

Denver Nuggets at Utah Jazz

NBA | Preseason | October 6, 2026

Checked Oct 06, 01:08 PM Toronto | prepared snapshot, not live

Away	Denver Nuggets
Home	Utah Jazz
Venue	Delta Center, Salt Lake City, UT
Scheduled start	Oct 06, 09:00 PM Toronto
Game evidence	S1 source event 401914128

Provisional prediction

Expected score	Denver Nuggets 124.9 - Utah Jazz 119.9
Winner lean	Denver Nuggets model probability 61.4%
Margin / total	Home minus away -5.0 points; total 244.8
Spread meaning	Model margin, not a bookmaker spread or a claim of value.

Lineups not fully set. Historical scoring baseline; probable personnel shown as context, not numeric adjustments. Probabilities are uncalibrated model estimates. NBA PRESEASON: prior regular-season rates transferred without a rotation model; especially low reliability.

What matters in this matchup

PRESEASON: starters, restrictions and replacement minutes determine relevance. Regular-season scoring rates cannot establish tonight's player workload. The provisional team prediction uses prior regular-season rates; player-minute uncertainty is not resolved.

Use and confidence

Early research estimate. Small winner differences are weak leans; model probability is not proven accuracy. Recheck personnel and current prices before relying on it.

1. Availability and playing conditions

Denver Nuggets - away

Starting five / preseason minutes: NOT CONFIRMED. Previous-game starters are historical evidence only.

Captured injury listings [S1]

Player	Reported status / issue	Source effective date
Spencer Jones	Day-To-Day / Hamstring	2026-10-04T22:00Z
Jamal Murray	Day-To-Day / Personal	2026-10-04T21:58Z

Final lineup, scratches, replacement roles and any restrictions still require a near-start check. Listed return dates are not clearance.

Utah Jazz - home

Starting five / preseason minutes: NOT CONFIRMED. Previous-game starters are historical evidence only.

Captured injury listings [S1]

Player	Reported status / issue	Source effective date
Jusuf Nurkic	Day-To-Day / Foot	2026-10-05T23:17Z
Kyle Filipowski	Day-To-Day / Back	2026-10-05T23:16Z
Josh Green	Day-To-Day / Knee	2026-10-04T21:50Z
Brice Sensabaugh	Day-To-Day / Hip	2026-10-04T21:49Z

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Location and conditions

Indoor arena: outdoor wind and precipitation are not direct playing-surface inputs. Travel disruption was not assessed. [S1]

Rest and travel

Denver Nuggets: last completed phase game 2026-10-04, 1 full calendar off-days; Utah Jazz: last completed phase game 2026-10-04, 1 full calendar off-days. Actual travel itinerary, time-zone adaptation and numerical fatigue effect are unverified.

2. Denver Nuggets - recent game evidence

Current preseason chronology [S2]

Date	Opponent / venue role	Score (team first)
2026-10-04	Utah Jazz / home	97-109

NHL: every completed regular-season game in the current source schedule is summarized below. NBA: available preseason games only. MLB: every completed current postseason game, not a claim of reviewing all 162 regular-season games.

2026-10-04 | home vs Utah Jazz | L 97-109 (Final)

Period/quarter/inning scores, team first: 1: 26-36; 2: 26-27; 3: 25-25; 4: 20-21 [S3]

Metric	Team	Opponent
Field goals made / field goals attempted	36-89	39-93
Three point field goals made / three point field goals attempted	11-39	15-45
Total rebounds	47	54
Total turnovers	11	11
Points in paint	40	34

Julian Strawther: Points 14, Rebounds 3, Assists 1, Minutes 20. Historical game participation; not tonight's confirmation.

Aaron Gordon: Points 12, Rebounds 4, Assists 0, Minutes 10. Historical game participation; not tonight's confirmation.

Cameron Johnson: Points 8, Rebounds 2, Assists 0, Minutes 15. Historical game participation; not tonight's confirmation.

Interpretation: Compare shooting, turnovers and rebounding alongside the quarter scores. Preseason substitution patterns prevent treating this result as a normal regular-season strength test.

Interpretation: These observations describe this game; opponent adjustment and stable repeatability have not been established.

Evidence limit: score-state and box-score review does not by itself establish tactics, quality of chances, causal luck, or opponent-adjusted team strength.

2. Utah Jazz - recent game evidence

Current preseason chronology [S4]

Date	Opponent / venue role	Score (team first)
2026-10-04	Denver Nuggets / away	109-97

NHL: every completed regular-season game in the current source schedule is summarized below. NBA: available preseason games only. MLB: every completed current postseason game, not a claim of reviewing all 162 regular-season games.

2026-10-04 | away vs Denver Nuggets | W 109-97 (Final)

Period/quarter/inning scores, team first: 1: 36-26; 2: 27-26; 3: 25-25; 4: 21-20 [S3]

Metric	Team	Opponent
Field goals made / field goals attempted	39-93	36-89
Three point field goals made / three point field goals attempted	15-45	11-39
Total rebounds	54	47
Total turnovers	11	11
Points in paint	34	40

Lauri Markkanen: Points 17, Rebounds 2, Assists 0, Minutes 14. Historical game participation; not tonight's confirmation.

Keyonte George: Points 15, Rebounds 4, Assists 3, Minutes 21. Historical game participation; not tonight's confirmation.

Blake Hinson: Points 14, Rebounds 6, Assists 0, Minutes 17. Historical game participation; not tonight's confirmation.

Interpretation: Compare shooting, turnovers and rebounding alongside the quarter scores. Preseason substitution patterns prevent treating this result as a normal regular-season strength test.

Interpretation: These observations describe this game; opponent adjustment and stable repeatability have not been established.

Evidence limit: score-state and box-score review does not by itself establish tactics, quality of chances, causal luck, or opponent-adjusted team strength.

3. Matchup interpretation and key players

Denver Nuggets

Current phase: 1 games, 0 wins; scoring average 97.00 for / 109.00 against. These are descriptive averages, not projected scores.

Preseason results and minutes have a different purpose from regular-season team rankings. Rotation confirmation is required before allocating expected shots, assists or rebounds.

Utah Jazz

Current phase: 1 games, 1 wins; scoring average 109.00 for / 97.00 against. These are descriptive averages, not projected scores.

Preseason results and minutes have a different purpose from regular-season team rankings. Rotation confirmation is required before allocating expected shots, assists or rebounds.

How to read the matchup

Compare the two recent-game sections: did score and underlying volume agree, did the game change late, and did current absences affect the players producing those numbers? Where shot-quality, possession or bullpen detail is missing, the report cannot declare a repeatable style edge.

Conditional game scripts

If starters play limited minutes, reserve combinations may decide the result. If rotation experiments change pace or shot distribution, prior results can mislead. The team score is a provisional prior-season baseline; no player workload is assigned without supporting inputs.

4. Executed simulations and prediction limits

EXPERIMENTAL TEAM-SCORE BASELINE. This run is real and reproducible, but is not adjusted for the personnel, injuries, game-flow evidence, weather or tactical factors described in this report. It supplies the provisional prediction on page one; no accuracy or betting edge is established.	
Scenario win share	Denver Nuggets 61.4% Utah Jazz 38.6%
Average sampled score	Denver Nuggets 124.89 Utah Jazz 119.87
Total scenarios	Mean 244.76; central 80% sampled totals 223-267
Trials / seed	100,000 / 2785051537
Raw ties	2.3%; assumed 50/50 winner split
Run completed	2026-10-06T17:34:39.730899+00:00
Input hash	See retained JSON run record

Method: pooled venue scoring/conceding moments; independent negative-binomial draws where overdispersed, otherwise Poisson. For NHL, current completed regular-season results augment the preserved prior sample. NBA preseason estimates explicitly transfer preserved regular-season scoring without a rotation model. There is no opponent-strength, roster, goalie/pitcher or recency adjustment. Historical NHL overtime/shootout scores are included; raw ties are not regulation ties. MLB postseason transfer remains unvalidated.

Monte Carlo repeat-run error approximately +/- 0.30 percentage points at 95%. This only measures simulation noise; it excludes model and input uncertainty. No accuracy, calibration or ROI is claimed.

Denver Nuggets: 82 historical qualifying games; 41 in this venue role. Latest input 2026-04-13T00:30Z.

Utah Jazz: 82 historical qualifying games; 41 in this venue role. Latest input 2026-04-13T00:30Z.

Spread and total probabilities

DraftKings via ESPN, captured 2026-10-06T17:00:45.353021+00:00 [S1]. Snapshot, not a live available offer.

Captured spread	Utah Jazz +1.5; model cover 42.0%; away cover 58.0%; push 0.0%
Captured total	230.5; model over 79.3%; under 20.7%; push 0.0%

These fractions come from the same uncalibrated score scenarios. Price, bookmaker availability and edge are not established. NHL historical shootout scores and fair random tie breaking are a proxy, not exact sportsbook settlement.

Conditional player-prop outlook

NBA player props require supported individual minutes and role inputs. Team scoring does not justify inventing player projections; individual estimates are not available in this version.

What changes the prediction

Different starter; scratch or minutes restriction; changed batting order/rotation; material weather change; corrected source results. The current model does not recompute player-specific team adjustments. This prepared report does not refresh itself.

5. Sources and freshness

Source numbers refer to the captured snapshots below. This is a prepared report; personnel and conditions may change before the game.

S1 | fetched 2026-10-06T17:00:45.353021+00:00

<https://site.api.espn.com/apis/site/v2/sports/basketball/nba/summary?event=401914128>

S2 | fetched 2026-10-06T17:00:48.106477+00:00

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S3 | fetched 2026-10-06T17:00:53.903296+00:00

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S4 | fetched 2026-10-06T17:00:48.150000+00:00

<https://site.api.espn.com/apis/site/v2/sports/basketball/nba/teams/26/schedule?season=2027&seasontype=1>

Release status: PROVISIONAL RESEARCH. Predictions and conditional prop scenarios are experimental and unvalidated. All 23 catalog entries remain DRAFT; validated forecasts remain disabled.