

MLP 2026 · MIAMI, FLORIDA · TEAM PROFILE



Miami Pickleball Club

Team Profile Dossier

How the franchise is run, how it plays, who it has, how it builds its roster and what the 2027 off-season asks for

Ownership · Roster rules · Performance · Squad · Acquisition model · Needs

VIEWPOINT

Miami Pickleball Club's 2026 season, tested against published MLP and tour data

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Miami Pickleball Club: an underfunded roster, a GM of the Year, and Anouar Braham at \$10,000

Miami's 2026 is better told through its trades than its record. pickleball.com named Johnny Goldberg its General Manager of the Year for his work with "an underfunded Miami team": he found Nico Acevedo with a \$10,000 pick, traded him to Texas "for big bucks", and flipped Dylan Frazier and Clayton Powell for money. Miami still stayed in the playoff race until the last event, in Orlando, and finished 15th · 24 pts. The numbers are kinder than the table: 10–16 in matchups, but 11th on opponent-adjusted strength against the 6th-hardest schedule. Women's doubles (8–18, 18th) was the weak line. Anouar Braham, the projected keeper at \$10,000, is the player the same writer calls possibly "the most underrated player in MLP".

2026 FINISH

15th · 24 pts · Missed playoffs

REG-SEASON MATCHUPS

10–16 · 15th

WD · MD · MIXED RANK

18th · =9th · 11th

PROJECTED KEEPERS (K)

1 of 6

TOP THREE NEEDS (GENERAL MANAGER'S VIEW)

Two starting women for WD 1

Women's doubles went 8–18 (18th). Isabella Dunlap and Estee Widdershoven played almost every game together (8–16) without finding a winning level. Both can be kept cheaply, and the review thinks Dunlap may yet look a bargain, but neither is a projected keeper. With close to the full cap, this is where Miami's money should go first.

Window: 2027 draft (April 2027, proposed rules); or ROFR on a released starter
Confidence: High

MD partner for Braham 2

Braham arrived from California on 14 July and went 6–5 with Anderson Scarpa, who is not projected to stay. Men's doubles was Miami's best line at 13–13 (=9th). The partner should be a starter, not another short-term pick-up.

Window: 2027 draft (April 2027, proposed rules); or ROFR on a released starter
Confidence: Medium-high

Mixed-capable third woman 3

Rika Fujiwara, a waiver claim on 2 June, was the third woman with two mixed games. Whichever of Dunlap and Widdershoven is not kept as a starter could fill this slot cheaply.

Window: 2027 draft (5th/6th slot) or waiver
Confidence: Medium-high

Does the roster-building model work? As a business, yes; as a team, not yet. Miami spent \$35,000 at the auction and turned its best finds into money, which is why pickleball.com rated the GM work so highly. The roster paid for it: 11 in-season arrivals and a 10–16 record. Under a cap where every team can spend the same, the scouting that found Acevedo and Braham becomes an advantage Miami can keep rather than sell.



Team, ownership and roster rules

Who owns the franchise, who runs it, the 2026 MLP mechanics that constrained every move, and what the proposed 2027 reset means.

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- Ownership, GM and home market
 - MLP 2026 format and roster rules
 - Recent seasons and the 2027 outlook
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A • TEAM AND LEADERSHIP

Ownership, leadership and the home market

Ownership	Naomi Osaka, Nick Kyrgios, Patrick Mahomes, Rich Paul, Darius Garland, Mardy Fish and Alex Davis (Disruptive Sports Group), Alex Cohen, Stuart Duguid, The Palm Tree Crew, Prakash Amritraj, Matthew Pritzker, Mark Ein, Romie Chaudhari and Swimmy Minami (MLP, 21 Dec 2022).
Business	2024 Challenger champions (Forbes 25 Nov 2024). The team site did not respond, so the 2022 owner list is the latest we have.
General manager	Johnny Goldberg, per pickleball.com, which named him its General Manager of the Year for his work with "an underfunded Miami team" (30 Aug 2026); no team page confirms the title.
Head coach	Not published in the sources we fetched.
Home market	Miami, Florida
Founded / lineage	Announced December 2022 (MLP release).
Multi-club	None published.

Sources: <https://majorleaguepickleball.co/news/major-league-pickleball-announces-new-ownership-groups-compr...> (21 Dec 2022); <https://www.forbes.com/sites/toddboss/2024/11/25/dallas-flash-win-2024-major-league-pickleball-premier-league-title/>; <https://pickleball.com/news/new-jersey-wins-the-2026-mlp-championship-time-for-post-season-awards> (Jim Kloss, 30 Aug 2026). "Not published" means no fetched source gave it.

WHAT CHANGED IN 2026

Kept 2 at the 15 Feb deadline (Alix Truong, Yuta Funemizu). Drafted 4 on 27 Feb (#25 Nico Acevedo, #27 Estee Widdershoven, #44 Clayton Powell, #54 Aiko Yoshitomi). 11 players in and 11 out in the transaction log (pickleballinsiders reconciliation).

Did not reach the 12-team playoffs.

RECENT SEASONS

SEASON	FINISH	NOTE
2024	Challenger 3rd · 39 pts	Challenger. Regular-season matchups 15-8 (computed from MLP game file). Playoff matchups 6-2; last: beat Chicago Slice 3-1. Challenger champions (beat Chicago; Forbes 25 Nov 2024).
2025	Premier 10th · 22 pts	Premier. Regular-season matchups 8-17 (computed from MLP game file). Playoff matchups 0-1; last: lost to Texas Ranchers 2-3.
2026	15th · 24 pts · Missed playoffs	One 20-team league. Regular season 10–16; Did not reach the 12-team playoffs.

2024–25: two levels (Premier, Challenger). Positions and points from pickleball.com (27–28 Oct 2024) and Forbes (15 Aug 2025); W–L and playoff matchups computed from MLP's official game files. "Not in fetched sources" = no article gave the figure.

A • MLP ROSTER MECHANICS

The 2026 rules, and where Miami Pickleball Club stand

MLP scores the regular season on cumulative standings points across nine events, not on win-loss records, and publishes no season W-L table; section B computes one from the official game results. Rosters are six players (three men, three women). Miami Pickleball Club's 2027 position: 1 projected keepers, 0 stated releases and 3 implied releases on the end-of-season six.

League shape	20 teams, one level (Premier/Challenger gone). Nine regular-season events + expanded 12-team, three-week playoffs. Final at Wollman Rink, 30 Aug 2026.
Match format	Women's doubles, men's doubles, two mixed, each to 11, win by 2, all four played. DreamBreaker (singles, 2M+2W) if 2-2.
Standings points	Event scale 25-18-15-12-10-8-6-4-1-1 by Sunday finish. Group play awards 3/2/1/0 per match (regulation / DB win / DB loss / regulation loss).
Keepers 2026	Max five keepers due 15 Feb. League-wide: 54 kept, 66 draft slots. Miami Pickleball Club kept 2: Alix Truong, Yuta Funemizu.
Draft	Live auction, 27 Feb. No spending cap in 2026. Miami Pickleball Club picks: #25 Nico Acevedo (\$10,000), #27 Estee Widdershoven (\$10,000), #44 Clayton Powell (\$11,000), #54 Aiko Yoshitomi (\$4,000).
2027 (proposed)	\$1m acquisition cap, \$500k floor, per-player cap ~\$600-800k, one ROFR designation; every 2024 draftee released after 2026. Not final as of 9 October 2026 (pickleball.com, 21 Jul 2026).

KEEPER STATUS OF THE END-OF-SEASON SIX (K)

- **Anouar Braham** (M): keepable \$10,000 · likely keep
- **Estee Widdershoven** (F): keepable \$10,000 · option
- **Isabella Dunlap** (F): keepable \$1,000 · possible keep
- **James Delgado** (M): release implied
- **Anderson Scarpa** (M): release implied
- **Rika Fujiwara** (F): release implied

(K) = pickleball.com, "MLP 2027: A look ahead", 1 Sep 2026, keeper data credited to Erik Tice. Statuses marked "implied" are our reading of who the article leaves out.

What this means for 2027 recruitment. (1) Projected keepers: Anouar Braham at \$10,000 in published keeper prices. (2) That leaves about \$990,000 under the proposed \$1m cap, and at least \$490,000 must be spent to reach the proposed \$500k floor. (3) ROFR: no ROFR target named in keeper reporting; only one released player can be matched. (4) 5 of 6 roster spots are expected to turn over, so the April 2027 auction decides most of the team.

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How the team plays

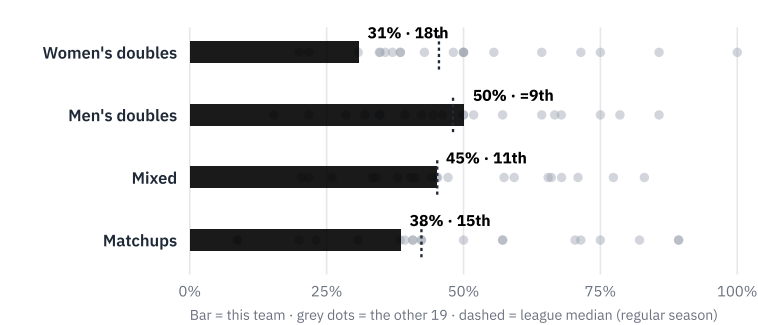
Regular-season record, discipline splits and pairings, computed from MLP's official 2026 game results and ranked against all 20 teams.

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- Record and discipline splits vs the league
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B • PERFORMANCE

9th in men's doubles; 18th in women's doubles

WIN RATE BY DISCIPLINE VS THE LEAGUE (2026 REGULAR SEASON)



READING

Miami were stronger than their 10–16 suggests. Men's doubles broke even at 13–13 and mixed was close (23–28); women's doubles (8–18, 18th) lost most of the time.

The points difference (-111) ranked 12th, three places better than the matchup record.

LEAGUE TABLE • 2026 REGULAR SEASON (9 EVENTS) • COMPUTED FROM MLP'S OFFICIAL GAME RESULTS

#	TEAM	MATCHUPS	WIN %	WD	MD	MIXED	DB	PTS FOR-AGAINST	+/-
=1	St. Louis Shock	25–3	89.3%	24–4 86%	24–4 86%	41–12 77%	2–1	1163–648	+515
=1	New Jersey 5s	25–3	89.3%	28–0 100%	16–12 57%	44–9 83%	2–2	1180–703	+477
3	Los Angeles Mad Drops	23–5	82.1%	18–10 64%	22–6 79%	36–17 68%	2–1	1104–834	+270
4	Columbus Sliders	21–7	75.0%	20–8 71%	19–9 68%	36–19 65%	2–1	1097–827	+270
5	Brooklyn Pickleball Team	20–8	71.4%	14–14 50%	21–7 75%	39–16 71%	2–4	1140–936	+204
6	Dallas Flash	19–8	70.4%	15–12 56%	18–9 67%	35–18 66%	6–4	1182–941	+241
=7	Palm Beach Royals	16–12	57.1%	21–7 75%	11–17 39%	32–22 59%	2–2	1014–966	+48
=7	Texas Ranchers	16–12	57.1%	12–16 43%	18–10 64%	31–23 57%	2–4	1033–1006	+27
9	Orlando Squeeze	13–13	50.0%	10–16 38%	13–13 50%	21–31 40%	4–3	954–1031	-77
=10	California Black Bears	11–15	42.3%	13–13 50%	9–17 35%	19–31 38%	5–2	954–1069	-115
=10	SoCal Hard Eights	11–15	42.3%	10–16 38%	12–14 46%	21–30 41%	4–2	905–1053	-148
=12	Atlanta Bouncers	11–16	40.7%	10–17 37%	14–13 52%	24–29 45%	2–3	957–1029	-72
=12	Chicago Slice	11–16	40.7%	13–14 48%	12–15 44%	17–33 34%	5–2	962–1068	-106
14	Las Vegas Night Owls	11–17	39.3%	10–18 36%	8–20 29%	25–28 47%	5–4	1032–1167	-135
15	Miami Pickleball Club	10–16	38.5%	8–18 31%	13–13 50%	23–28 45%	2–4	910–1021	-111
16	Utah Black Diamonds	8–18	30.8%	9–17 35%	11–15 42%	23–29 44%	1–4	921–1039	-118
17	Florida Smash	6–20	23.1%	13–13 50%	4–22 15%	13–37 26%	3–2	848–1079	-231
18	Bay Area Breakers	5–20	20.0%	5–20 20%	8–17 32%	16–32 33%	1–1	708–980	-272
=19	Phoenix Flames	2–21	8.7%	8–15 35%	8–15 35%	10–36 22%	1–5	731–1020	-289
=19	Carolina Hogs	2–21	8.7%	5–18 22%	5–18 22%	9–35 20%	0–2	571–949	-378

Ranked by matchup win % (teams played 23–28 matchups), ties listed by points difference. Game columns show games won–lost and win %; Mixed combines both mixed slots. DB = DreamBreaker. Points include DreamBreaker points. Source: data/results/mlp_2026_team_summary.csv. Mid-Season Tournament and playoffs are not included.

B · PERFORMANCE (CONTINUED)

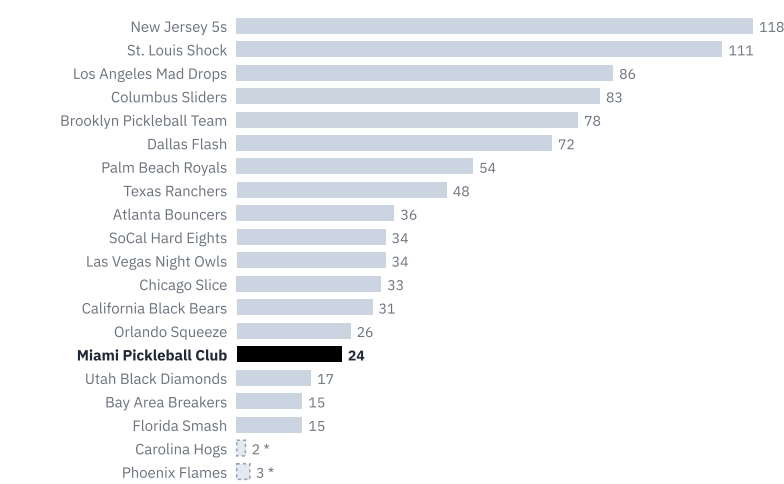
Pairings, standings and the playoff line

MIAMI PICKLEBALL CLUB PAIRINGS · OFFICIAL MLP GAME RESULTS

DISC.	PAIRING	REGULAR SEASON	ALL 2026 (INCL. MID-SEASON + PLAYOFFS)	POINTS (ALL 2026)	SAMPLE
WD	Dunlap / Widdershoven	8–16 · 33%	10–18 · 36%	215–246	
WD	Fujiwara / Widdershoven	0–1 · 0%	0–1 · 0%	4–11	Small sample
WD	Dunlap / Fujiwara	0–1 · 0%	0–1 · 0%	5–11	Small sample
MD	Braham / Scarpa	6–5 · 55%	6–5 · 55%	94–97	
MD	Frazier / Powell	5–5 · 50%	5–5 · 50%	89–80	
MD	Acevedo / Funemizu	2–2 · 50%	2–2 · 50%	34–35	Small sample
MD	Frazier / Funemizu	0–0 · —	3–1 · 75%	45–23	Small sample
MD	Funemizu / Powell	0–1 · 0%	0–1 · 0%	3–11	Small sample
Mixed	Powell / Widdershoven	6–8 · 43%	6–8 · 43%	115–120	
Mixed	Dunlap / Frazier	3–6 · 33%	4–8 · 33%	83–118	
Mixed	Delgado / Dunlap	7–4 · 64%	7–4 · 64%	98–94	
Mixed	Braham / Widdershoven	4–4 · 50%	4–4 · 50%	78–54	Small sample
Mixed	Acevedo / Dunlap	2–2 · 50%	2–2 · 50%	27–36	Small sample
Mixed	Ford / Widdershoven	0–0 · —	1–1 · 50%	20–20	Small sample
Mixed	Scarpa / Widdershoven	0–2 · 0%	0–2 · 0%	11–22	Small sample

Highlighted rows have 15 or more games; fewer than 10 is flagged as a small sample. Up to 16 pairings shown, most-used first. DreamBreaker starts (first-listed player only, all 2026): Braham 2–1, Dunlap 0–1, Powell 0–1, Delgado 0–1. MLP's DreamBreaker rows do not show the full rotation.

2026 REGULAR-SEASON STANDINGS POINTS



* Carolina and Phoenix: no published total; sum of per-event points (MLP feed).

READING

League position. 15th of 20 on 24 points, 2 behind ORL (14th) and 94 behind New Jersey.

Positions 13–18 are provisional in the published table.

Event finishes (MLP official): Columbus 11th · Austin 5th · St. Petersburg 11th · Chicago 5th · Orlando 8th. Sum 24 points.

Playoffs. Did not reach the 12-team playoffs. Across all 2026 the matchup record is 12–18.

B2 • BEYOND THE SCORELINE

Four measures the scoreboard hides, for all 20 teams

We built four measures from MLP's official 2026 game file (1,368 games) and ranked every team and player: who moves the needle on court (on/off), which pairs beat the sum of their parts (chemistry), how strong each team was after adjusting for opponents, and how much of each record was luck.

ON/OFF • BEST QUALIFYING

+2.96 pts/g

Frazier MD: 12th of 139

CHEMISTRY • BEST PAIR (≥10 G)

+6.2 pts share

Dunlap / Delgado Mixed: 10th of 38

OPPONENT-ADJUSTED STRENGTH

11th of 20

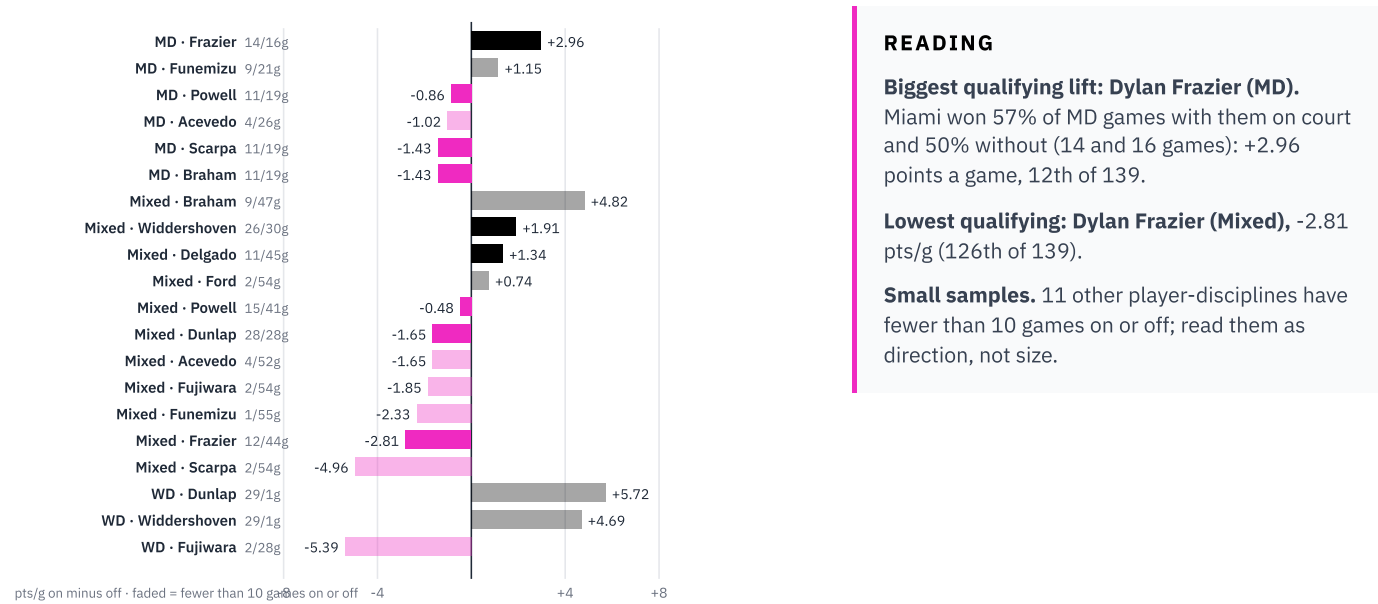
schedule 6th hardest

LUCK • WINS VS EXPECTED

+0.2 • 10th

2-pt games 7–11

1 • Player on/off: Miami Pickleball Club, all 2026 doubles games



League on/off leaders and trailers (≥10 games on and off; points per game, on minus off)

#	PLAYER	TEAM	DISC.	GAMES ON / OFF	WIN % ON / OFF	ON/OFF PTS/G
1	Armaan Bhatia	SoCal	MD	23 / 10	56% / 0%	+6.27
2	Mari Humberg	ATL	WD	19 / 16	74% / 19%	+6.19
3	Blaine Hovenier	BAY	MD	10 / 17	50% / 24%	+3.98
4	Parris Todd	COL	WD	26 / 10	73% / 60%	+3.92
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12	Dylan Frazier	MIA	MD	14 / 16	57% / 50%	+2.96
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30	Estee Widdershoven	MIA	Mixed	26 / 30	42% / 47%	+1.91
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126	Dylan Frazier	MIA	Mixed	12 / 44	33% / 48%	-2.81
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138	Rafael Lenhard	SoCal	MD	13 / 20	8% / 60%	-5.16
139	Abbigal Hatton	CAR	WD	15 / 10	7% / 40%	-5.47

On/off is a team result, not individual skill: a player who always partners the same star shares the pair's numbers. Source: data/measures/onoff_players_2026.csv (351 rows; 139 qualify).

B2 • BEYOND THE SCORELINE

2 • Pairing chemistry: pairs with ≥10 games together, all 2026 (point share actual / expected, %)

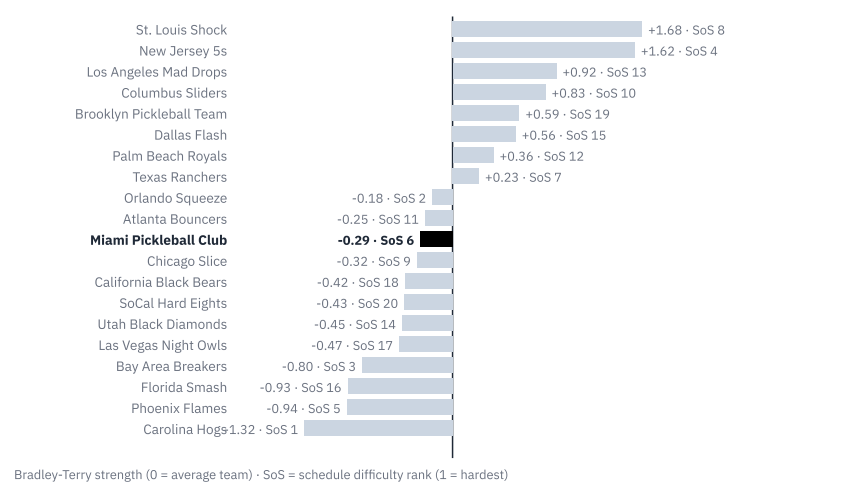
#	PAIR	TEAM	DISC.	W-L	POINT SHARE ACT. / EXP.	CHEM. (PTS SHARE)	CHEM. (WIN %)
1	Jay Devilliers / Jessie Irvine	ATL	Mixed	17-8	54.6 / 38.3	+16.3	+55.3
2	Jessie Irvine / Mari Humberg	ATL	WD	14-5	55.6 / 41.0	+14.5	+46.1
3	Federico Staksrud / Jack Sock	ORL	MD	13-8	54.0 / 40.9	+13.2	+35.2
4	Augustus Ge / Danni-Elle Townsend	DAL	Mixed	19-6	60.5 / 48.1	+12.3	+31.2
5	Jaume Martinez Vich / Mari Humberg	ATL	Mixed	8-9	52.1 / 41.5	+10.6	+16.4
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10	Isabella Dunlap / James Delgado	MIA	Mixed	7-4	51.0 / 44.8	+6.2	+25.2
...	...						
14	Clayton Powell / Estee Widdershoven	MIA	Mixed	6-8	48.9 / 44.9	+4.1	+13.2
15	Clayton Powell / Dylan Frazier	MIA	MD	5-5	52.7 / 48.5	+4.1	+7.0
...	...						
36	Dylan Frazier / Isabella Dunlap	MIA	Mixed	4-8	41.3 / 47.0	-5.7	-13.5
37	Clayton Powell / Liz Truluck	LV	Mixed	3-11	40.0 / 46.8	-6.8	-21.2
38	Callie Smith / Liz Truluck	LV	WD	3-8	39.3 / 48.6	-9.2	-18.0

READING

Miami Pickleball Club's best scored pair: Isabella Dunlap / James Delgado (Mixed), +6.2 points share against what each partner did with others (10th of 38).

Weakest scored pair: Dylan Frazier / Isabella Dunlap (Mixed), -5.7 (36th).

3 • Strength of schedule: opponent-adjusted strength (Bradley-Terry on regular-season games)



Bradley-Terry strength (0 = average team) • SoS = schedule difficulty rank (1 = hardest)

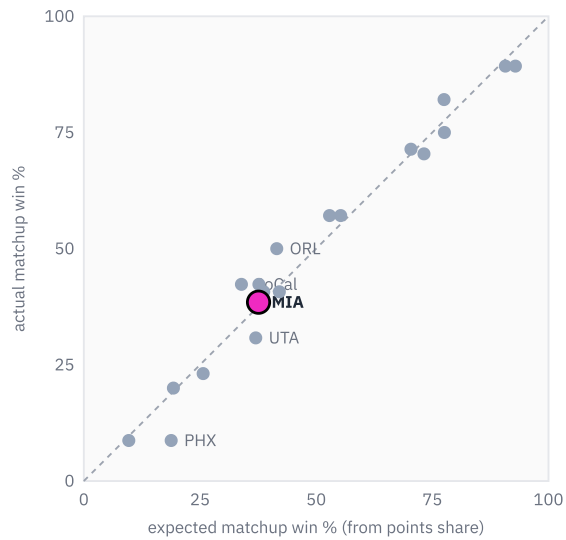
Method: each game is a head-to-head; the model finds team strengths that best explain who beat whom, so wins over strong teams count for more. Priors of 1 win and 1 loss against an average team keep ratings finite. Data: data/measures/strength_of_schedule_2026.csv, pair_chemistry_2026.csv (167 pairs; 38 with ≥10 games and scorable).

READING

This is the measure that flatters Miami. Opponents won 50.3% of their other games, the 6th-hardest schedule in the league, and after adjusting for it Miami rate 11th, four places above their matchup rank. The record undersells the team that played it.

B2 • BEYOND THE SCORELINE

4 • Luck and clutch: matchup wins against what points share predicts (regular season, k = 4.4)



READING

Luck was neutral: 47.1% of points predicts about 9.8 wins and Miami won ten (+0.2). Two-point games (7–11) and DreamBreakers (2–4) both went against them, but not by enough to explain the record.

TEAM	MATCHUPS	PTS SHARE	WIN % ACT. / EXP.	WINS VS EXP.	2-PT GAMES	DBS	2027 FLAG
Orlando Squeeze	13–13	48.1%	50.0% / 41.5%	+2.20	9–11	4–3	likely to fall back
SoCal Hard Eights	11–15	46.2%	42.3% / 33.9%	+2.18	12–9	4–2	likely to fall back
Utah Black Diamonds	8–18	47.0%	30.8% / 37.0%	-1.63	15–8	1–4	likely to improve
Phoenix Flames	2–21	41.7%	8.7% / 18.8%	-2.31	8–11	1–5	likely to improve
Miami Pickleball Club	10–16	47.1%	38.5% / 37.6%	+0.22	7–11	2–4	—

Expected win % = $PF^k / (PF^k + PA^k)$, k fitted on all 20 teams (least squares). Flags at ±1.5 wins. Data: data/measures/luck_clutch_2026.csv.

B3 · THE PKLSTATS RATING V2

Our own player rating: who wins games once partners and opponents are taken out

The PKLStats Rating v2 scores every player with at least 10 games in a discipline in 2026: 189 player-disciplines, 101 players. It shares out each official MLP doubles game's point margin among the four players on court, so nobody is credited for a star partner or blamed for strong opponents, and it starts each player from their PPA and APP tour results. 100 is the average qualifying player and 10 points is one standard deviation.

How it works, in plain words

Results. For each game, our pair's margin = our two players' values minus theirs. We find the values that best explain all 3,890 official MLP doubles games since 2024 at once (2024 scores rescaled from rally to 25), pulling small samples towards a starting value.

Tour results as the starting value. The same model fitted on 12,184 PPA, APP and US national doubles results (win or loss, January 2024 to 3 May 2026, from PickleWave) gives each player a tour rating. MLP results then move them from there, so a newcomer or a player with few MLP games is not simply "average".

Recent games count more. A game's weight halves every 120 days.

One strength per player, plus a discipline offset. WD, MD and mixed share a common strength, with a small adjustment per discipline. This is what separates partners who never split.

Settings were chosen on 2024–25 only; 2026 was kept back as the test. Uncertainty: 200 re-samples of MLP games and tour matches; the band is the middle 80%. Confidence: High (band ≤8 points), Medium (≤13), Low (wider).

READING · WHAT CHANGED FROM V1, AND DOES IT PREDICT BETTER?

Tour results did most of the work. On 2026's second half, the tour starting value alone cut the Brier score by 0.023; one-strength-per-player by 0.007. Weighting recent games barely moved it (-0.001). All three together: 73% of winners called, against 67% for v1.

It now beats DUPR and PickleWave's Elo on the 256 second-half games where all four players have both: Brier 0.174 against 0.189 (Elo) and 0.191 (DUPR); 90% intervals for the gap exclude zero. v1 did not (0.185).

Blending in Elo and DUPR did not help. A stacked blend of all three scored 0.182; v2 + DUPR 0.173, within noise of v2 alone. We use v2 alone.

The test: a rating built on earlier games, scored on later official MLP games (both columns are 2026 games kept out of the tuning)

VERSION	FIT 2025 → PREDICT ALL 2026 R · WINNERS · BRIER			2026 FIRST HALF → SECOND HALF R · WINNERS · BRIER			BRIER VS V1, 2ND HALF (90% INTERVAL)
v1 · results only per-discipline pair model, 2026-style	0.45	66%	0.208	0.44	67%	0.208	—
v1 + tour results as the starting point	0.56	71%	0.184	0.55	73%	0.185	-0.023 (-0.031 to -0.016)
v1 + recent games count more	0.45	66%	0.210	0.44	67%	0.207	-0.001 (-0.002 to -0.000)
v1 + one strength per player plus a discipline offset	0.49	68%	0.201	0.47	69%	0.201	-0.007 (-0.013 to -0.001)
v2 · all three the published rating	0.57	72%	0.180	0.54	73%	0.186	-0.022 (-0.031 to -0.015)

r = correlation between predicted and actual point margin; Brier = mean squared error of the win probability (coin flip 0.250; lower is better). 1,297 and 613 games. Intervals re-sample whole matchups. Full results: data/rating/v2/v2_backtest_results.json.

B3 · THE PKLSTATS RATING V2

League tables: players with ≥10 official 2026 games in the discipline, rated on all MLP games since 2024 plus tour results (Miami Pickleball Club highlighted)

WOMEN'S DOUBLES · TOP 16 OF 47						MEN'S DOUBLES · TOP 16 OF 49						MIXED DOUBLES · TOP 16 OF 93					
#	PLAYER	TEAM	RATING	80% BAND	CONF.	#	PLAYER	TEAM	RATING	80% BAND	CONF.	#	PLAYER	TEAM	RATING	80% BAND	CONF.
1	A.L. Waters	NJ	131.5	128–134	H	1	B. Johns	LA	125.9	121–128	H	1	A.L. Waters	NJ	129.9	126–133	H
2	A. Bright	STL	124.4	121–127	H	2	JW Johnson	DAL	118.3	114–122	H	2	A. Bright	STL	124.3	121–126	H
3	J. Johnson	NJ	117.5	114–120	H	3	G. Tardio	STL	116.3	114–119	H	3	B. Johns	LA	123.2	118–125	H
4	T. Black	COL+1	115.8	112–119	H	4	C. Alshon	BKN	116.3	113–119	H	4	C. Alshon	BKN	119.3	116–122	H
5	P. Todd	COL	112.9	109–115	H	5	H. Patriquin	STL	115.0	112–117	H	5	JW Johnson	DAL	119.1	116–122	H
6	R. Rohrabacher	BKN	112.0	108–115	H	6	A. Daescu	COL	113.1	110–116	H	6	J. Johnson	NJ	118.3	114–121	H
7	K. Fahey	STL	111.6	108–114	H	7	E. Oncins	TEX	111.2	107–114	H	7	G. Tardio	STL	116.0	112–119	H
8	T. Pisman	PB	110.5	106–114	H	8	F. Staksrud	NJ+1	110.4	107–114	H	8	A. Daescu	COL	115.2	111–118	H
9	S. Sewing	PB	110.3	106–113	H	9	C. Garnett	LA+1	108.1	104–111	H	9	T. Black	COL+1	115.2	111–118	H
10	D.-E. Townsend	COL+1	108.2	104–111	H	10	R. Newman	BKN	107.5	104–111	H	10	H. Patriquin	STL	113.0	110–115	H
11	J. Kawamoto	LA	107.2	103–110	H	11	J. Devilliers	ATL	106.2	101–109	M	11	R. Rohrabacher	BKN	112.6	109–116	H
12	C. Parenteau	LA	106.9	103–110	H	12	W. Howells	NJ	105.7	101–109	M	12	K. Fahey	STL	112.1	108–115	H
13	L. Schneemann	ORL	106.4	102–109	H	13	D. Frazier	CAL+2	105.2	101–109	H	13	E. Oncins	TEX	111.8	108–115	H
14	J. Kawamoto	BKN	105.0	101–108	H	14	J.L. Goins	CHI+1	104.0	99–107	M	14	P. Todd	COL	111.5	108–114	H
15	M. Dizon	SoCal	104.4	101–107	H	15	A. Bhatia	SoCal	103.2	98–107	M	15	F. Staksrud	NJ+1	111.0	107–114	H
16	E. Tuionetoa	UTA	104.2	100–107	H	16	A. Ge	DAL	103.2	99–106	H	16	D.-E. Townsend	COL+1	110.7	106–114	H
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26	E. Widdershoven	MIA	96.8	92–101	M	20	N. Acevedo	MIA+1	101.9	97–105	M	37	N. Acevedo	MIA+1	101.5	96–105	M
30	I. Dunlap	MIA	94.6	90–98	M	22	Y. Funemizu	MIA+1	99.8	94–105	M	39	A. Braham	CAL+1	100.8	96–105	M
						25	A. Braham	CAL+1	98.7	94–102	H	44	J. Delgado	BAY+2	99.4	94–103	M

Overall: games-weighted across a player's disciplines, top 8 of 101 (and Miami Pickleball Club)

#	PLAYER	TEAM	GAMES	RATING	80% BAND	CONFIDENCE	BY DISCIPLINE
1	Anna Leigh Waters	NJ	75	131.4	127.8–133.9	High	WD 131.5; Mixed 129.9
2	Ben Johns	LA	69	125.2	120.6–127.4	High	MD 125.9; Mixed 123.2
3	Anna Bright	STL	74	125.0	121.9–127.2	High	WD 124.4; Mixed 124.3
4	JW Johnson	DAL	78	119.3	115.9–122.9	High	MD 118.3; Mixed 119.1
5	Jorja Johnson	NJ	70	118.5	115.1–120.6	High	WD 117.5; Mixed 118.3
6	Christian Alshon	BKN	64	118.3	115.3–120.7	High	MD 116.3; Mixed 119.3
7	Gabriel Tardio	STL	67	116.8	113.9–119.4	High	MD 116.3; Mixed 116.0
8	Tyra Hurricane Black	COL+1	46	116.1	112.2–119.5	High	WD 115.8; Mixed 115.2
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38	Dylan Frazier	CAL+2	58	102.4	98.1–106.1	High	MD 105.2; Mixed 98.3
39	Nicolas Acevedo	MIA+1	65	102.3	97.8–106.2	Medium	MD 101.9; Mixed 101.5
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41	Yuta Funemizu	MIA+1	14	100.3	94.3–105.5	Medium	MD 99.8
42	Anouar Braham	CAL+1	43	100.2	95.6–104.1	Medium	MD 98.7; Mixed 100.8
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45	James Delgado	BAY+2	23	99.9	94.5–103.2	Medium	Mixed 99.4

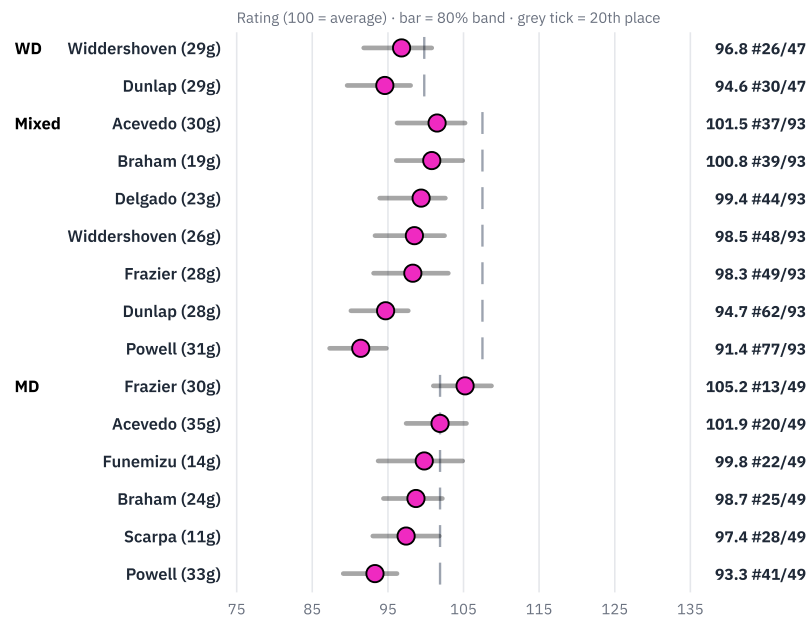
READING

Miami Pickleball Club on the league table. 9 Miami Pickleball Club players are rated (≥10 games in a discipline in 2026); the best is Dylan Frazier, 38th of 101 overall (102.4).

Neighbouring players' 80% bands usually overlap: treat a gap smaller than the bands as a tie. Players who moved teams in 2026 show '+1' and are highlighted if any of their games were for this team. Conf. = H/M/L from the width of the 80% band. Team "+1" = also played for one other team in 2026 (first team shown). Overall rank uses only disciplines where the player qualifies. Data: data/rating/pkl_v2_by_discipline_2026.csv, pkl_v2_overall_2026.csv.

B3 · THE PKLSTATS RATING V2

Miami Pickleball Club players on our rating, by discipline



g = games in the discipline in 2026 (all teams). Band = 10th–90th percentile of 200 re-samples.

READING

WD: Widdershoven 96.8 (#26/47), Dunlap 94.6 (#30/47)

MD: Frazier 105.2 (#13/49), Acevedo 101.9 (#20/49), Funemizu 99.8 (#22/49), Braham 98.7 (#25/49), Scarpa 97.4 (#28/49), Powell 93.3 (#41/49)

Mixed: Acevedo 101.5 (#37/93), Braham 100.8 (#39/93), Delgado 99.4 (#44/93), Widdershoven 98.5 (#48/93), Frazier 98.3 (#49/93), Dunlap 94.7 (#62/93), Powell 91.4 (#77/93)

Below replacement level (92.1): Clayton Powell Mixed 91.4.

Value per dollar: rating points above replacement level (92.1) per \$100k of published 2026 price (league top 6 and Miami Pickleball Club)

PLAYER	TEAM	RATING (BAND)	PRICE	PRICE TYPE	PTS ABOVE REPL. PER \$100K
John Lucian Goins	CHI+1	102.9 (97.1–106.2)	\$25,000	keeper price	+43.2
Armaan Bhatia	SoCal	102.2 (97.3–105.8)	\$40,000	keeper price	+25.3
Noe Khlif	NJ	104.7 (100.6–107.5)	\$50,000	keeper price	+25.2
Sofia Sewing	PB	110.5 (106.1–113.4)	\$80,000	keeper price	+23.0
Sahra Dennehy	CAL	99.8 (94.0–103.7)	\$35,000	keeper price	+22.0
Kate Fahey	STL	112.4 (108.6–115.2)	\$130,000	keeper price	+15.6
Dylan Frazier	CAL+2	102.4 (98.1–106.1)	\$170,000	keeper price	+6.1
Nicolas Acevedo	MIA+1	102.3	\$10,000 (keeper price); under \$25k, ratio not shown		
Yuta Funemizu	MIA+1	100.3	\$4,500 (keeper price); under \$25k, ratio not shown		
Anouar Braham	CAL+1	100.2	\$10,000 (keeper price); under \$25k, ratio not shown		
James Delgado	BAY+2	99.9	price not published (cash trade, waiver or keeper price not reported)		
Estee Widdershoven	MIA	98.2	\$10,000 (keeper price); under \$25k, ratio not shown		
Anderson Scarpa	MIA	98.0	price not published (cash trade, waiver or keeper price not reported)		
Isabella Dunlap	MIA	95.2	\$1,000 (keeper price); under \$25k, ratio not shown		
Clayton Powell	LV+1	92.9	\$11,000 (keeper price); under \$25k, ratio not shown		

READING

Value. Isabella Dunlap \$1,000 → +310.0 pts per \$100k; Yuta Funemizu \$4,500 → +182.2 pts per \$100k; Nicolas Acevedo \$10,000 → +102.0 pts per \$100k; Anouar Braham \$10,000 → +81.0 pts per \$100k; Estee Widdershoven \$10,000 → +61.0 pts per \$100k; Clayton Powell \$11,000 → +7.3 pts per \$100k; Dylan Frazier \$170,000 → +6.1 pts per \$100k.

Only published prices are used: keeper prices from pickleball.com's 1 Sep 2026 review (K) and 2026 draft bids. Replacement level is 92.1 (20th percentile). Prices under \$25k are left out of the ranked list because tiny prices make the ratio explode.



Roster analysis

End-of-season six (pickleball.com keeper review, 1 Sep 2026), ages from pickleball.com profiles, PickleWave ranks (4 Sept 2026), our rating and all-pro 2026 records.

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- Players, ages, ratings and 2026 records
 - Age versus usage

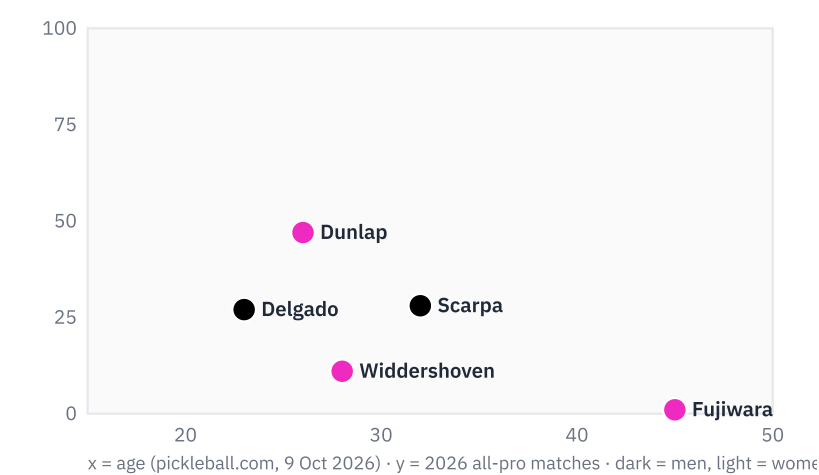
C · ROSTER

The 2026 end-of-season six

PLAYER · HOW ACQUIRED · 2027 STATUS	AGE	PKLSTATS V2	PICKLEWAVE (4 SEP)	2026 ALL-PRO RECORD	MLP 2026 GAMES FOR TEAM
Estee Widdershoven F · Auction pick #27, \$10,000 2027: keepable \$10,000 · option (K)	28	98.2 #52/101	—	45.5% · 11 matches GD 2–2 MX 2–2 SG 1–2	WD 29 · MD 0 · MX 26
Isabella Dunlap F · Trade (Carolina Hogs) 2027: keepable \$1,000 · possible keep (K)	26	95.2 #68/101	—	51.1% · 47 matches GD 7–8 MX 4–7 SG 13–8	WD 29 · MD 0 · MX 28
Rika Fujiwara F · Waiver claim (waiver claim) 2027: release implied (K)	45	not rated	—	0.0% · 1 matches GD 0–1 MX 0–0	WD 2 · MD 0 · MX 2
Anouar Braham M · Trade (California Black Bears) 2027: keepable \$10,000 · likely keep (K)	26	100.2 #42/101	—	All-pro: not published	WD 0 · MD 11 · MX 9
James Delgado M · Trade (Bay Area Breakers) 2027: release implied (K)	23	99.9 #45/101	—	25.9% · 27 matches GD 4–6 MX 3–7 SG 0–7	WD 0 · MD 0 · MX 11
Anderson Scarpa M · Waiver claim (waiver claim) 2027: release implied (K)	32	98.0 #54/101	MD #46 · 1748 MX #57 · 1720	42.9% · 28 matches GD 7–8 MX 5–8	WD 0 · MD 11 · MX 2

Ages from pickleball.com player profiles (fetched 9 Oct 2026) or the pickleball.com women's ranking (5 Oct); n/p = not published. PickleWave is an independent rating, not an official tour ranking. Season records are PPA+APP+MLP combined (pickleballinsiders), not MLP alone; GD = gender doubles. PBI's reconstructed roster matches the keeper review's six.

AGE AND 2026 ALL-PRO USAGE



READING

Braham (100.2, 42nd) is the best-rated player on the six and the projected keeper. James Delgado (99.9) and Scarpa, both July arrivals, are not projected to stay. Widdershoven and Dunlap are open keeper calls at \$10,000 and \$1,000.

D

How the team builds its roster

Every 2026 acquisition with published cost, how each turned out, and how the model compares with the finalists.

- Every acquisition and outcome
- Pattern, finalists compared, verdict

D · HOW THE TEAM BUILDS ITS ROSTER

17 moves that built the 2026 roster

WINDOW	PLAYER	AGE	MECHANISM	COST	2026 OUTCOME
Keeper (15 Feb)	Alix Truong	21	Kept from 2025 roster	keeper (2026 price not published)	0 games for the team; v2 99.0; left Mar 14 to Columbus Sliders
Keeper (15 Feb)	Yuta Funemizu	33	Kept from 2025 roster	keeper (2026 price not published)	10 games for the team; v2 100.3; left Jul 15 to Utah Black Diamonds
Draft (27 Feb)	Nicolas Acevedo Draft pool	27	Auction pick #25	\$10,000	8 games for the team; v2 102.3; left Jun 2 to Texas Ranchers
Draft (27 Feb)	Estee Widdershoven Draft pool	28	Auction pick #27	\$10,000	55 games for the team; v2 98.2; on the end-of-season six
Draft (27 Feb)	Clayton Powell Draft pool	19	Auction pick #44	\$11,000	26 games for the team; v2 92.9; left Jun 23 to Las Vegas Night Owls
Draft (27 Feb)	Aiko Yoshitomi Draft pool	33	Auction pick #54	\$4,000	0 games for the team; not rated; left Jun 2 to Texas Ranchers
In-season (Mar 14)	Isabella Dunlap Carolina Hogs	26	Trade	not published	57 games for the team; v2 95.2; on the end-of-season six
In-season (Jun 2)	Dylan Frazier Texas Ranchers	24	Trade	not published	26 games for the team; v2 102.4; left Jul 14 to California Black Bears
In-season (Jun 2)	Ava Cavataio Texas Ranchers	n/p	Trade	not published	0 games for the team; not rated; left Jun 2 to waived
In-season (Jun 2)	Rika Fujiwara waiver claim	45	Waiver claim	not published	4 games for the team; not rated; on the end-of-season six
In-season (Jun 23)	Luc Pham Bay Area Breakers	n/p	Trade	not published	0 games for the team; not rated; left Jun 23 to waived
In-season (Jun 23)	Zane Ford waiver claim	n/p	Waiver claim	not published	2 games for the team; not rated; left Jul 21 to waived

5 further moves not shown (full list in data/teams/pbi_teams.json). Keepers, picks and transactions from pickleballinsiders' reconciliation of league logs (modified 4 Sep 2026); draft bids from The Kitchen live blog (27 Feb 2026). Trade cash and waiver costs are not published. Outcome = official MLP games for this team in 2026 and PKLStats Rating v2.

KNOWN 2026 DRAFT-AUCTION SPEND, ALL 20 TEAMS



2026 auction bids per The Kitchen live blog (27 Feb 2026); keepers, cash trades and waivers not included.

READING

Miami spent \$35,000 on 4 picks, and the best of them, Acevedo, went to Texas on 2 June. Of 17 acquisitions, 11 came during the season. In-season arrivals averaged 99.1 on v2 and the picks 97.8: Miami found useful players cheaply, then sold them.

D • PATTERN AND VERDICT

How the model compares with the finalists

MIAMI PICKLEBALL CLUB • 15TH • 24 PTS • MISSED PLAYOFFS Kept (2): Alix Truong, Yuta Funemizu. Draft: #25 Acevedo \$10,000 • #27 Widdershoven \$10,000 • #44 Powell \$11,000 • #54 Yoshitomi \$4,000. In-season (11 in): Isabella Dunlap (Mar 14), Dylan Frazier (Jun 2), Ava Cavataio (Jun 2), Rika Fujiwara (Jun 2) and 7 more. Regular season: 10–16; known auction spend \$35,000.	NEW JERSEY 5S • 1ST • 118 PTS • CHAMPIONS Kept (3): Anna Leigh Waters, Noe Khlif, Will Howells. Draft: #2 Jorja Johnson \$800,000 • #58 M. Emmrich \$2,000 • #64 Padegimaite \$1,000. In-season (2 in): Federico Staksrud (Jul 20), Milan Rane (Jul 20). Regular season: 25–3; known auction spend \$803,000.	ST. LOUIS SHOCK • 2ND • 111 PTS • RUNNERS-UP Kept (3): Kate Fahey, Hayden Patriquin, Gabe Tardio. Draft: #1 Bright \$1.23m • #29 Goins \$25,000 • #30 Hendershot \$28,000. In-season (2 in): Hunter Johnson (Jun 24), Angie Walker (Jun 24). Regular season: 25–3; known auction spend \$1.28m.
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Verdict: does the model work? It works as a scouting operation and not yet as a team. The finalists spent heavily on stars and kept them; Miami found cheap players, sold the best and stayed competitive. If Miami spend to the cap in 2027, as the review urges, the same evaluation could build a playoff side; if they stay underfunded, the 2026 pattern repeats.

KEEP / DIFFER FOR 2027 Keep: The scouting that found Acevedo for \$10,000 and Braham, now keepable at \$10,000. Differ: Keep the finds. Spend toward the cap and put the first money into women's doubles.
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E

Needs for the 2027 off-season

Three ranked needs, named 2027 candidates for each with evidence and availability under the proposed rules, and a predicted line-up.

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- Three priority needs
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- 2027 target shortlists with availability
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- Predicted 2027 line-up

E • NEEDS

Three needs for the 2027 off-season

The 2027 player market is shaped by a forced release of 2024 draftees league-wide and by proposed acquisition-cap rules that were not final as of 9 October 2026. Needs are ranked by the rating of the starters Miami Pickleball Club is projected to lose, the 2026 discipline rank, and whether a weak starter stays; starter needs rank above the mixed-capable third-player need. The same rule is applied to all 20 teams.

NEED AND PROFILE	WHY (FROM MIAMI PICKLEBALL CLUB'S 2026 DATA)	WINDOW	CONFIDENCE
1 Two starting women for WD Both 2026 WD starters leave under keeper reporting; the WD pair has to be rebuilt.	Women's doubles went 8–18 (18th). Isabella Dunlap and Estee Widdershoven played almost every game together (8–16) without finding a winning level. Both can be kept cheaply, and the review thinks Dunlap may yet look a bargain, but neither is a projected keeper. With close to the full cap, this is where Miami's money should go first.	2027 draft (April 2027, proposed rules); or ROFR on a released starter	High
2 MD partner for Braham Starter-level man for MD who can also play mixed.	Braham arrived from California on 14 July and went 6–5 with Anderson Scarpa, who is not projected to stay. Men's doubles was Miami's best line at 13–13 (=9th). The partner should be a starter, not another short-term pick-up.	2027 draft (April 2027, proposed rules); or ROFR on a released starter	Medium-high
3 Mixed-capable third woman A woman who plays mixed and can cover WD and the DreamBreaker; a 5th/6th slot, not a paper roster spot.	Rika Fujiwara, a waiver claim on 2 June, was the third woman with two mixed games. Whichever of Dunlap and Widdershoven is not kept as a starter could fill this slot cheaply.	2027 draft (5th/6th slot) or waiver	Medium-high

ALSO WATCHED (NOT PRIORITIES)

ROFR designation: no ROFR target is named in keeper reporting.
Keeper calls the article leaves open: Estee Widdershoven (option, \$10,000), Isabella Dunlap (possible keep, \$1,000).
Named targets follow on the next two pages. Availability is taken from published keeper reporting and is conditional: the 2027 rules are still proposals.

What the general manager will ask of any proposal. Does this use a starter slot or a 5th/6th slot under the final 2027 rules? What is the acquisition-cap charge, and does it leave room for a second starter? Is the player clearly better, on our rating and tour evidence, than the 2026 incumbent in that discipline? Can the deal be timed to the draft versus a trade window? If it is a ROFR recommendation, what competing bid do we expect to have to match?

E · 2027 TARGET SHORTLISTS

Who fills the needs, and can Miami Pickleball Club get them?

No final 2027 rules exist as of 9 October 2026, so every "available" here **depends on** them. Candidates: stated or implied releases (**K**) plus rated non-roster players (value board). Shortlists are sized to what Miami Pickleball Club can afford: about \$990,000 of room under the proposed \$1m cap after projected keepers, so up to \$918,020 for one stretch target and about \$320,068 per starter slot. Picks discount players already on other lists. Prices are PKLStats estimates, not reported fees. Players whose former team is predicted to use its ROFR (**K**) appear only on that team's list.

NEED 1 · TWO STARTING WOMEN FOR WD

CANDIDATE · RATING (80% BAND) RANK, CONF.	2026 MLP EVIDENCE (OFFICIAL RESULTS)	RANKING (DATED)	2027 AVAILABILITY (K)	FIT FOR MIAMI PICKLEBALL CLUB
1. Jorja Johnson New Jersey 5s · age 20 WD 117.5 (114–120) #3 H All 118.5 (115–121) #5 H	WD 36–2 (95%, 75.8% of points). Mixed 24–8 (75%, 61.1% of points). on/off Mixed -0.73 (91st of 139).	WPR women #3 (wk 5 Oct). PickleWave WD #11, Mixed #7 (4 Sep)	Keepable, but New Jersey 5s not expected to keep: "I think New Jersey will release Johnson" (K). Depends on New Jersey 5s' one ROFR and the final 2027 rules.	Stretch target. +20.7 vs Widdershoven (96.8). Price is the issue, not the player (K). PKLStats est. 2027 price \$686,074 (80% \$147,183–\$800,000). 2026: \$800,000 (2026 draft bid). on 12 teams' lists.
2. Parris Todd Columbus Sliders · age 28 WD 112.9 (109–115) #5 H All 112.9 (109–115) #12 H	WD 19–7 (73%, 62.4% of points). Mixed 17–7 (71%, 58.0% of points). on/off WD +3.92 (4th of 139).	WPR women #6 (wk 5 Oct). PickleWave WD #6, Mixed #18 (4 Sep)	Not named among Columbus Sliders' keepable players (K); release implied, not stated. Depends on Columbus Sliders' one ROFR and the final 2027 rules.	Priced for the slot. +16.1 vs Widdershoven (96.8). PKLStats est. 2027 price \$211,287 (80% \$45,327–\$800,000). on 11 teams' lists.
3. Rachel Rohrabacher Brooklyn Pickleball Team · age 29 WD 112.0 (108–115) #6 H All 113.0 (110–116) #11 H	WD 12–7 (63%, 52.8% of points). Mixed 20–6 (77%, 62.1% of points). on/off Mixed +3.49 (6th of 139).	WPR women #5 (wk 5 Oct). PickleWave WD #10, Mixed #11 (4 Sep)	Not named among Brooklyn Pickleball Team's keepable players (K); release implied, not stated. "right of first refusal on Rohrabacher or Kawamoto" (K). Article lean: ROFR possible. Depends on Brooklyn Pickleball Team's one ROFR and the final 2027 rules.	Priced for the slot. +15.2 vs Widdershoven (96.8). PKLStats est. 2027 price \$215,186 (80% \$46,164–\$800,000). on 10 teams' lists.
4. Catherine Parenteau Los Angeles Mad Drops · age 32 WD 106.9 (103–110) #12 H All 107.0 (104–110) #21 H	WD 20–15 (57%, 52.9% of points). Mixed 15–17 (47%, 51.1% of points). on/off Mixed -2.76 (124th of 139).	WPR women #7 (wk 5 Oct). PickleWave WD #9, Mixed #20 (4 Sep)	Not named among Los Angeles Mad Drops' keepable players (K); release implied, not stated. "whether to ... use it on Johns or one of the women" (K). Article lean: ROFR possible. Depends on Los Angeles Mad Drops' one ROFR and the final 2027 rules.	Value pick. +10.1 vs Widdershoven (96.8). PKLStats est. 2027 price \$71,823 (80% \$15,408–\$334,794). on 5 teams' lists.
5. Lacy Schneemann Orlando Squeeze · age 29 WD 106.4 (102–109) #13 H All 106.7 (102–110) #23 H	WD 9–12 (43%, 48.0% of points). Mixed 10–9 (53%, 50.9% of points). on/off Mixed +2.02 (26th of 139).	WPR women #10 (wk 5 Oct)	Orlando Squeeze: "None of the other four can or will be kept" (K). Depends on Orlando Squeeze's one ROFR and the final 2027 rules.	Value pick. +9.6 vs Widdershoven (96.8). PKLStats est. 2027 price \$67,989 (80% \$14,586–\$316,921). on 5 teams' lists.

NEED 2 · MD PARTNER FOR BRAHAM

CANDIDATE · RATING (80% BAND) RANK, CONF.	2026 MLP EVIDENCE (OFFICIAL RESULTS)	RANKING (DATED)	2027 AVAILABILITY (K)	FIT FOR MIAMI PICKLEBALL CLUB
1. Ben Johns Los Angeles Mad Drops · age 27 MD 125.9 (121–128) #1 H All 125.2 (121–127) #2 H	MD 28–7 (80%, 57.9% of points). Mixed 26–8 (76%, 59.9% of points). on/off Mixed +2.74 (15th of 139).	PickleWave MD #1, Mixed #2 (4 Sep)	Not named among Los Angeles Mad Drops' keepable players (K); release implied, not stated. "LA's big decision will be whether to exercise their right of first refusal on Johns" (K). Article lean: ROFR question. Depends on Los Angeles Mad Drops' one ROFR and the final 2027 rules.	Stretch target. +28.5 vs Scarpa (97.4). PKLStats est. 2027 price \$800,000 (80% \$429,819–\$800,000). on 12 teams' lists.
2. Hayden Patriquin St. Louis Shock · age 21 MD 115.0 (112–117) #5 H All 114.6 (112–116) #10 H	MD 31–7 (82%, 64.5% of points). Mixed 29–8 (78%, 63.2% of points). on/off Mixed +0.58 (62nd of 139).	PickleWave MD #4, Mixed #13 (4 Sep)	St. Louis Shock: "Everyone else will be released" (K). Depends on St. Louis Shock's one ROFR and the final 2027 rules.	Priced for the slot. +17.6 vs Scarpa (97.4). PKLStats est. 2027 price \$288,333 (80% \$61,856–\$800,000). on 12 teams' lists.
3. Andrei Daescu Columbus Sliders · age 38 MD 113.1 (110–116) #6 H All 114.7 (111–117) #9 H	MD 23–13 (64%, 52.3% of points). Mixed 25–11 (69%, 58.4% of points). on/off Mixed +1.10 (44th of 139).	PickleWave MD #3, Mixed #4 (4 Sep)	Not named among Columbus Sliders' keepable players (K); release implied, not stated. Depends on Columbus Sliders' one ROFR and the final 2027 rules.	Priced for the slot. +15.7 vs Scarpa (97.4). PKLStats est. 2027 price \$293,655 (80% \$62,998–\$800,000). on 10 teams' lists.
4. Will Howells New Jersey 5s · age 27 MD 105.7 (101–109) #12 M All 105.8 (101–109) #25 M	MD 21–16 (57%, 50.2% of points). Mixed 15–6 (71%, 59.1% of points). on/off Mixed -1.46 (109th of 139).	PickleWave MD #10, Mixed #41 (4 Sep)	Not named among New Jersey 5s' keepable players (K); release implied, not stated. Depends on New Jersey 5s' one ROFR and the final 2027 rules.	Value pick. +8.3 vs Scarpa (97.4); bands overlap. PKLStats est. 2027 price \$57,671 (80% \$12,372–\$268,824). on 6 teams' lists.
5. Anderson Scarpa Miami Pickleball Club · age 32 MD 97.4 (93–102) #28 M All 98.0 (94–102) #54 M	MD 6–5 (54%, 49.2% of points). Mixed 0–2 (0%, 33.3% of points). on/off MD -1.43 (106th of 139).	PickleWave MD #46, Mixed #57 (4 Sep)	Not named among Miami Pickleball Club's keepable players (K); release implied, not stated. Depends on Miami Pickleball Club's one ROFR and the final 2027 rules.	Own player: the only route back is Miami Pickleball Club's one ROFR. 6–5 in MLP with Braham (2024–26). PKLStats est. 2027 price \$18,109 (80% \$3,885–\$84,415). on 2 teams' lists.

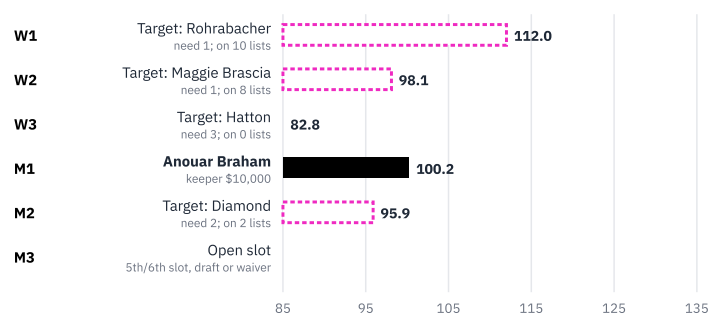
(K) pickleball.com keeper review, 1 Sep 2026. WPR = pickleball.com women's ranking, 5 Oct. PickleWave: pickleballinsiders, 4 Sep. Ages: pickleball.com profiles, 9 Oct. "On n of 20 teams' lists" = PKLStats dossiers shortlisting the player.

E · 2027 TARGET SHORTLISTS

NEED 3 · MIXED-CAPABLE THIRD WOMAN

CANDIDATE · RATING (80% BAND) RANK, CONF.	2026 MLP EVIDENCE (OFFICIAL RESULTS)	RANKING (DATED)	2027 AVAILABILITY (K)	FIT FOR MIAMI PICKLEBALL CLUB
1. Alix Truong Dallas Flash · age 21 MX 100.9 (97–104) #38 H All 99.0 (95–101) #49 H	Mixed 5–5 (50%, 49.4% of points). WD 21–18 (54%, 50.8% of points). on/off WD +1.84 (33rd of 139).	WPR women #17 (wk 5 Oct). PickleWave WD #51, Mixed #31 (4 Sep)	Not named among Dallas Flash's keepable players (K); release implied, not stated . Depends on Dallas Flash's one ROFR and the final 2027 rules.	Priced for the slot. PKLStats est. 2027 price \$19,015 (80% \$4,079–\$88,636). on 10 teams' lists.
2. Jessie Irvine Atlanta Bouncers · age 35 MX 100.6 (96–104) #41 H All 100.1 (96–103) #43 H	Mixed 18–16 (53%, 49.8% of points). WD 17–18 (49%, 47.6% of points). on/off Mixed +0.70 (55th of 139).	WPR women #13 (wk 5 Oct). PickleWave WD #25, Mixed #25 (4 Sep)	Not named among Atlanta Bouncers' keepable players (K); release implied, not stated . Depends on Atlanta Bouncers' one ROFR and the final 2027 rules.	Priced for the slot. PKLStats est. 2027 price \$20,334 (80% \$4,362–\$94,786). on 10 teams' lists.
3. Maggie Brascia Non-MLP (tour) · age 23 MX 98.3 (95–101) ext. H All 98.8 (96–101) ext. H	No 2026 MLP games. Tour: 77 doubles matches 2025–26 (PickleWave).	WPR women #86 (wk 5 Oct)	Not on a 2026 MLP roster (tour results only), so no team holds a ROFR; 2027 status not published. Depends on the final 2027 rules. MLP eligibility: likely eligible (UPA-signed per DinkBank; no 2026 MLP roster).	Value pick. PKLStats est. 2027 price \$18,830 (80% \$4,040–\$87,775). on 8 teams' lists.
4. Lucy Kovalova Non-MLP (tour) · age 34 MX 95.7 (92–98) ext. H All 97.0 (93–100) ext. H	No 2026 MLP games. Tour: 84 doubles matches 2025–26 (PickleWave).	WPR women #66 (wk 5 Oct)	Not on a 2026 MLP roster (tour results only), so no team holds a ROFR; 2027 status not published. Depends on the final 2027 rules. MLP eligibility: likely eligible (UPA-signed per DinkBank; no 2026 MLP roster).	Value pick. PKLStats est. 2027 price \$18,830 (80% \$4,040–\$80,394). on 7 teams' lists.
5. Allyce Jones Utah Black Diamonds · age 38 MX 94.9 (91–98) #61 H All 95.2 (92–99) #67 H	Mixed 13–15 (46%, 50.0% of points). WD 10–16 (38%, 48.4% of points). on/off Mixed +0.45 (66th of 139).	WPR women #32 (wk 5 Oct). PickleWave WD #29, Mixed #46 (4 Sep)	Utah Black Diamonds: "Tuionetoa and Jones cannot be kept!" (K). Depends on Utah Black Diamonds' one ROFR and the final 2027 rules.	Value pick. PKLStats est. 2027 price \$17,247 (80% \$3,700–\$73,634). on 6 teams' lists.

Predicted 2027 line-up: who stays, where the gaps are



READING

The allocation gives Miami Rachel Rohrabacher as the women's doubles lead with Maggie Brascia, and Casey Diamond next to Braham. That puts the money where Miami were weakest.

It assumes Miami bid like a team with \$990,000 to spend, which in 2026 they never did.

Targets shown come from one budget-aware league-wide allocation: no player is predicted for two teams, own ROFR where keeper reporting predicts it, then teams take turns in reverse order of 2026 regular-season win % (the 2027 order is not published), best-rated untaken player whose estimated price fits the remaining room. Illustrative only.

2027 RULES AS PUBLISHED (STATUS 9 OCTOBER 2026)

- Proposed, not final** (pickleball.com, 21 Jul 2026, from a copy of the proposed rules):
- \$1m player-acquisition cap and \$500k floor.
 - A per-player cap somewhere in the \$600–800k range.
 - No franchise tag. Instead each team may designate one released player and match that player's winning bid (ROFR).
 - Every 2024 draftee must be released after 2026.
- Keepers** (pickleball.com, 1 Sep 2026): "Current rule is you can only keep up to two of the same gender." The draft is in April 2027. "Some players currently on MLP rosters will not likely play MLP in 2027," so contract status may remove names.

METHOD AND CAVEATS

Method and caveats

Method

Facts. Ownership, staff, roster, transactions, keepers, draft bids and format rules from the team's own site or league/press releases where we could fetch them, plus pickleballinsiders' team reconciliation, The Kitchen draft live blog and pickleball.com (fetched 8–9 Oct 2026). Every fact carries its source in data/teams/facts.json.

Standings. Season points from pickleballinsiders.com/mlp-2026/ (data/standings_2026.json); event finishes from MLP's official per-event standings.

Results. Every 2026 matchup and game captured on 8 Oct 2026 from MLP's official scores feed: 13 events, 334 matchups, 1,368 games. Section B's records, splits, ranks and pairings are our arithmetic on those files. Playoff paths come from the same file, not from recaps.

Recent seasons. 2024 and 2025 W–L and playoff matchups computed from MLP's official 2024–25 game files; positions, points and titles from Forbes and pickleball.com articles. Franchise lineage (renames, relocations, the D.C./Brooklyn name swap) from the sources in section A.

Roster and 2027 status. The end-of-season six and every keeper status come from one table (data/teams/keepers_2027.csv) transcribed from pickleball.com's 1 Sep 2026 review, so availability reads the same in every dossier.

Team colours. Miami Pickleball Club: primary #000000, accent #EF2AC1 (logo; PKLStats neutral used for tint). Contrast checked: primary on white 21.0:1.

Reproducibility. team/build_team.sh miami-pickleball-club regenerates this dossier from the files under /workspace/mlp/data.

Caveats

Computed W–L. MLP publishes no season W–L table. Teams played 23–28 matchups, so ranks use win %.

Carolina and Phoenix. They have no published season total; league charts use their per-event sums.

Provisional position. Positions 13–18 in the published table are provisional; Bay Area and Florida are tied 17th on 15 points.

Not published: head coach (no fetched source names one).

DreamBreakers. MLP's game rows name only the first-listed player.

2027 rules are proposals (pickleball.com, 21 Jul 2026). Data is a starting point, not a replacement for video and live scouting.

SOURCES (FETCHED)

- https://majorleaguepickleball.co/news/major-league-pickleball-announces-new-ownership-groups-compr... (2 1 Dec 2022)
- https://www.forbes.com/sites/toddboss/2024/11/25/dallas-flash-win-2024-major-league-pickleball-premier-league-title/
- https://pickleball.com/news/new-jersey-wins-the-2026-mlp-championship-time-for-post-season-awards (Jim Kloss, 30 Aug 2026)
- https://pickleballinsiders.com/mlp/miami-pickleball-club/ (modified 4 Sep 2026)
- https://majorleaguepickleball.co/news/major-league-pickleball-announces-2026-player-keepers/
- https://thekitchenpickle.com/blogs/news/2026-major-league-pickleball-draft-live-updates/
- https://pickleball.com/news/mlp-2027-a-look-ahead-to-next-season-for-all-20-teams (1 Sep 2026)
- https://majorleaguepickleball.co/events-2026/ (official scores feed, captured 8 Oct 2026)
- https://pickleballinsiders.com/mlp-2026-teams/
- https://pickleball.com/news/big-changes-coming-in-2027-to-mlp-draft-process (21 Jul 2026)
- Forbes (Todd Boss) 25 Nov 2024 and 15/25 Aug 2025; pickleball.com 27–28 Oct 2024 (recent seasons)
- https://majorleaguepickleball.co/team-menu (logo; colours in data/teams/colours.json)

All analysis uses published sources listed above. Prepared by PKLStats for Chris Beaumont. Confidential and not for onward distribution.

METHOD AND CAVEATS (CONTINUED)

Measures, needs and shortlists

Method

B2 measures. Four measures, computed for all 20 teams from the official game file (data/measures/, README.md).

- **On/off:** the team's game win % and points per game with and without each player, by discipline, across all 2026 doubles games.
- **Chemistry:** a pair's result against the average of each partner's results with other partners; pairs reported only if both have ≥ 5 games with others.
- **Schedule:** Bradley-Terry ratings on 1,100 regular-season games.
- **Luck:** a pythagorean expectation with $k = 4.4$ fitted on the league, plus 2-point games and DreamBreakers.

Needs (same rule for all 20 teams). For each gender, the two players with most gender-doubles games are the starters. A need scores 1 point per starter not projected to be kept, plus that starter's rating above replacement $\div 5$, plus up to 3 points for a low 2026 discipline rank, plus 1 if a staying starter rates below 100. The best mixed / third-player need is added; the top three are shown. Window and confidence follow from whether the departure is stated or implied.

Shortlists. Candidates are players whose keeper status (K) is "cannot / will not be kept", "release implied" or "keepable but not expected to be kept", ranked by PKLStats Rating v2 in the need's discipline (overall if not qualified). The team's own departing starter is always shown as the ROFR route. Third-player lists leave out the ten best-rated players of that gender in the pool. Evidence: data/measures/player_lines_2026.csv, on/off and chemistry tables, WPR (5 Oct), PickleWave (4 Sep), pickleball.com ages (9 Oct).

We tested Real Clear Stats' Player Impact+ ratings as an input; they did not improve out-of-sample predictions, so they carry no weight in the PKLStats Rating.

Caveats

Proposed rules. Cap, floor, per-player cap and ROFR are proposals. Keeper eligibility comes from press reporting, not an MLP publication. All availability is "depends on".

Shared market. The same released players appear on many teams' lists; only one team can sign each. Counts of how many dossiers list a player are shown in the fit column.

Small samples. 23–28 regular-season matchups per team. On/off samples under 10 games and pairs under 10 games are flagged. Players who never sit or pairs that never split cannot be separated.

Rankings. The men's October world ranking could not be captured (the site blocked automated rendering of the men's tab). PickleWave is only shown for players on a pickleballinsiders end-of-season roster. Prices of released players are not known until the April 2027 auction.

ADDITIONAL SOURCES

- <https://pickleball.com/news/mlp-2027-a-look-ahead-to-next-season-for-all-20-teams> (1 Sep 2026)
- <https://pickleball.com/rankings> (women, week 5 Oct 2026)
- <https://pickleball.com/players/<slug>> (ages, fetched 9 Oct 2026; data/teams/ages.csv)
- <https://pickleballinsiders.com/mlp/miami-pickleball-club/> (roster, PickleWave, transactions)
- <https://thekitchenpickle.com/blogs/news/2026-major-league-pickleball-draft-live-updates/>

METHOD AND CAVEATS (CONTINUED)

The PKLStats Rating v2

Method

Games. 3,890 official MLP doubles games, 2024–2026, with both line-ups listed (DreamBreakers excluded: the feed names only the first player). 2024 margins $\times 11/25$ (rally to 25). Qualifying: ≥ 10 games in the discipline in 2026.

Model. Weighted ridge regression on each game's point margin: a common strength per player plus a WD/MD/mixed offset (penalties 16 and 64). Game weight halves every 120 days before 31 Aug 2026.

Tour prior. The same model on PPA/APP/US national doubles wins and losses (96 events, Jan 2024–May 2026; 2-year half-life). Each player's common strength is pulled towards $6 \times$ their tour rating instead of towards zero. All 101 rated players have tour matches. A DUPR/Elo fallback for players without tour data is built in but was not needed.

Settings chosen on 2024–25 only (half-life, penalties, prior weight, structure), by how well earlier games predicted later 2024–25 games. 2026 was the final test.

Scale and bands. Rating = $100 + 10 \times z$ over qualifying player-disciplines; overall = games-weighted mean, re-standardised. Bands: 200 re-samples of MLP games and tour matches.

Value per dollar. (rating – 92.2) per \$100k of published price; 92.2 is the 20th percentile of overall rating.

What changed from v1. Tour prior, recency weighting and shared strength added. Biggest moves: John Lucian Goins Mixed #74→#40, Max Freeman MD #8→#35, Layne Sleeth Mixed #21→#46. v1 tables: data/rating/mar_*.csv.

Caveats

Tour data are third-party and incomplete. PickleWave lists 139 PPA/APP/US national events for 2024–26 but shows matches for 96; nothing after early May 2026. Results are win/loss only (game scores need one page per match).

The tour weight is large. A player's MLP results move them away from their tour level slowly. That is why v2 predicts better, but it also means a player who is better in MLP than on tour is rated conservatively.

Prices are not salaries. They are published keeper prices or 2026 draft bids. Released players' 2027 prices are unknown until the April 2027 auction. Cash-trade and waiver costs were not published.

2027 is a new roster. The rating describes form at the end of the 2026 season. Age is not modelled.

ADDITIONAL SOURCES (RATING)

- data/tour/tour_matches.csv: 12,184 doubles results from PickleWave's public tournament pages (picklewave.com/tournaments/...), fetched 9 Oct 2026
- https://pickleball.com/news/mlp-2027-a-look-ahead-to-next-season-for-all-20-teams (keeper prices, 1 Sep 2026)
- https://thekitchenpickle.com/blogs/news/2026-major-league-pickleball-draft-live-updates/ (2026 draft bids)
- data/rating/costs_published_2026.csv (every price with its source)

TRACK RECORD (BACK-TESTS AND BENCHMARKS, V2, 9 OCT 2026)

Each cell: correlation with game margin · winners called · Brier score (lower is better; coin flip 0.250). Brackets: 90% bootstrap interval. Settings were chosen on 2024–25 games, so the 2026 rows are the fair test.

BACK-TEST (GAMES)	V2	V1	BRIER V2 – V1	2026 2ND HALF (256 G) VS 10 JUL VALUES	SCORE
2024 → 2025 (1,345, tuning)	0.55 · 71% · 0.188	0.25 · 58% · 0.239	-0.051 [-0.060, -0.042]	PKLStats v2 (2025 + 1st half)	0.56 · 76% · 0.174
2025 → 2026 (1,297)	0.57 · 72% · 0.180	0.45 · 66% · 0.208	-0.028 [-0.034, -0.021]	PKLStats v1 (2025 + 1st half)	0.51 · 71% · 0.185
2026 1st half → 2nd (613)	0.54 · 73% · 0.186	0.44 · 67% · 0.208	-0.022 [-0.031, -0.015]	DUPR (via PickleWave)	0.48 · 72% · 0.191
2025 + 2026 1st → 2nd (613)	0.55 · 73% · 0.185	0.49 · 68% · 0.198	-0.013 [-0.020, -0.007]	PickleWave Elo	0.48 · 75% · 0.189
				Blend: v2 + DUPR	0.56 · 75% · 0.173

Plainly: v2 beats v1 in every test, mostly thanks to the tour starting values. On the 2026 second half it now beats DUPR (Brier -0.017 [-0.031, -0.003]) and PickleWave Elo (-0.015 [-0.026, -0.005]) on games where both have values; it calls about as many winners as Elo. Blending helped only marginally with DUPR (-0.001 [-0.003, +0.000]), not at all in a cross-fitted check, and made things worse with Elo, so forecasts use v2 alone. That choice was made after seeing 2026. Retrospective 2026 playoffs and Finals dry run: v2 Brier 0.205 vs v1 0.216, but fewer winners called (67% vs 69% of 91 games; matchups 67% vs 83% of 24). Tracker calibrated on 5,917 games.

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