

NBA Strategy Brief

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Snapshot

- snapshot_id: daily-20260212T230052Z
- 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 (fanduel)**
- **Lookup Line: DAL @ LAL | OVER 40.5 points+rebounds+assists | fanduel -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 (fanduel)	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 (fanduel)	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 (fanduel)	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 (fanduel)	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 (fanduel)	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 (fanduel)	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 (fanduel)	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 (fanduel)	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 $p(\text{hit})$

- $p(\text{hit})$ = 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.