

# NBA TV's Playoffs Coverage Highlighted by Originally Produced First Round Playoff Games & Extensive Studio Coverage

Thursday, April 12, 2018

**Live Game Coverage Tips Off with Washington vs. Toronto on Tuesday, April 17, at 7 p.m. ET**

***The Starters' One-Hour Special - "The Starties" - to Premiere Tonight, April 12, at 7 p.m.; Eastern & Western Conference Preview Shows to Follow Starting at 8 p.m.***

NBA TV - the ultimate destination for complete NBA Playoffs coverage - **will televise up to nine originally produced first round NBA Playoff games**, along with **extensive nightly NBA GameTime pre- and postgame studio coverage**. The network's live game schedule will begin **Tuesday, April 17**, with the **Washington Wizards** visiting the **Toronto Raptors** in **Game 2** of the series at **7 p.m. ET**. **Pete Pranica** will call the game with analyst **Steve Smith** and reporter **Jared Greenberg**.

The network's live game schedule will continue **Wednesday, April 18**, with the **Oklahoma City Thunder** hosting the **Utah Jazz, Game 2**, at **8 p.m.** **Spero Dedes** will provide play-by-play with analyst **Mike Fratello** and reporter **Dennis Scott**. NBA TV coverage will also feature **Portland Trail Blazers vs. New Orleans Pelicans, Game 3**, on **Thursday, April 19**, at **9 p.m.**

All NBA TV playoff telecasts will include mic'd coaches to bring fans closer to the action.

Each NBA TV game night will include the **Autotrader Pregame Show**, **American Express Halftime Report** and **NBA GameTime Presented by Kia** postgame show.

## **2018 NBA TV Playoff Schedule**

(All Times ET; Additional Games TBA)

<b>Tuesday, April 17</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>	<b>Washington Wizards vs. Toronto Raptors, Game 2</b> Pete Pranica, Steve Smith & Jared Greenberg
<b>Wednesday, April 18</b>	<b>8 p.m.</b>	<b>Utah Jazz vs. Oklahoma City Thunder, Game 2</b> Spero Dedes, Mike Fratello & Dennis Scott
<b>Thursday, April 19</b>	<b>9 p.m.</b>	<b>Portland Trail Blazers vs. New Orleans Pelicans, Game 3</b> Pranica, Greg Anthony & Jaime Maggio

***The Starters presented by Jack Daniel's Tennessee Honey*** will tip off tonight's coverage with a special "The Starties" award show - hosted by **Kristen Ledlow** - at **7 p.m.** Later, the network will highlight all 16 teams with its **NBA Eastern Conference Playoff Preview** show at **8 p.m.**, followed by the **NBA Western Conference Playoff Preview** at **9 p.m.**

On **Friday, April 13**, NBA TV will set the stage with an hour-long NBA Playoff preview edition of **10 Before Tip presented by AT&T** hosted by **Jared Greenberg** at **7 p.m.** Later that evening, **The Starters presented by Jack Daniel's Tennessee Honey** will preview the Playoffs at **8:30 p.m.**,

followed by the latest installment of ***Shaqtin' a Fool presented by Hotels.com*** at **9 p.m.** An all-new ***Beyond the Paint*** hosted by **Matt Winer** will premiere at **10:30 p.m.** with a look at **Houston Rockets General Manager Daryl Morey's** "Small Ball" musical. Additionally, **Sekou Smith** will profile **New Orleans' Emeka Okafor's** return to the NBA and **Chris Miles** will visit with high school dunking phenom **Zion Williamson**.

This week's ***NBA Inside Stuff***, hosted by **Grant Hill** and **Ledlow**, will premiere on **Saturday, April 14, at 1:30 p.m.**, with segments featuring **Washington's John Wall, Indiana's Victor Oladipo** and **Milwaukee's Giannis Antetokounmpo**.

NBA TV's signature ***NBA GameTime*** studio show - including a deep rotation of leading basketball commentators - will provide highlights, news and analysis throughout the NBA Playoffs. Additional programming highlights include ***The Starters***, airing Monday-Fridays, regularly at **6:30 p.m.** through The Finals, and ***Playoff Playback***, 60-minute versions of each playoff game.

#### **About NBA TV**

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