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# **TNT to Tip Off 2017-18 NBA Season Tuesday, Oct. 17, with Marquee Opening Night Doubleheader – Boston & Gordon Hayward vs. Cleveland & LeBron James at 8 p.m. ET; New-Look Houston & Chris Paul vs. Defending NBA Champion Golden State at 10:30 p.m.**

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**Kia NBA Tip Off 2017 on TNT Continues with Thursday Doubleheader, Oct. 19, Featuring New York & Kristaps Porzingis vs. Oklahoma City with MVP Russell Westbrook & Paul George at 8 p.m.; LA Clippers & Blake Griffin vs. L.A. Lakers & Expected Debut of Rookie Lonzo Ball at 10:30 p.m.**

**TNT to Televisе Christmas Night Showcase - Minnesota with Jimmy Butler & Karl-Anthony Towns vs. Lakers & Ball on Monday, Dec. 25, at 10:30 p.m.**

TNT will tip off the 2017-18 NBA regular season on **Tuesday, Oct. 17**, with an **Opening Night doubleheader** full of compelling storylines including the defending NBA Champion **Golden State Warriors**, with former Kia NBA Most Valuable Player award recipients **Stephen Curry** and **Kevin Durant**, hosting the **Houston Rockets** with newcomer **Chris Paul** playing alongside **James Harden**, at **10:30 p.m. ET**. In the first game of the doubleheader, the **Cleveland Cavaliers** and four-time NBA MVP **LeBron James** will host the **Boston Celtics**, with offseason acquisition **Gordon Hayward** joining **Isaiah Thomas**, in a rematch of last year's NBA Eastern Conference Finals.

Opening night coverage on TNT will include **Golden State's championship ring ceremony** prior to the opening tip of the **Warriors/Rockets** game. The night's action will begin with a one-hour **TNT NBA Tip-Off presented by Autotrader** pre-game show at **7 p.m.**

The network's coverage of **Autotrader Premiere Week** will continue **Thursday, Oct. 19**, with a doubleheader featuring the **Oklahoma City Thunder**, with reigning Kia NBA MVP **Russell Westbrook** and new addition **Paul George**, hosting the **New York Knicks** and **Kristaps Porzingis** at **8 p.m.** The second game of the doubleheader will feature the **Los Angeles Lakers**, in the anticipated debut of rookie **Lonzo Ball**, hosting the **LA Clippers** and **Blake Griffin** at **10:30 p.m.**

TNT will also showcase a matchup on **Christmas, Monday, Dec. 25**, when the **Lakers** and **Ball** host the **Minnesota Timberwolves**, with **Karl-Anthony Towns** and offseason acquisition **Jimmy Butler**, at **10:30 p.m.**

Additionally, the Sports Emmy Award-winning **Inside the NBA presented by Kia** studio team will provide halftime and post-game coverage for Opening Week and Christmas Day games.

The NBA on TNT's Opening Week and Christmas Day schedule:

## **Tuesday, Oct. 17**

7 p.m. ET - **TNT NBA Tip-Off Presented by Autotrader**

8 p.m. - **Boston Celtics @ Cleveland Cavaliers**

10:30 p.m. - Houston Rockets @ Golden State Warriors

**Thursday, Oct. 19**

8 p.m. - New York Knicks @ Oklahoma City Thunder

10:30 p.m. - L.A. Clippers @ Los Angeles Lakers

**Monday, Dec. 25**

10:30 p.m. Minnesota Timberwolves @ Los Angeles Lakers

TNT's full schedule for the upcoming 2017-18 NBA regular season will be announced next week.

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