

2026 NBA FINALS · SERIES: KNICKS LEAD 2-0

SA SPURS at NY KNICKS

GAME 3 SCOUTING REPORT — THE READ GOING IN

• GAME 3 · MON JUN 8, 2026 · NEW YORK

THE SCOUTING REPORT

A full read going into Game 3: every player and team graded by the PBiR engine across the two games already played — possession by possession — turned into a forward **assumption** for tonight. An assumption, never a pick. We grade it ourselves after the game.

+32

KNICKS EDGE / GAME

+70

TOWNS · SERIES LEADER

75%

LAST READ · GREEN

Results only. No picks, no promises. You make the call.

✓ CERTIFIED 100% PBIR DATA SCORE



FROM THE FOUNDER

Why this report exists

For thirty-plus years I read the floor for a living — as a coach, breaking down film one possession at a time. The book has always had that same caliber of read. You usually haven't. That's the gap this report closes.

PBiR grades every player, every play, every possession of the games already played and turns it into one clear number per player and per team. Then it does the part nobody else does: it makes a forward **assumption** for the next game and **grades itself** against what actually happens — in the open, on the page.

What you are holding is information, not advice. We never tell you who wins or what to bet. We hand you the read the way a staff would build it, and **you make the call**. Every number inside is real and verified — nothing estimated, nothing invented.

— The PBiR Team

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How to use it: the first nine pages are the read — the edge, the player grades, the Game 3 assumption, and how we grade ourselves. Everything after that is the evidence: both games dissected, the two-game profile across every facet of the floor, and the composite board. **Results only. You make the call.**

READ THIS FIRST

How to read this report

One number tells you how much a player actually helped or hurt his team — built from everything he did on the floor, not just points. Here is everything you need before the pages that follow. **Nothing inside is left unexplained.**

01

PLAYER IMPACT (PBIR)

Every player gets one PBiR number. **Green / positive** helped his team; **red / negative** hurt it. A bench player can outrank a star — points crown scorers, PBiR shows who moved the game.

02

THE TWO-GAME AVERAGE

The first number on a player table is his average PBiR across the two games played — the baseline, the proven form. Fact, not a guess.

03

THE GAME 3 ASSUMPTION

The second number is our forward read for Game 3: **green** = expect positive, **red** = negative. An **assumption, not a prediction** — never who wins or what to bet.

04

THE GRADE

The last column shows **TBD** until Game 3 is played. After, the real result lands beside it: **green** if our read held, **red** if it missed — in the open.

How the numbers read — every figure is real and verified from the official box score and play-by-play. Nothing estimated.

+ **green** helped - **red** hurt **Assumption** forward read **TBD** grade, after the game



THE MATCHUP EDGE · BUILT FROM TWO GAMES

Where the edge sits going in

The single number that frames the matchup: across the two games played, how much more New York got out of the floor than San Antonio — measured possession by possession. Below it, each team’s average team PBiR, then the game-by-game read so you see how we got here.

<p>New York AVG TEAM PBIR / GAME</p> <p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; color: #c49a3d;">108</p>	<p>San Antonio AVG TEAM PBIR / GAME</p> <p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; color: #c49a3d;">76</p>	<p>The Edge POSSESSION BY POSSESSION</p> <p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; color: white;">+32</p>
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What “+32 / game” means: across the two games New York’s team PBiR has topped San Antonio’s by an average of 32 points a game. That gap is the edge — the wider it runs, the stronger the read. It measures the games played, not a forecast of the next score.

+32 / GAME

NEW YORK’S AVERAGE PBIR EDGE OVER THE TWO MEETINGS

THE EDGE, GAME BY GAME	NY PBIR	SA PBIR	MARGIN
Game 1 · Jun 3 · at San Antonio	101	56	NYK +45
Game 2 · Jun 5 · at San Antonio	115	96	NYK +19
Two-game total	216	152	NYK +64

The read going in: New York has won both the scoreboard and the possession battle, led by **Karl-Anthony Towns** — the matchup’s top impact player at +70 over the two games. San Antonio’s path back runs through **Wembanyama** and **Vassell**. **An assumption, never a pick.**

TWO-GAME AVERAGES · WITH THE GAME 3 ASSUMPTION

Both teams, every stat, side by side

Every team stat from the two meetings, averaged and lined up — with the data's lean for Game 3 in the last column. **Gold** marks the team ahead in each category. The lean is an assumption, not a pick.

STAT	NY KNICKS	SA SPURS	ASSUMPTION · G3
Points / game	105.0	99.5	Lean NYK · low-100s
Field goal %	41.5%	41.3%	Even — volume decides
3-point %	35.1%	30.6%	Edge NYK
Free throw %	82.1%	75.0%	Edge NYK
Rebounds	57.0	56.5	Even on the glass
Assists	24.5	19.0	Edge NYK
Steals	9.5	5.5	Edge NYK
Blocks	5.0	5.5	Edge SAS (Wemby)
Turnovers	12.0	14.5	SAS giveaways = risk
Second-chance pts	18.5	11.5	Edge NYK
Points off TO	17.5	15.5	Edge NYK
Points in paint	44.0	45.0	Both attack inside
Bench points	27.5	19.5	Edge NYK
Possessions	102.1	99.9	~100 · half-court

Reading it: New York owns the margins it controls — ball pressure (9.5 steals to 5.5), the line (82% to 75%), second chances (18.5 to 11.5) and balance. San Antonio's edges are Wembanyama's rim protection and interior points. **An assumption from a two-game sample, not a prediction.**



NEW YORK KNICKS · PLAYER READ

New York — baseline, assumption, grade

2-Gm Avg is each player's PBiR over the two games (the baseline). **G3 Assm** is our Game 3 read — **green** positive, **red** negative. **Grade** reads **TBD** until the game, then turns green if it held or red if it missed. PTS/REB/AST are two-game averages.

PLAYER	PTS	REB	AST	FG%	3P%	2-GM AVG	G3 ASSM	GRADE
Karl-Anthony Towns	19.5	12.5	4.0	55.6	42.9	+35.0	+36	TBD
Josh Hart	1.5	10.5	5.0	11.1	0.0	+25.0	+21	TBD
Mikal Bridges	14.5	4.5	4.5	57.9	66.7	+23.0	+24	TBD
OG Anunoby	17.0	3.5	1.5	45.5	45.5	+17.5	+19	TBD
Mitchell Robinson	4.5	4.5	0.0	75.0	0.0	+10.5	+10	TBD
Jose Alvarado	4.5	3.5	1.5	30.0	20.0	+4.0	+4	TBD
Landry Shamet	13.0	1.5	1.0	47.6	46.2	+2.5	+3	TBD
Miles McBride	5.5	1.5	3.0	28.6	33.3	-0.5	-1	TBD
Jalen Brunson	25.0	4.0	4.0	33.9	23.5	-8.0	-6	TBD

The story: Towns (+35.0) and Hart (+25.0) drive New York — Hart scores 1.5 a game but his rebounding, passing and defense make him the second-most valuable Knick. Brunson (-8.0) is the one negative: a 25-point scorer at 33.9% from the floor, high volume, low efficiency — the clearest swing in the series.

SAN ANTONIO SPURS · PLAYER READ

San Antonio — baseline, assumption, grade

Same three columns. Note Fox (7 → 20 points) and Champagnie (16 → 8) swing hard game to game — San Antonio's supporting scoring has been the least predictable input in the series.

PLAYER	PTS	REB	AST	FG%	3P%	2-GM AVG	G3 ASSM	GRADE
Devin Vassell	11.5	9.0	4.0	40.0	30.8	+21.0	+22	TBD
Victor Wembanyama	27.5	10.5	2.0	40.5	26.7	+17.5	+19	TBD
Dylan Harper	15.5	7.0	2.0	54.5	14.3	+16.5	+16	TBD
Julian Champagnie	12.0	7.0	1.0	41.2	46.7	+15.0	+13	TBD
De'Aaron Fox	13.5	3.5	5.0	44.0	33.3	+4.0	+7	TBD
Stephon Castle	15.5	6.0	3.5	40.0	33.3	+3.0	+1	TBD
Keldon Johnson	3.0	2.0	1.0	25.0	25.0	-0.5	+1	TBD
Harrison Barnes	0.0	1.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	-0.5	0	TBD

The story: Vassell (+21.0) is San Antonio's most valuable two-way player; Wembanyama (+17.5) anchors the rim (3.5 blocks) but his 5.0 turnovers a game cap the number. To close a 32-point gap, the names under them — Fox, Castle — have to give more than they have.

WHAT THE LAST TWO GAMES SUGGEST

The Game 3 lean

How the game may look — not who wins. Across two games New York has owned the margins it controls: ball pressure, second chances, the line, and balance. If those hold, the data leans New York. **An assumption from a two-game sample — not a prediction, not a pick.**

Interior, half-court game

New York: 44.0 paint points and 18.5 second-chance points a night, ~100 possessions. Assume another close, inside-out game played in the half court.

Ball pressure decides

New York's 9.5 steals turn into 17.5 points off turnovers. San Antonio gives it away 14.5 a game. That exchange has been the difference.

Wembanyama: volume vs. turnovers

27.5 / 10.5 / 3.5 blocks — but 5.0 turnovers a game. He is the Spurs' ceiling and their swing factor at the same time.

Balance over one hand

New York's scoring spreads across Brunson, Towns, Anunoby and Bridges — no single shot-maker to key on. Harder to game-plan against.

Bottom line: the lean is New York, by the margins it has already proven it controls. **We never tell you who wins or what to bet — you make the call.**

WE GRADE OURSELVES · IN THE OPEN

The Assumption Grade

A prediction never gets checked. We score how well each read held, on the page. **50% or better grades green; under 50%, red** — and the number always shows. It measures the accuracy of the read against what actually happened, never wins, losses, or money. Here is our Game 1 read, graded against Game 2.

WHAT THE DATA LEANED AFTER GAME 1	WHAT GAME 2 ACTUALLY DID	GRADE
New York to win the game	NYK won 105-104	100%
New York controls the possession battle	NYK won PBiR 115-96	88%
Pressure keeps forcing Spurs giveaways	SAS turnovers 13 → 16	82%
A comfortable New York margin	Decided by 1 — one possession	30%
Wembanyama is the Spurs' swing factor	Led San Antonio, PBiR 27	76%

GAME 1 READ · OVERALL

75%

GREEN

AT OR ABOVE 50% — THE READ HELD UP

WHAT IT GRADES

Accuracy of the read — the lean vs. what happened — **not** whether a bet won or lost. Every grade rolls into a season self-grade, in the open.

Next: the Game 3 assumption in this report grades after Jun 8. **Information only** — we hold ourselves to the same standard we hand you.



PART 2 BEGINS · THE EVIDENCE

Two-game series overview

The series at a glance and how scoring has flowed quarter by quarter — the setup for the game-by-game dissection that follows. Everything from here is the data behind the read.

2-0

KNICKS LEAD

105-95

GAME 1 · NYK

105-104

GAME 2 · NYK

+10, +1

MARGIN · TIGHTENING

GAME 1 · JUN 3 — SCORING BY QUARTER

TEAM	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	FINAL
NY Knicks	19	29	28	29	105
SA Spurs	27	28	21	19	95

A steady second-half pull-away — NY outscored SA 57-40 after halftime.

GAME 2 · JUN 5 — SCORING BY QUARTER

TEAM	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	FINAL
NY Knicks	25	31	28	21	105
SA Spurs	34	18	23	29	104

NY led by 14 in the fourth before a 21-5 SA run forced a one-possession finish.

The shape of it: New York scored exactly 105 in both games. Game 1 was a comfortable pull-away; Game 2 nearly slipped away late but held. Two wins, the second by a single possession — the margin is tightening as the series moves to New York.

GAME 1 · JUN 3, 2026 · AT SAN ANTONIO

Game 1 — final & flow

The result, the pace, and the leaders. New York controlled the second half, outscoring San Antonio 57-40 after the break behind paint scoring and second chances.

105 NY FINAL	95 SA FINAL	NYK RESULT	100.9 POSSESSIONS
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TEAM	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	FINAL
NY Knicks	19	29	28	29	105
SA Spurs	27	28	21	19	95

NYK POINTS 30 Brunson	SAS POINTS 26 Wembanyama	NYK REBOUNDS 15 Hart	NYK ASSISTS 6 Hart
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Team shooting: NYK 41.5% FG / 30.6% 3PT · SAS 36.0% FG / 25.6% 3PT. Neither team shot it well from deep — New York won it inside and on the glass, not from the arc.



GAME 1 · TEAM STATS & FOUR FACTORS

Game 1 — the full team line

Both teams' full team line for Game 1, with the efficiency factors below. Gold marks the team ahead in each category for this single game.

STAT	NY KNICKS	SA SPURS	EDGE
Field goal %	41.5%	36.0%	NYK
3-point %	30.6%	25.6%	NYK
Free throw %	88.9%	80.0%	NYK
Rebounds	60.0	60.0	Even
Assists	20.0	16.0	NYK
Steals	8.0	4.0	NYK
Turnovers	9.0	13.0	NYK
Second-chance pts	23.0	14.0	NYK
Points in paint	50.0	42.0	NYK
Bench points	28.0	20.0	NYK

SHOOTING EFFICIENCY



WHERE THE POINTS CAME FROM

	NYK	SAS
Paint	50	42
Fast break	12	15
2nd chance	23	14
Off TO	19	14

GAME 1 · NEW YORK BOX SCORE

Game 1 — New York, every man

Every Knick who played, sorted by points. FG / 3PT / FT are made-attempted. The **PBiR** column is the engine's real impact score — **green** added value on the possession, **red** cost it. Points tell you the box score; PBiR tells you who won the possessions.

PLAYER	PTS	FG	3PT	FT	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	PBiR
Jalen Brunson	30	12-31	2-9	4-4	3	2	0	0	4	-18
Karl-Anthony Towns	18	7-15	0-2	4-4	12	4	0	1	2	+28
OG Anunoby	17	5-12	3-6	4-4	3	0	1	1	0	+11
Landry Shamet	13	5-9	3-6	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	+0
Mikal Bridges	9	3-6	0-0	3-4	3	3	2	0	1	+16
Jose Alvarado	7	3-6	1-3	0-0	4	1	1	0	1	+6
Miles McBride	6	2-7	2-6	0-0	1	4	0	1	0	+3
Josh Hart	3	1-5	0-3	1-1	15	6	4	1	0	+46
Mitchell Robinson	2	1-2	0-0	0-1	6	0	0	0	0	+11

What PBiR caught: Brunson led the box at 30 points but cost New York the most on the possession sheet (-18) — 12-of-31 shooting drags a number down. Hart scored 3 and graded **+46** — 15 boards, 6 assists, 4 steals. That is the gap between the box score and the game.



GAME 1 · SAN ANTONIO BOX SCORE

Game 1 — San Antonio, every man

Every Spur who played, sorted by points. The **PBiR** column is the engine's real impact score — **green** added value, **red** cost it.

PLAYER	PTS	FG	3PT	FT	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	PBIR
Victor Wembanyama	26	6-21	2-9	12-13	12	2	1	3	6	+8
Stephon Castle	17	7-16	1-5	2-2	8	3	0	0	2	+11
Dylan Harper	16	6-10	1-4	3-3	8	1	1	0	1	+21
Julian Champagnie	16	5-11	5-10	1-2	10	1	0	1	0	+23
Devin Vassell	9	4-11	1-6	0-0	9	3	0	0	1	+14
De'Aaron Fox	7	3-13	0-4	1-2	4	5	1	0	3	-11
Keldon Johnson	3	1-4	1-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	-7
Harrison Barnes	0	0-2	0-2	0-1	2	1	0	0	0	-1

What PBiR caught: Wembanyama scored 26 but graded just **+8** — 6-of-21 shooting and 6 turnovers held the number down. Champagnie (+23) and Harper (+21) were quietly San Antonio's most efficient. Fox struggled: 3-of-13, graded **-11**.

GAME 2 · JUN 5, 2026 · AT SAN ANTONIO

Game 2 — final & flow

New York led by 14 in the fourth; San Antonio answered with a 21-5 run to tie at 104 before a late Brunson free throw decided it 105-104.

105

NY FINAL

104

SA FINAL

NYK

RESULT

103.2

POSSESSIONS

TEAM	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	FINAL
NY Knicks	25	31	28	21	105
SA Spurs	34	18	23	29	104

NYK POINTS

21

Towns

SAS POINTS

29

Wembanyama

NYK REBOUNDS

13

Towns

NYK ASSISTS

6

Brunson

Team shooting: NYK 41.6% FG / 39.5% 3PT · SAS 47.4% FG / 37.9% 3PT. San Antonio shot it better and still lost — New York's edge on the glass, the line and ball control covered the gap.



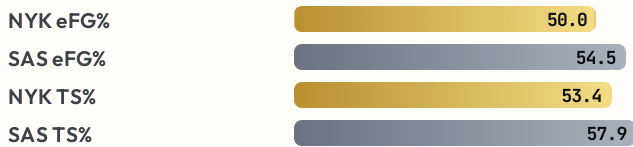
GAME 2 · TEAM STATS & FOUR FACTORS

Game 2 — the full team line

Both teams' full team line for Game 2, efficiency below. San Antonio out-shot New York here — gold shows who led each category.

STAT	NY KNICKS	SA SPURS	EDGE
Field goal %	41.6%	47.4%	SAS
3-point %	39.5%	37.9%	NYK
Free throw %	76.2%	70.4%	NYK
Rebounds	54.0	53.0	NYK
Offensive reb	10.0	5.0	NYK
Assists	29.0	22.0	NYK
Steals	11.0	7.0	NYK
Turnovers	15.0	16.0	NYK
Fast-break pts	19.0	11.0	NYK
Points in paint	38.0	48.0	SAS

SHOOTING EFFICIENCY



WHERE THE POINTS CAME FROM

	NYK	SAS
Paint	38	48
Fast break	19	11
2nd chance	14	9
Off TO	16	17

GAME 2 · NEW YORK BOX SCORE

Game 2 — New York, every man

Sorted by points. The **PBiR** column is the real impact score — **green** added value, **red** cost it.

PLAYER	PTS	FG	3PT	FT	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	PBiR
Karl-Anthony Towns	21	8-12	3-5	2-2	13	4	1	1	2	+42
Jalen Brunson	20	7-25	2-8	4-5	5	6	5	0	4	+2
Mikal Bridges	20	8-13	4-6	0-0	6	6	1	0	1	+30
OG Anunoby	17	5-10	2-5	5-5	4	3	2	2	0	+24
Landry Shamet	13	5-12	3-7	0-0	2	2	0	1	0	+5
Mitchell Robinson	7	2-2	0-0	3-6	3	0	1	1	1	+10
Miles McBride	5	2-7	1-3	0-0	2	2	0	0	2	-4
Jose Alvarado	2	0-4	0-2	2-3	3	2	0	0	0	+2
Josh Hart	0	0-4	0-2	0-0	6	4	1	1	2	+4

What PBiR caught: Towns was dominant — 21 / 13 on 8-of-12, graded **+42**. Bridges (+30) and Anunoby (+24) were efficient two-way. Brunson scored 20 but on 7-of-25; the 5 steals and 6 assists lifted his number back to **+2** — a long way up from Game 1's -18.



GAME 2 · SAN ANTONIO BOX SCORE

Game 2 — San Antonio, every man

Sorted by points. The **PBiR** column is the real impact score — **green** added value, **red** cost it.

PLAYER	PTS	FG	3PT	FT	REB	AST	STL	BLK	TO	PBiR
Victor Wembanyama	29	11-21	2-6	5-8	9	2	2	4	4	+27
De'Aaron Fox	20	8-12	2-2	2-2	3	5	1	1	4	+19
Dylan Harper	15	6-12	0-3	3-4	6	3	1	0	2	+12
Stephon Castle	14	5-14	2-4	2-4	4	4	1	0	4	-5
Devin Vassell	14	4-9	3-7	3-3	9	5	0	1	0	+28
Julian Champagnie	8	2-6	2-5	2-2	4	1	0	1	0	+7
Keldon Johnson	3	1-4	0-2	1-2	4	2	1	0	1	+6

What PBiR caught: Wembanyama bounced back hard — 29 / 9 / 4 blocks, graded **+27**. Vassell quietly led the team at **+28** (14 / 9 / 5 with zero turnovers). Castle scored 14 but graded **-5** on 5-of-14 with 4 giveaways.

TWO-GAME COMBINED PROFILE

Combined — scoring & the glass

Where each team's points have come from across both games, and how the rebounding has split. **Gold** = New York, **silver** = San Antonio. Averages per game.

SCORING PROFILE (PTS / GAME)

Points in paint	44.0	45.0
2nd-chance pts	18.5	11.5
Fast-break pts	15.5	13.0
Points off TO	17.5	15.5
Bench points	27.5	19.5

New York's scoring edge is second chances and the bench, not the paint.

REBOUNDING PROFILE (PER GAME)

Total rebounds	57.0	56.5
Offensive reb	10.0	9.5
Def. rebounds	47.0	47.0

Dead even on the glass — New York converts its boards into more second-chance points.

Reading it: the two teams rebound the ball almost identically, but New York turns possessions into **18.5** second-chance points a night to San Antonio's **11.5**. Same boards, more points off them.



TWO-GAME COMBINED PROFILE

Combined — ball movement & pace

Passing and ball security across the two games, plus how fast each team plays. Gold = New York, silver = San Antonio. Per game.

BALL MOVEMENT & CARE



New York passes more, turns it over less, and pressures the ball harder — the cleanest edge in the series.

PACE & POSSESSIONS



~100 possessions both ways — a half-court series, not a track meet.

Reading it: 24.5 assists to 19.0, 9.5 steals to 5.5, fewer turnovers — New York wins the ball-movement and ball-pressure battle decisively. In a ~100-possession half-court game, that control is worth more than raw shooting.

TWO-GAME COMBINED PROFILE

Combined — the shooting profile

Three-point and free-throw shooting across both games — the two areas where New York's edge has been clearest. **Gold** = New York, silver = San Antonio.

THREE-POINT PROFILE

3PT %

35.1%
30.6%

New York shoots a noticeably better percentage from deep — a 4.5-point gap.

FREE-THROW PROFILE

FT %

82.1%
75.0%

New York is far more reliable at the line — the kind of edge that decides one-possession games.

SHOOTING

Field goal %	41.5%
3-point %	35.1%
Free throw %	82.1%

NY KNICKS

Field goal %	41.3%
3-point %	30.6%
Free throw %	75.0%

SA SPURS
EDGE

Field goal %	Even
3-point %	NYK
Free throw %	NYK

Reading it: the teams shoot the same percentage from the floor, but New York's edges from three (+4.5) and the line (+7.1) are exactly the margins that won a one-point game. In Game 2, that free-throw reliability decided it.



TWO-GAME LEADERS BOARD

The headline performers

The top of each category across the two games — the names driving the series, by the traditional box score and by PBiR impact.

POINTS / GAME

27.5

Wembanyama (SAS)

REBOUNDS / GAME

12.5

Towns (NYK)

ASSISTS / GAME

5.0

Hart / Fox

STEALS / GAME

2.5

Brunson / Hart

BLOCKS / GAME

3.5

Wembanyama (SAS)

PBiR IMPACT (2-GM)

+70

Towns (NYK)

The split it shows: Wembanyama leads the box score in points and blocks — the eye-test star. But Towns leads where it counts most on the possession sheet (+70 over two games) and on the glass (12.5). That is the whole point of PBiR: the leading scorer and the leading **impact** player are not always the same man.

THE PBIR COMPOSITE · RESULTS ONLY

PBiR composite board

The bottom line of the whole report: one composite PBiR number per player across the two games, ranked. **Green** helped, **red** hurt. This is the **result** — the engine's grade. How it's built stays under the hood.

NEW YORK KNICKS

TEAM 108

SAN ANTONIO SPURS

TEAM 76

Karl-Anthony Towns		+35.0	Devin Vassell		+21.0
Josh Hart		+25.0	Victor Wembanyama		+17.5
Mikal Bridges		+23.0	Dylan Harper		+16.5
OG Anunoby		+17.5	Julian Champagnie		+15.0
Mitchell Robinson		+10.5	De'Aaron Fox		+4.0
Jose Alvarado		+4.0	Stephon Castle		+3.0
Landry Shamet		+2.5	Keldon Johnson		-0.5
Miles McBride		-0.5	Harrison Barnes		-0.5
Jalen Brunson		-8.0			

Team rating: New York **108**, San Antonio **76** — a **+32** per-game edge. The Knicks have five players at +10 or better; the Spurs have four in double digits but a steeper drop after Champagnie. Depth of impact is New York's real advantage.



WHAT THE TWO GAMES SAY WILL DECIDE GAME 3

Game 3 matchup keys

The handful of things, drawn straight from the data, that decide whether New York's edge holds or San Antonio claws back. Observations to watch — questions you answer for yourself. **Not predictions. You make the call.**

The paint

Towns (+35.0) vs Wembanyama (+17.5). Towns has out-impacted Wembanyama on the glass and at the rim both games. If San Antonio can't flip that, New York's edge holds.

Brunson's efficiency

Brunson (-8.0) — 25 a game on 33.9%. His number is the swing: if it climbs (it went -18 → +2), the Knicks' edge only widens.

Ball pressure & giveaways

NY's 9.5 steals → 17.5 points off turnovers; SA gives it away 14.5 a night. If the Spurs protect it, the game tightens.

San Antonio's second name

Behind Vassell (+21.0) and Wembanyama, **Fox** and **Castle** swing hard game to game. The Spurs need a steady third closer to flip the math.

Bottom line: the two games hand New York a measured edge going home. **Everything here is the read — an assumption, graded after the game. We never tell you who wins or what to bet.**

Where the numbers come from

The data. Every figure in this report is taken from the official Game 1 and Game 2 box scores and play-by-play — real, verified, complete. Nothing is estimated; nothing is invented. Where a number couldn't be verified, it isn't shown.

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