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MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES 131 (1-0), MIAMI HEAT 106 (0-1)

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Player Notes

- **Anthony Edwards** led the way for the Wolves on Opening Night, finishing with a game-high 45 points on 16-of-29 shooting, including 9-of-17 from three, 10 rebounds and three assists. With his 45 points on the evening and his 41 against the Portland Trail Blazers in last season's Opening Game on Oct. 22, 2025, **Edwards** becomes the second player in NBA history to score 40+ points in consecutive season openers, joining Wilt Chamberlain (four times, 1959-62).
- **Edwards'** 45 points mark the most points scored in Timberwolves history on Opening Night, besting his 41 points last season at Portland on Oct. 22, 2025.
- With nine threes tonight, **Edwards** connected on the third-most three pointers on Opening Night in NBA history, trailing only Aaron Gordon (10, 2025-26) and Terry Rozier (10, 2020-21).
- Tonight marked **Edwards'** first 45+ point/10+ rebound game of his career and he became the fifth player in NBA history to tally 45+ points and 10+ rebounds in a Season Opening Game, joining Anthony Davis (Oct. 26, 2016), Michael Jordan (Nov. 11, 1989), Chamberlain (2x; MR: Oct. 23, 1962) and Elgin Baylor (Oct. 18, 1959).
- **Edwards** scored 21 of his game-high 45 points in the first half of tonight's game, becoming the sixth player since at least 1996 to have multiple Season Opening games with 21+ points in the first half.
 - **Anthony Edwards (2021, 2026)**
 - Kevin Durant (2013, 2022)
 - James Harden (2014, 2022)
 - Kyrie Irving (2018, 2020)
 - Domantas Sabonis (2020, 2021)
 - Trae Young (2019, 2020)



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- In his Timberwolves debut, **LaMelo Ball** notched 21 points on 7-of-17 shooting, including 5-of-13 from three, six assists and two rebounds, becoming the first Timberwolves player to record 20+ points/5+ assists in a Season Opener since **D'Angelo Russell** (22 points, seven assists) in 2021.
- With five threes on the evening, **Ball** connected on the third-most threes in a Season Opener in franchise history. **Ball's** five three-pointers also contribute to his streak of his 27th straight regular-season game with multiple made threes. That's the second-longest active such streak in the NBA (Stephen Curry - 31).
- With **Ball** (five three-pointers) and **Edwards** (nine-three pointers), it marks the first time in Timberwolves history that the team has had two players make 5+ threes in a Opening Game of the season.
- **Jaden McDaniels** finished with 17 points on 8-of-11 shooting, eight rebounds and three steals, becoming the fifth Timberwolves player to record 15+ points/5+ rebounds while shooting above 70% in a Season Opener.
- **Rudy Gobert** totaled five points and a game-high 15 rebounds in tonight's Season Opener. His 15 rebounds marked the fifth-most boards by a Timberwolves player in an Opening Game and the second time he has notched 15+ rebounds in an opener with the Wolves.

Team Notes

- With tonight's 25-point victory over the Heat on Opening Night, it marks the largest win in Timberwolves history on Opening Night.
- The Timberwolves scored 131 points on 46-of-98 (46.9%) shooting, including 21-of-50 (42.0%) from deep, marking the most points scored on Opening Night in franchise history. Minnesota's 21 made threes are also the most in a Season Opener in franchise history.
- The Wolves shot 46% from three in the first half, the best three point shooting percentage in a season opening game in franchise history (minimum 3pt attempts).
- Minnesota outrebounded the Heat 52-34. The +18 on the boards mark the largest differential in franchise history on Opening Night. The team's previous high was in the 2023-24 season (+15; 62-47).
- The Wolves' 69 first-half points mark the most first-half points by the Timberwolves in the first half of on Opening Night since 2021-22 (72).

