0.12	2.9	0.3	0
14	J. Akins	1.9	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	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 (17 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 2026-11-25; report built 2026-11-25 23:19 UTC.