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Autotrader Premiere Week Continues with Thunder vs. Knicks - Reigning NBA MVP Russell Westbrook, Newly Acquired Paul George, & Carmelo Anthony Meeting Former Team - & Clippers vs. Lakers in Lonzo Ball's NBA Debut, Thursday, Oct. 19

Studio Coverage to Include *Inside the NBA* on Tuesday and Thursday; **Area 21 presented by MetroPCS** with Kevin Garnett Returns Thursday Featuring Snoop Dogg

TNT will officially tip off the 2017-18 NBA regular season **Tuesday, Oct. 17**, with an **Opening Night doubleheader** full of compelling storylines, with coverage starting at **7 p.m. ET**. The night will begin with four-time NBA MVP **LeBron James** and the **Cleveland Cavaliers** facing former teammate **Kyrie Irving** and the new look **Boston Celtics** at **8 p.m.** In the nightcap, the defending NBA Champion **Golden State Warriors**, with former Kia NBA MVP award recipients **Stephen Curry** and **Kevin Durant**, will host the **Houston Rockets** with newcomer **Chris Paul** playing alongside **James Harden**, at **10:30 p.m.** TNT's coverage will include **Golden State's ring ceremony** prior to the opening tip of the **Warriors/Rockets** game.

Ernie Johnson, **Charles Barkley**, **Kenny Smith** and **Shaquille O'Neal** will be on site in the Bay Area throughout Opening Night as part of the **NBA on TNT American Express Road Show** including live pre-game programming beginning at **7 p.m.**, the **American Express Halftime Report** and **Inside the NBA presented by Kia** post-game show.

2017-18 NBA OPENING WEEK

TUESDAY, OCT. 17	THURSDAY, OCT. 19
8 P.M. ET KEVIN HARLAN REGGIE MILLER KRISTEN LEDLOW	8 P.M. ET HARLAN MILLER LEDLOW
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- This year will mark the 22nd straight season TNT has tipped off the NBA season with two games on opening night. **Kevin Harlan** will call the **Celtics/Cavaliers** telecast with analysts **Reggie Miller** and reporter **Kristen Ledlow**. **Marv Albert** will provide play-by-play for **Rockets/Warriors** with analyst **Chris Webber** and reporter **David Aldridge**.
- 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 additions **Paul George** and **Carmelo Anthony**, hosting Anthony's former team - 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.** **Harlan**, **Miller** and **Ledlow** will call the **Knicks/Thunder** game, with **Albert**, **Webber** and **Ros Gold-Onwude** on **Clippers/Lakers**.
- In addition to Sports Emmy Award-winning **Inside the NBA** coverage throughout **Thursday** night, **Area 21 presented by MetroPCS** with **Kevin Garnett** will go on the road for its season premiere, visiting **Snoop Dogg** at his Boss Lady Compound in Los Angeles and including guest appearances by **Candace Parker** and others. The multimedia franchise - which offers raw insight and commentary from **Garnett** and a series of featured guests over the course of the season - will have content featured throughout **Thursday** night's doubleheader across **TNT** and the network's social media channels.
- TNT Overtime** on **NBA.com** and in the **NBA App** will deliver enhanced coverage with exclusive content and analysis from **TNT** commentators. The unique companion experience allows fans to watch the game via four alternate camera angles, including **Advanced Performance Replays**. Additionally, live streaming coverage of all **NBA** on **TNT** games is available via <http://www.tntdrama.com/watchtnt> and the **Watch TNT** app. Fans are able to access the games whenever and wherever they desire by logging in with the user name and password provided by their TV service provider.

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