

Scouting Report

Chaz Lanier

Guard | 6'4" | 175lb | Tennessee | Senior



Category	College Stats	2024-2025	Category	2024-2025	Percentile Position
G	142	38	USG%	29.20%	93rd Percentile
GS	87	38	eFG%	54.00%	77th Percentile
MP	25.5	31.4	3P%	39.50%	82nd Percentile
FG%	45.80%	43.10%	TS%	56.30%	65th Percentile
3P%	40.20%	39.50%	TOV%	6.50%	3rd Percentile
eFG%	57.10%	54.00%	Chaz Lanier operated in a high-usage offensive role during the 2024-2025 season, ranking in the 93rd percentile in USG% , while maintaining above-average efficiency across multiple shooting metrics. His eFG% (77th percentile) and 3P% (82nd percentile) indicate that he converts efficiently despite significant scoring responsibility, suggesting his offense scales well with volume. Most notably, Lanier's elite ball security (a 3rd percentile TOV%) highlights a guard who creates offense <u>without sacrificing possessions</u> , reinforcing his profile as a reliable, low-mistake offensive contributor.		
FT%	82.40%	75.80%			
TRB	3.3	3.9			
AST	1.2	1.1			
STL	0.7	0.9			
BLK	0.2	0.1	Relative to his peer guard group, Chaz Lanier stands out as a high-usage, high-efficiency scorer with exceptional decision-making. His 93rd percentile usage places him among the most offensively relied-upon guards in the dataset, while his 77th percentile eFG% and 82nd percentile 3P% indicate he converts at a rate well above positional averages despite defensive attention.		
TOV	0.9	1.1			
PF	1.2	2	What most separates Lanier from typical high-usage guards is his elite ball security. He has a 3rd percentile turnover rate, which is rare for guards operating at this volume.		

Many guards with comparable usage see efficiency trade-offs or elevated turnovers; Lanier avoids both, suggesting his offensive profile fits the archetype of a secondary or tertiary NBA scorer who can scale usage without disrupting offensive flow.

Primary Archetype: Off-Ball Scoring Guard / Secondary Shot-Maker

Chaz Lanier projects best as an **off-ball scoring guard** who can scale usage without hijacking possessions. His profile is not that of a primary initiator or pick-and-roll engine, but rather **a high-efficiency scorer who thrives attacking advantages created by others.**

Key Indicators:

- **Usage: 29.2%**
- **3P% 39.5%**
- **TOV% 6.5%**
- This combination strongly suggests an NBA role similar to:
 - A **spacing scorer** next to a primary ball-handler
 - A **movement shooter / advantage attacker**
 - A **bench scorer who can close games without high mistake risk**

He fits the mold of guards who punish defensive rotations rather than orchestrate offense themselves.

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Strengths

1. Elite Shot Efficiency for a High-Usage Guard

Lanier combines high offensive volume with strong efficiency, which is uncommon at the guard position. His 54.0% eFG% (77th percentile) and 56.3% TS% (65th percentile) indicate he converts scoring chances at a rate well above positional norms despite carrying a heavy offensive burden. He scores efficiently without relying on unsustainable shot diets or excessive free throws.

2. Reliable Perimeter Shooting with NBA Translatability

Lanier's 39.5% three-point shooting on a 55.1% three-point attempt rate suggests legitimate NBA spacing value. This isn't low-volume shooting — more than half of his attempts come from beyond the arc. He profiles as a guard defenses must honor off the ball, opening driving lanes for teammates.

3. Exceptional Ball Security

Lanier's 6.5% turnover rate (3rd percentile) is elite, especially when paired with high usage. Many guards at similar usage levels struggle with decision-making; Lanier does not. He is a low-risk scorer who can be trusted in late-clock or late-game situations.

4. Offensive Scalability

His combination of usage, efficiency, and low turnovers suggests he can slide up or down the offensive hierarchy without breaking team structure. Lanier can be a complementary scorer on good teams or a featured option in second units.

Weaknesses and Development Areas

1. Limited Playmaking Impact

Lanier's assist rate (AST% = 7.7%, 17th percentile) indicates he is not a natural offensive creator for others. He reads scoring opportunities well but does not consistently bend defenses as a passer. He is unlikely to function as a primary ball-handler at the NBA level.

2. Minimal Defensive Playmaking

With a steal rate of about 1.1 STL per 40 and a low block rate, Lanier does not profile as a disruptive defender. His defensive value is more positional than playmaking-based. He may require defensive scheme support or a strong backcourt partner to cover more dynamic threats to force opposing turnovers and create defensive stops.

3. Limited Rebounding Impact

Lanier is below average as an offensive rebounder for his position, but not a liability. This aligns with his role as a perimeter-oriented guard who prioritizes floor spacing and transition defense rather than crashing the glass. Lanier is above average as a defensive rebounder for a guard. This suggests solid positional awareness, willingness to finish possessions, and value in lineups that want guards to help secure rebounds without sacrificing spacing.

Lanier provides limited offensive rebounding impact (34th percentile OREB%), consistent with his perimeter-focused offensive role. However, he grades out as an above-average defensive rebounder for his position (67th percentile DRB%), indicating good positioning and effort in finishing defensive possessions. While not a rebounding guard by design, he offers reliable backcourt support on the defensive glass.



Click the image to view [Chaz Lanier Highlights](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ihwD6vpFMRc) provided by **Swish** via **YouTube**.

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SUMMARY

NBA Role:

Efficient Off-Ball Scorer / Secondary Guard who Spaces the Floor, Protects Possessions, and Capitalizes on Advantages

Strengths

- Shoots efficiently at volume
- Stretches defenses from deep
- Rarely turns the ball over
- Fits cleanly next to ball-dominant stars

Main Concerns

- Limited playmaking
- Average rebounding for position
- Low defensive impact

Development Focus

- Strength and defensive versatility
- Secondary playmaking reads
- Attacking closeouts more aggressively