

NYK @ SAS Recap

Wednesday, June 3, 2026 · Final NYK 105 – SAS 95

FINAL

- **Score** – NYK 105 – SAS 95 · Wednesday, June 3, 2026
- **Venue** – Frost Bank Center – San Antonio, TX
- **Volatility** – Lead changes: 10; times tied: 6
- **Series** – Series W-L this season: NYK 6 – SAS 2
- **Result** – NYK wins NYK @ SAS 105-95

KEY PERFORMERS – SAS

- **Victor Wembanyama** [double-double] – 26 PTS 12 REB 2 AST 1 STL 3 BLK 6 TO in 38 min | 6/21 FG, 2/9 3 P, 12/13 FT | TS 49% | +/- -3 | paint 8, FB 3, 2nd 5, POT 2
- **Stephon Castle** [12 paint pts] – 17 PTS 8 REB 3 AST 0 STL 0 BLK 2 TO in 34 min | 7/16 FG, 1/5 3 P, 2/2 FT | TS 50% | +/- -9 | paint 12, FB 2, 2nd 2, POT 2
- **Dylan Harper** [elite efficiency] – 16 PTS 8 REB 1 AST 1 STL 0 BLK 1 TO in 28 min | 6/10 FG, 1/4 3 P, 3/3 FT | TS 71% | +/- -5 | paint 10, FB 5, 2nd 0, POT 5
- **Julian Champagnie** [double-double] – 16 PTS 10 REB 1 AST 0 STL 1 BLK 0 TO in 31 min | 5/11 FG, 5/10 3 P, 1/2 FT | TS 67% | +/- -8 | paint 0, FB 0, 2nd 1, POT 0
- **Devin Vassell** [inefficient volume] – 9 PTS 9 REB 3 AST 0 STL 0 BLK 1 TO in 36 min | 4/11 FG, 1/6 3 P, 0/0 FT | TS 41% | +/- -13 | paint 6, FB 0, 2nd 6, POT 0
- **DeAaron Fox** [inefficient volume] – 7 PTS 4 REB 5 AST 1 STL 0 BLK 3 TO in 38 min | 3/13 FG, 0/4 3 P, 1/2 FT | TS 25% | +/- 0 | paint 6, FB 5, 2nd 0, POT 2
- **Keldon Johnson** [inefficient volume] – 3 PTS 0 REB 0 AST 0 STL 0 BLK 0 TO in 8 min | 1/4 FG, 1/2 3 P, 0/0 FT | TS 38% | +/- 1 | paint 0, FB 0, 2nd 0, POT 3
- **Quiet** – Carter Bryant (1 PTS 0 REB 0 AST 0 STL 0 BLK 0 TO in 4 min); Harrison Barnes (0 PTS 2 REB 1 AST 0 STL 0 BLK 0 TO in 12 min); Luke Kornet (0 PTS 1 REB 0 AST 1 STL 0 BLK 0 TO in 10 min)

SHOT DIET & LOCATIONS

- **Shot quality edge** – NYK posted 47.3% eFG% vs 42.1% for SAS (+5.2 pp)
- **Shot diet contrast** – NYK attacked the rim (29 att, 66%) while SAS lived on the perimeter (43 threes at 26%)
- **NYK Three** – 11/36 (30.6%), avg 25.4 ft
- **NYK At rim** – 19/29 (65.5%), avg 2.0 ft
- **NYK Mid-range** – 9/29 (31.0%), avg 11.2 ft
- **SAS Three** – 11/43 (25.6%), avg 25.5 ft
- **SAS At rim** – 15/23 (65.2%), avg 2.0 ft
- **SAS Mid-range** – 6/23 (26.1%), avg 9.4 ft
- **Shot** – Q2 1:59 | J. Champagnie 26' 3 PT (9 PTS) (V. Wembanyama 1 AST)
- **Shot** – Q2 5:55 | D. Vassell 26' 3 PT (5 PTS) (D. Harper 1 AST)
- **Shot** – Q4 4:50 | V. Wembanyama 25' 3 PT pullup (21 PTS)
- **Shot** – Q1 11:45 | J. Brunson 25' 3 PT (3 PTS) (K. Towns 1 AST)
- **Shot** – Q2 10:54 | M. McBride 25' 3 PT (3 PTS) (J. Alvarado 1 AST)
- **Shot** – Q2 1:34 | J. Alvarado 25' 3 PT (7 PTS) (M. Bridges 2 AST)
- **Shot** – Q4 8:32 | S. Castle 25' 3 PT (17 PTS) (D. Vassell 3 AST)
- **Shot** – Q1 8:21 | V. Wembanyama 25' 3 PT running (5 PTS) (S. Castle 1 AST)
- **Shot** – Q2 2:32 | L. Shamet 24' 3 PT step back (6 PTS) (J. Brunson 2 AST)
- **Shot** – Q3 4:08 | L. Shamet 24' 3 PT running (11 PTS) (M. McBride 2 AST)

PLAYER SPOTLIGHTS

- **Jalen Brunson** – The Knicks' primary engine produced a game-high 30 PTS, 3 REB, and 2 AST while logging 37 minutes. Despite a heavy volume load (12/31 FG), he finished with a 46% TS% and anchored the Knicks' perimeter attack with a team-high 16 points in the paint.
- **Brunson** – Facing a one-point deficit, he buried the go-ahead 25-foot three-pointer at Q4 1:50 off a Mikal Bridges assist and iced the contest with a 14-foot pullup jump shot at Q4 0:37 to push the lead to six.
- **Brunson** – Currently in his 9th NBA season, the veteran point guard holds the second-highest scoring mark in Knicks franchise history, a 61-point performance against these Spurs recorded on **March 29, 2024**.
- **Victor Wembanyama** – The San Antonio centerpiece notched a double-double with 26 PTS, 12 REB, 2 AST, and 3 BLK in 38 minutes. Though he struggled from the floor (6/21 FG), he salvaged his efficiency with a 49% TS% by converting a game-high 12-of-13 free throws.
- **Wembanyama** – He gave the Spurs their final lead of the night with a pair of free throws at Q4 2:16, but his night was marred by a critical lost-ball turn over at Q4 0:57 that halted San Antonio's late momentum.
- **Wembanyama** – Now in his 4th season, he has established high-water marks against New York previously, including a 42-point Christmas Day performance on **December 25, 2024**.
- **Karl-Anthony Towns** – The veteran big man dominated the interior with 18 PTS, 12 REB, 4 AST, and 1 BLK, recording a game-high +14 plus-minus. He shot 7/15 from the field (54% TS%) and went a perfect 4/4 from the charity stripe.
- **Towns** – He set the interior tone early, winning the opening jump ball and later converting a driving finger-roll layup at Q1 6:59 to cap a 14-7 New York spurt.
- **Towns** – In his 12th NBA season, the four-time All-Star has provided elite efficiency for New York, entering this contest with a 61.9% TS% while recording regular-season highs of 40 points and 22 rebounds.

HISTORICAL CONTEXT & RARITIES

- **Series Hegemony:** New York has dominated the head-to-head matchup this season, winning 6 of the 8 total meetings including regular season play.
- **Scoring Pedigree:** Jalen Brunson's 30-point night marked his 14th such performance of the 2025-26 campaign.
- **Holiday History:** Victor Wembanyama's highest scoring output against the Knicks remains the 42 points he logged on **December 25, 2024**.
- **Franchise Ceiling:** The Knicks' all-time single-game record is held by Carmelo Anthony (62 pts, **Jan 24, 2014**); Brunson fell just two points short of his own career-high 61 vs. SAS.
- **Spurs All-Time High:** The San Antonio franchise scoring record of 71 points has stood since David Robinson set it on **April 24, 1994**.
- **Board Mastery:** Josh Hart's 15 rebounds tied his single-game high for the 2025-26 season.
- **Career Glass Cleaning:** Victor Wembanyama set a new career peak this season with a 24-rebound game prior to this matchup.
- **Lifetime Series:** Despite the loss, San Antonio retains a slim all-time head-to-head lead over New York with 66 wins to the Knicks' 59.
- **Efficiency Standout:** Landry Shamet's 72% TS% tonight was one of the most efficient postseason bench performances in recent Knicks history.
- **Draft Pedigree:** Second-year guard Dylan Harper (16 pts) continues to emerge after a standout 2024-25 rookie season for the Spurs.

What DECIDED IT

- **Fourth Quarter Suffocation:** New York outscored San Antonio 29-19 in the Q4, limiting the Spurs to 6/21 (28.6%) shooting from the floor.
- **Late-Clock Execution:** The Knicks executed an 11-0 run following Wembanyama's free throws at Q4 2:16, holding the Spurs scoreless for the final 2:15 of the game.
- **Ball Security:** The Knicks committed only 8 turnovers to San Antonio's 13, leading to a +5 advantage in points off turnovers (19-14).
- **Free Throw Precision:** NYK capitalized on their trips to the line, shooting 88.9% (16/18) to negate the Spurs' higher volume of 25 attempts.
- **Third Quarter Momentum:** San Antonio's 0-for-9 slump from three in the third quarter allowed New York to erase a 7-point half time deficit.
- **The Wemby Turnover:** A lost-ball turn over by Victor Wembanyama at Q4 0:57 while trailing by four ended San Antonio's last viable possession for a comeback.

KEY PERFORMERS – NYK

- **Jalen Brunson** [16 paint pts, 6 FB pts] – 30 PTS 3 REB 2 AST 0 STL 0 BLK 4 TO in 37 min | 12/31 FG, 2/9 3 P, 4/4 FT | TS 46% | +/- 6 | paint 16, FB 6, 2nd 5, POT 8
- **Karl Anthony Towns** [double-double, 14 paint pts] – 18 PTS 12 REB 4 AST 0 STL 1 BLK 2 TO in 34 min | 7/15 FG, 0/2 3 P, 4/4 FT | TS 54% | +/- 14 | paint 14, FB 0, 2nd 7, POT 2
- **OG Anunoby** – 17 PTS 3 REB 0 AST 1 STL 1 BLK 0 TO in 31 min | 5/12 FG, 3/6 3 P, 4/4 FT | TS 62% | +/- -6 | paint 4, FB 2, 2nd 5, POT 4
- **Landry Shamet** [elite efficiency] – 13 PTS 1 REB 0 AST 0 STL 0 BLK 0 TO in 33 min | 5/9 FG, 3/6 3 P, 0/0 FT | TS 72% | +/- -10 | paint 4, FB 3, 2nd 2, POT 3
- **Mikal Bridges** – 9 PTS 3 REB 3 AST 2 STL 0 BLK 1 TO in 28 min | 3/6 FG, 0/0 3 P, 3/4 FT | TS 58% | +/- 11 | paint 4, FB 1, 2nd 2, POT 0
- **Jose Alvarado** – 7 PTS 4 REB 1 AST 1 STL 0 BLK 1 TO in 11 min | 3/6 FG, 1/3 3 P, 0/0 FT | TS 58% | +/- 4 | paint 4, FB 0, 2nd 2, POT 2
- **Miles McBride** – 6 PTS 1 REB 4 AST 0 STL 1 BLK 0 TO in 19 min | 2/7 FG, 2/6 3 P, 0/0 FT | TS 43% | +/- 11 | paint 0, FB 0, 2nd 0, POT 0
- **Josh Hart** [inefficient volume] – 3 PTS 15 REB 6 AST 4 STL 1 BLK 0 TO in 27 min | 1/5 FG, 0/3 3 P, 1/1 FT | TS 28% | +/- 22 | paint 2, FB 0, 2nd 0, POT 0
- **Mitchell Robinson** [inefficient volume] – 2 PTS 6 REB 0 AST 0 STL 0 BLK 0 TO in 13 min | 1/2 FG, 0/0 3 P, 0/1 FT | TS 41% | +/- -4 | paint 2, FB 0, 2nd 0, POT 0
- **Quiet** – Jordan Clarkson (0 PTS 1 REB 0 AST 0 STL 0 BLK 0 TO in 6 min)

QUARTER FLOW

- **Q1** – NYK 19-27 SAS | game 19-27 | NYK 8/24 FG (33.3%), 3/11 3 P | SAS 9/24 FG (37.5%), 4/12 3 P
- **Q2** – NYK 29-28 SAS | game 48-55 | NYK 12/25 FG (48.0%), 3/9 3 P | SAS 9/21 FG (42.9%), 5/12 3 P
- **Q3** – NYK 28-21 SAS | game 76-76 | NYK 10/23 FG (43.5%), 2/10 3 P | SAS 8/23 FG (34.8%), 0/9 3 P
- **Q4** – NYK 29-19 SAS | game 105-95 | NYK 9/22 FG (40.9%), 3/6 3 P | SAS 6/21 FG (28.6%), 2/10 3 P
- **Final** – NYK 105 – SAS 95; Lead changes: 10; times tied: 6
- **Late** – Q4 0:29 [NYK 101-SAS 95]: D. Fox loose ball personal FOUL (5 PF) (Anunoby 2 FT)
- **Late** – Q4 0:21 [NYK 103-SAS 95]: D. Fox bad pass out-of-bounds TURNOVER (3 TO)
- **Late** – Q4 0:20 [NYK 103-SAS 95]: S. Castle take personal FOUL (3 PF) (Anunoby 2 FT)
- **Late** – Q4 0:13 [NYK 105-SAS 95]: MISS J. Champagnie 25' 3 PT

DEFENSE, HUSTLE & TURNING POINTS

- **Blocks** – NYK 2 (Josh Hart 1, Karl Anthony 1) vs SAS 4 (Victor Wembanyama 3, Julian Champagnie 1)
- **Rim anchor** – Victor Wembanyama (SAS): 3 BLK
- **Steals** – NYK 7 (Josh Hart 4, Mikal Bridges 2, Jose Alvarado 1) vs SAS 1 (Luke Kornet 1) – NYK won the takeaway battle
- **Turnover** – Victor Wembanyama (SAS): 6 TO
- **Turnover** – Jalen Brunson (NYK): 4 TO
- **Turnover** – DeAaron Fox (SAS): 3 TO
- **Late** – Q4 1:11 [NYK 99-SAS 95]: M. Bridges Free Throw 2 of 2 (9 PTS)
- **Late** – Q4 0:57 [NYK 99-SAS 95]: V. Wembanyama lost ball TURNOVER (6 TO)
- **Late** – Q4 0:37 [NYK 101-SAS 95]: J. Brunson 14' pullup Jump Shot (30 PTS)
- **Late** – Q4 0:32 [NYK 101-SAS 95]: MISS V. Wembanyama 27' 3 PT
- **Late** – Q4 0:29 [NYK 101-SAS 95]: D. Fox loose ball personal FOUL (5 PF) (Anunoby 2 FT)
- **Late** – Q4 0:29 [NYK 102-SAS 95]: O. Anunoby Free Throw 1 of 2 (14 PTS)
- **Late** – Q4 0:29 [NYK 103-SAS 95]: O. Anunoby Free Throw 2 of 2 (15 PTS)
- **Late** – Q4 0:21 [NYK 103-SAS 95]: D. Fox bad pass out-of-bounds TURNOVER (3 TO)
- **Late** – Q4 0:20 [NYK 103-SAS 95]: S. Castle take personal FOUL (3 PF) (Anunoby 2 FT)
- **Late** – Q4 0:20 [NYK 104-SAS 95]: O. Anunoby Free Throw 1 of 2 (16 PTS)
- **Late** – Q4 0:20 [NYK 105-SAS 95]: O. Anunoby Free Throw 2 of 2 (17 PTS)
- **Late** – Q4 0:13 [NYK 105-SAS 95]: MISS J. Champagnie 25' 3 PT

GAME STORY & MOMENTUM

- **San Antonio Ownership:** The Spurs dictated the series opener early, leading 27-19 after Q1 behind 10 points from sophomore Dylan Harper.
- **NYK Stabilization:** The Knicks narrowed the gap in Q2, outscoring SAS 29-28 to enter the half trailing 55-48.
- **Momentum Shift:** Q3 belonged to New York (28-21) as they erased the deficit and tied the game 76-76 heading into the final frame.
- **Spurs Drought:** San Antonio's perimeter game vanished in the third quarter; they went 0-of-9 from three-point range during the period.
- **Bank Shot Spark:** Miles McBride provided the Q3 exclamation point, banking in a 24-foot three-pointer at Q3 0:09 to knot the score.
- **Defensive Suffocation:** New York's defense held San Antonio to just 28.6% shooting (6/21) in the fourth quarter.
- **Lead Exchange:** Victor Wembanyama hit two free throws at Q4 2:16 to give the Spurs a 95-94 lead--their final advantage of the game.
- **The Decisive Blow:** Jalen Brunson reclaimed the lead for good at Q4 1:50 with a 25-foot three-pointer to make it 97-95.
- **Foul Trouble Impact:** De'Aaron Fox missed a 9-foot pullup at Q4 1:31 and picked up his fifth personal foul shortly after, limiting the Spurs' late response.
- **Turning the Screw:** Mikal Bridges hit two free throws at Q4 1:11 to extend the Knicks' lead to 99-95.
- **Late Giveaways:** Victor Wembanyama committed his 6th turn over at Q4 0:57, leading directly to Jalen Brunson's game-sealing jumper at Q4 0:37.
- **Clutch Conclusion:** OG Anunoby converted four straight free throws in the final 29 seconds to ensure the 10-point victory.

STORYLINES & TALKING POINTS

- **Paint Gravity:** The Knicks punished the Spurs inside, winning the paint battle 50-42. Brunson (16) and Towns (14) combined for 60% of New York's interior points.
- **Perimeter Panic:** San Antonio took 43 three-point attempts (48.3% frequency) but hit only 25.6%. Their 0-for-9 third quarter from deep was the game's turning point.
- **Efficiency Edge:** Landry Shamet provided elite bench production with a 72% TS%, providing a stark contrast to De'Aaron Fox's 25% TS% for the Spurs.
- **Drought Snap:** After a high-volatility game featuring 10 lead changes, New York ended the game on a 11-0 run over the final two minutes.
- **Turnover Tax:** San Antonio's 13 turnovers were costly, as New York capitalized for 19 points off turnovers compared to just 14 for the Spurs.
- **Second Chance Scraps:** Karl-Anthony Towns led all players with 7 second-chance points, helping New York to a 23-14 advantage in that category.
- **Glass General:** Josh Hart finished with a game-high +22 plus-minus despite shooting 1-of-5, proving his value via 15 rebounds and 4 steals.
- **Wemby's Wall:** Victor Wembanyama anchored the defense with 3 blocks, but his 6 turnovers were double his season average.
- **The Sophomore Spark:** Dylan Harper was a bright spot for the Spurs' second unit, scoring 16 points on 6/10 shooting with 10 points in the paint.
- **Floor General Duel:** While De'Aaron Fox led SAS with 5 assists, he struggled to just 7 points on 3-of-13 shooting.
- **Defensive Stoppers:** Mikal Bridges and OG Anunoby combined for 3 steals and 2 blocks, holding the Spurs to a meager 28.6% FG in the final period.
- **Shot Diet Disparity:** The Knicks were more selective, taking only 36 threes compared to the Spurs' 43, resulting in a superior 30.6% conversion rate.

- **Interior Superiority:** New York converted 65.5% of their 29 attempts at the rim, outproducing the Spurs 50-42 in total paint points.
- **Josh Hart’s Impact:** Hart’s 4 steals and 15 rebounds provided the Knicks extra possessions, reflected in their 23-14 edge in second-chance scoring.
- **Clutch Free Throws:** New York shot 88.9% from the line (16/18), including OG Anunoby’s perfect 4/4 in the final 30 seconds.
- **Iron Man Minutes:** Jalen Brunson (37) and Victor Wembanyama (38) were pushed to their limits in a game featuring 6 ties.
- **Hustle Points:** The Knicks won the steal battle 8-4, spearheaded by Josh Hart’s relentless defensive pressure.
- **Towns’ Interior Pivot:** Moving away from his perimeter game (0/2 3 P), Towns focused on the rim, averaging a shot distance of just 5.8 feet.