

NBA Strategy Brief

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Snapshot

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- modeled_date_et: Thursday, Feb 12, 2026 (ET)
- generated_at_et: 2026-02-12 06:00:58 PM EST
- source_data: `snapshot_inputs`
- scoring: `deterministic`
- narrative: `llm`

What The Bet Is

- Bet type: single-player props (over/under stat lines).
- Not a game-winner (moneyline) strategy.
- Injury and roster checks are used as action gates.
- Tier A = 2+ book quotes for a line; Tier B = a single-book quote.

Executive Summary

- Top-tier player prop opportunities across DAL@LAL and MIL@OKC; multiple GO plays with positive EVs and verified availability. Watch for listed model/data gaps and several NO-GO items tied to questionable injury status.
- Eligible plays: 181 out of 190 candidate lines.
- Tier-B mode: `enabled`. Candidate mix: Tier A 110, Tier B 80.
- Gated-out lines hidden from this brief: 5.
- First-page table below shows the top 5 plays across all games.

Analyst Take

- mode: llm_web

Read This First

The model identifies several high-expected-value (EV) player prop 'GO' recommendations concentrated on the DAL@LAL game, notably LeBron James (two props), Austin Reaves, Marcus Smart, and Jake LaRavia. The deterministic model uses market-implied probabilities with manual adjustments for injuries and rostering, but it also lists explicit gaps: minutes/usage projections and correlation treatments follow deterministi...

News Signals

- Refutes/Risks:

- S1 Recent reporting indicates Austin Reaves will miss at least a month with a calf injury, which directly challenges the reliability of any GO recommendation depending on his availability.
- S2 Multiple news reports and injury updates show Austin Reaves has been on the Lakers injury report and there is coverage of his return/status, highlighting uncertainty about his game availability.
- S3 News coverage documents Austin Reaves' injury situation and team updates, indicating evolving status that could invalidate model assumptions about his minutes/usage.

Bottom Line

- **Best Bet: LeBron James OVER 40.5 points+rebounds+assists @ -106 (fanuel)**
- **Lookup Line: DAL @ LAL | OVER 40.5 points+rebounds+assists | fanuel -106**

The model highlights attractive EV plays, mainly in DAL@LAL, but its deterministic handling of minutes/usage and correlation is a stated gap. More importantly, external news shows Austin Reaves has a significant calf injury with uncertain availability; that materially undermines any Reaves prop recommendation and raises caution for model outputs tied to roster/injury assumptions.

Source Index

- S1 Austin Reaves will miss at least a month with calf injury - NBA.com (www.nba.com)
- S2 Lakers' Austin Reaves off injury report for Thursday - CBS Sports (www.cbssports.com)
- S3 Lakers Austin Reaves injury coverage - The Washington Post (www.washingtonpost.com)

- Deterministic model details are summarized in Snapshot/Action Plan.
- Full source URLs are stored in `brief-analyst.json` for audit/debug use.

Best Available Bet Right Now

- **Decision:** GO (meets clean GO gates in this snapshot.)
- **Bet:** LeBron James **OVER 40.5 points+rebounds+assists @ -106** (fanduel)
- **Lookup Line:** DAL @ LAL | OVER 40.5 points+rebounds+assists | fanduel -106
- **Model Edge:** +33.0% est.
- why: Go: verified availability with tier A market depth and positive edge (EV 0.330).

Action Plan (GO / LEAN / NO-GO)

Top 5 Across All Games

Action	Game	Tier	Ticket	p(hit)	Edge Note	Why
GO	DAL @ LAL	A	LeBron James OVER 40.5 points+rebounds+assists @ -106 (fanduel)	68.4%	Strong edge (+33.0% est.), Higher stake	Go: verified availability with tier A market depth and positive edge (EV 0.330). (tier=A; injury=available_unlisted; roster=active)
GO	DAL @ LAL	A	Austin Reaves OVER 36.5 points+rebounds+assists @ -106 (fanduel)	68.1%	Strong edge (+32.4% est.), Higher stake	Go: verified availability with tier A market depth and positive edge (EV 0.324). (tier=A; injury=available_unlisted; roster=active)
GO	DAL @ LAL	A	Marcus Smart OVER 18.5 points+rebounds+assists @ -102 (fanduel)	66.0%	Strong edge (+30.7% est.), Higher stake	Go: verified availability with tier A market depth and positive edge (EV 0.307). (tier=A; injury=available_unlisted; roster=active)
GO	DAL @ LAL	B	Jake LaRavia OVER 16.5 points+rebounds+assists @ -102 (draftkings)	65.8%	Strong edge (+30.3% est.), Higher stake	Go: verified availability with tier B market depth and positive edge (EV 0.303). (tier=B; injury=available_unlisted; roster=active)
GO	DAL @ LAL	A	LeBron James OVER 8.5 assists @ +112 (fanduel)	61.4%	Strong edge (+30.1% est.), Higher stake	Go: verified availability with tier A market depth and positive edge (EV 0.301). (tier=A; injury=available_unlisted; roster=active)

Game Cards by Matchup

MIL @ OKC

- Tip (ET): 07:40 PM ET
- Listed plays: 5

Action	Tier	Ticket	p(hit)	Edge Note	Why
GO	A	Cason Wallace OVER 20.5 points+rebounds+assists @ -108 (fanuel)	67.1%	Strong edge (+29.2% est.), Higher stake	Go: verified availability with tier A market depth and positive edge (EV 0.292).
GO	A	Kevin Porter Jr. OVER 31.5 points+rebounds+assists @ -107 (draftkings)	66.3%	Strong edge (+28.4% est.), Higher stake	Go: verified availability with tier A market depth and positive edge (EV 0.284).
GO	A	Chet Holmgren OVER 30.5 points+rebounds+assists @ -108 (fanuel)	66.2%	Strong edge (+27.4% est.), Higher stake	Go: verified availability with tier A market depth and positive edge (EV 0.274).
GO	A	Jericho Sims OVER 5.5 points @ +100 (draftkings)	63.6%	Strong edge (+27.3% est.), Higher stake	Go: verified availability with tier A market depth and positive edge (EV 0.273).
GO	A	Aaron Wiggins OVER 24.5 points+rebounds+assists @ -111 (fanuel)	66.9%	Strong edge (+27.1% est.), Higher stake	Go: verified availability with tier A market depth and positive edge (EV 0.271).

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- Tip (ET): 09:10 PM ET
- Listed plays: 1

Action	Tier	Ticket	p(hit)	Edge Note	Why
GO	A	Jerami Grant OVER 2.5 assists @ +140 (fanuel)	53.6%	Strong edge (+28.7% est.), Higher stake	Go: verified availability with tier A market depth and positive edge (EV 0.287).

DAL @ LAL

- Tip (ET): 10:10 PM ET
- Listed plays: 5

Action	Tier	Ticket	p(hit)	Edge Note	Why
GO	A	LeBron James OVER 40.5 points+rebounds+assists @ -106 (fanuel)	68.4%	Strong edge (+33.0% est.), Higher stake	Go: verified availability with tier A market depth and positive edge (EV 0.330).
GO	A	Austin Reaves OVER 36.5 points+rebounds+assists @ -106 (fanuel)	68.1%	Strong edge (+32.4% est.), Higher stake	Go: verified availability with tier A market depth and positive edge (EV 0.324).
GO	A	Marcus Smart OVER 18.5 points+rebounds+assists @ -102 (fanuel)	66.0%	Strong edge (+30.7% est.), Higher stake	Go: verified availability with tier A market depth and positive edge (EV 0.307).
GO	B	Jake LaRavia OVER 16.5 points+rebounds+assists @ -102 (draftkings)	65.8%	Strong edge (+30.3% est.), Higher stake	Go: verified availability with tier B market depth and positive edge (EV 0.303).
GO	A	LeBron James OVER 8.5 assists @ +112 (fanuel)	61.4%	Strong edge (+30.1% est.), Higher stake	Go: verified availability with tier A market depth and positive edge (EV 0.301).

Data Quality

- Model uses market-implied fair probabilities with injury/roster/opponent adjustments.
- Minutes/usage projection uses deterministic v0 rules, not learned distributions.
- SGP/SGPx correlation uses deterministic haircut rules (v0).
- `unknown_roster` means the roster feed did not return a trusted active/inactive record for that player in that game snapshot.
- `unknown_event` means event-to-team mapping was missing, so player-to-game roster checks could not be resolved.

Confidence

- Recommendations reflect the model probabilities and EVs supplied in the payload; do not assume any data beyond this JSON.
- NO-GO items were marked in the payload primarily due to low EV and questionable injury status; consult live injury/in-play feeds before any action.

Interpreting p(hit)

- $p(\text{hit})$ = estimated chance the recommended side wins at that line.
- Built from no-vig odds + small injury/roster/spread adjustments (clamped 1%-99%).
- Use it to rank EV, not as a guarantee; judge it by calibration over many bets.
- Can be wrong when odds are stale, coverage is thin, or minutes/role are uncertain.