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# **NBA on TNT's 2018-19 Regular Season Schedule to Feature 66 Games, Highlighted by NBA Opening Night on Tuesday, Oct. 16, MLK Jr. Day Tripleheader & Players Only Franchise Returning in January**

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*Editor's note: [click here](#) for the NBA TV regular season schedule*

**Opening Night Doubleheader to Showcase Defending NBA Champion Warriors vs. Thunder & Eastern Conference Heavyweights - 76ers vs. Celtics - Tuesday, Oct. 16**

**TNT's MLK Jr. Day Tripleheader (Jan. 21) to Include Warriors Visiting Lakers & LeBron James, Star-Studded Rockets vs. 76ers & Pelicans with Anthony Davis vs. Grizzlies**

**Network's Innovative *Players Only* Franchise - Former Professional Players in All Broadcast Roles - Premieres Third Season on Tuesday, Jan. 29, with Pelicans vs. Rockets & 76ers vs. Lakers**

Turner Sports, entering its 35<sup>th</sup> consecutive year of NBA coverage, will feature a **66-game schedule** during the 2018-19 NBA regular season including a marquee **Opening Night doubleheader, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day tripleheader** and the return of ***Players Only*** telecasts on eight **Tuesdays** beginning in January. The network will showcase the league's biggest stars, including **13 appearances** each by the **Los Angeles Lakers** with **LeBron James** and the **Houston Rockets**, last season's No. 1 seed in the Western Conference led by NBA MVP **James Harden**; **12 appearances** by both the defending NBA Champion **Golden State Warriors** and the **Boston Celtics**; **11** by the **Oklahoma City Thunder** and **Philadelphia 76ers**; and **eight** by the **Milwaukee Bucks**. TNT will televise doubleheaders on 21 Thursdays and 10 Tuesdays throughout the regular season.

TNT will officially tip off the 2018-19 NBA regular season on **Tuesday, Oct. 16**, with a premier doubleheader featuring three former Kia NBA Most Valuable Player award winners - the NBA Champion

**Warriors**, with **Stephen Curry** and **Kevin Durant**, hosting the explosive **Thunder** with **Russell Westbrook** at **10:30 p.m. ET**. Preceding the Thunder/Warriors matchup, TNT will showcase two Eastern Conference powers - the **Celtics** with **Kyrie Irving** and **Jayson Tatum** vs. the **76ers** with Kia NBA Rookie of the Year **Ben Simmons** and **Joel Embiid** at **8 p.m.**

TNT's coverage of **Autotrader Premiere Week** will continue **Thursday, Oct. 18**, with a doubleheader featuring **James'** highly-anticipated **Lakers** debut vs. the **Portland Trail Blazers** and **Damian Lillard** at **10:30 p.m.** The night's first game will feature the **76ers** and **Simmons** hosting the **Chicago Bulls** and off-season acquisition **Jabari Parker** at **8 p.m.**

Additionally, an NBA on TNT tripleheader on **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (Monday, Jan. 21)** will showcase the defending NBA Champion **Warriors** visiting the **Lakers** and **James** at **10:30 p.m.** MLK Day coverage will begin with the **New Orleans Pelicans** and **Anthony Davis** vs. the **Memphis Grizzlies** and **Mike Conley** at **5:30 p.m.**, followed by the **Rockets** and **Chris Paul** vs. the **76ers** and **Embiid** at **8 p.m.**

TNT's innovative **Players Only** franchise - with former professional basketball players in all broadcast roles - will return for its third year starting **Tuesday, Jan. 29**, with all three of last season's Kia NBA MVP finalists in action - the **Rockets** and **Harden** hosting the **Pelicans** and **Davis** at **8 p.m.**, followed by **76ers** vs. **Lakers** and **James** at **10:30 p.m.** TNT's **Players Only** telecasts will regularly air on Tuesday nights from the series' Jan. 29 debut through April 2.

Additional TNT regular season schedule highlights (full schedule listed below):

- Seven pairs of teams will play each other twice on TNT

**Celtics/76ers** (Oct. 16 & Feb. 12)

**Celtics/Bucks** (Nov. 1 & Feb. 21)

**Rockets/Thunder** (Nov. 8 & Apr. 9)

**Warriors/Rockets** in a Western Conference Finals rematch (Nov. 15 & Jan. 3)

**Rockets/Lakers** (Dec. 13 & Feb. 21)

**Warriors/Lakers** (Jan. 21 & Apr. 4)

**Lakers/Thunder** (Jan. 17 & Apr. 2)

- The first TNT appearance for **Kawhi Leonard** with his new **Toronto Raptors** team - vs. **Warriors** - in the opening game of the **Thursday, Nov. 29** doubleheader at **8 p.m.** The **Sacramento Kings** and No. 2 overall draft selection **Marvin Bagley III** will host the **LA Clippers** at **10:30 p.m.**
- A Western Conference doubleheader that will showcase the present and the future on **Thursday, Dec. 13** - **Rockets** with **Harden** and **Paul** vs. **Lakers** with **James** and **Brandon**

**Ingram** - at **8 p.m. ET**, followed by a matchup of rookies selected in the top five of the NBA Draft - the **Dallas Mavericks** with international standout **Luka Dončić** vs. the **Phoenix Suns** and No. 1 overall pick **Deandre Ayton** - at **10:30 p.m.**

- An inter-conference doubleheader on **Thursday, Dec. 27**, beginning with two of last season's conference finalists - the **Celtics** and **Irving** vs. the **Rockets** and **Harden** - meeting at **8 p.m.**, followed by the **76ers** and Rookie of the Year **Simmons** vs. the **Utah Jazz** and Rookie of the Year finalist **Donovan Mitchell** at **10:30 p.m.**
- A pair of All-Stars that were traded for each other will meet for the first time when the **Raptors** and **Leonard** visit the **Spurs** and **DeMar DeRozan** on **Thursday, Jan. 3**, at **8 p.m.** A Western Conference Finals rematch - **Warriors/Rockets** - will follow at **10:30 p.m.**
- An Opening Night rematch on **Tuesday, Feb. 12** - **Celtics** vs. **76ers** - at **8 p.m.**, followed by the **Jazz** and **Mitchell** visiting the **Warriors** and **Curry** at **10:30 p.m.**
- Four consecutive appearances by the **Lakers** and **James** - vs. **Raptors** and **Leonard** on **Thursday, Mar. 14**, at **8 p.m.**; vs. **Washington Wizards** and **John Wall** on **Tuesday, Mar. 26**, at **10:30 p.m.**; vs. the **Thunder** and **Westbrook** on **Tuesday, Apr. 2**, at **8 p.m.**; and vs. **Warriors** and **Durant** on **Thursday, Apr. 4**, at **10:30 p.m.**
- Eastern Conference foes - **Celtics vs. Wizards** - will meet in the final week of regular season action on **Tuesday, April 9**, at **9 p.m.**, followed by the **Rockets vs. Thunder** at **9:30 p.m.**

In addition to its regular-season coverage, TNT will be the exclusive home of NBA All-Star Weekend's signature events including *Mtn Dew Kickstart Rising Stars* on **Friday, Feb. 15**, *State Farm All-Star Saturday Night* on **Feb. 16**, and the NBA's 68<sup>th</sup> annual All-Star Game from **Charlotte, N.C.** on **Sunday, Feb. 17**. The network will also televise more than 40 NBA Playoff games including first and second round action and the **exclusive presentation of the 2019 NBA Eastern Conference Finals**.

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## TNT's 2018-19 NBA Regular Season Schedule

(All Times Eastern)

<b>Date</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Time (ET)</b>	<b>Game</b>
Oct. 16	Tuesday	8 p.m.	Philadelphia 76ers vs. Boston Celtics
		10:30 p.m.	Oklahoma City Thunder vs. Golden State Warriors
Oct. 18	Thursday	8 p.m.	Chicago Bulls vs. Philadelphia 76ers
		10:30 p.m.	Los Angeles Lakers vs. Portland Trail Blazers
Oct. 25	Thursday	8 p.m.	Boston Celtics vs. Oklahoma City Thunder
		10:30 p.m.	Denver Nuggets vs. Los Angeles Lakers
Nov. 1	Thursday	8 p.m.	Milwaukee Bucks vs. Boston Celtics
		10:30 p.m.	New Orleans Pelicans vs. Portland Trail Blazers
Nov. 8	Thursday	8 p.m.	Houston Rockets vs. Oklahoma City Thunder
		10:30 p.m.	Milwaukee Bucks vs. Golden State Warriors
Nov. 15	Thursday	8 p.m.	Golden State Warriors vs. Houston Rockets
		10:30 p.m.	San Antonio Spurs vs. LA Clippers
Nov. 29	Thursday	8 p.m.	Golden State Warriors vs. Toronto Raptors
		10:30 p.m.	LA Clippers vs. Sacramento Kings
Dec. 6	Thursday	8 p.m.	New York Knicks vs. Boston Celtics
		10:30 p.m.	Houston Rockets vs. Utah Jazz
Dec. 13	Thursday	8 p.m.	Los Angeles Lakers vs. Houston Rockets
		10:30 p.m.	Dallas Mavericks vs. Phoenix Suns

Dec. 20 Thursday 8 p.m. Houston Rockets vs. Miami Heat

10:30 p.m. Dallas Mavericks vs. LA Clippers

Dec. 27 Thursday 8 p.m. Boston Celtics vs. Houston Rockets

10:30 p.m. Philadelphia 76ers vs. Utah Jazz

Jan. 3 Thursday 8 p.m. Toronto Raptors vs. San Antonio Spurs

10:30 p.m. Houston Rockets vs. Golden State Warriors

Jan. 10 Thursday 7 p.m. Boston Celtics vs. Miami Heat

9:30 p.m. Oklahoma City Thunder vs. San Antonio Spurs

Jan. 17 Thursday 7 p.m. Philadelphia 76ers vs. Indiana Pacers

9:30 p.m. Los Angeles Lakers vs. Oklahoma City Thunder

Jan. 21 Monday 5:30 p.m. New Orleans Pelicans vs. Memphis Grizzlies

8 p.m. Houston Rockets vs. Philadelphia 76ers

10:30 p.m. Golden State Warriors vs. Los Angeles Lakers

Jan. 24 Thursday 8 p.m. Golden State Warriors vs. Washington Wizards

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

Jan. 29 Tuesday 8 p.m. New Orleans Pelicans vs. Houston Rockets

10:30 p.m. Philadelphia 76ers vs. Los Angeles Lakers

Jan. 31 Thursday 8 p.m. Milwaukee Bucks vs. Toronto Raptors

10:30 p.m. Philadelphia 76ers vs. Golden State Warriors

Feb. 5 Tuesday 8 p.m. Toronto Raptors vs. Philadelphia 76ers

10:30 p.m. Miami Heat vs. Portland Trail Blazers

Feb. 7 Thursday 8 p.m. Los Angeles Lakers vs. Boston Celtics

10:30 p.m. San Antonio Spurs vs. Portland Trail Blazers

Feb. 12 Tuesday 8 p.m. Boston Celtics vs. Philadelphia 76ers

10:30 p.m. Utah Jazz vs. Golden State Warriors

Feb. 14 Thursday 8 p.m. Oklahoma City Thunder vs. New Orleans Pelicans

Feb. 21 Thursday 8 p.m. Boston Celtics vs. Milwaukee Bucks

10:30 p.m. Houston Rockets vs. Los Angeles Lakers

Feb. 26 Tuesday 8 p.m. Boston Celtics vs. Toronto Raptors

10:30 p.m. Oklahoma City Thunder vs. Denver Nuggets

Feb. 28 Thursday 7 p.m. Minnesota Timberwolves vs. Indiana Pacers

9:30 p.m. Philadelphia 76ers vs. Oklahoma City Thunder

Mar. 5 Tuesday 8 p.m. Houston Rockets vs. Toronto Raptors

10:30 p.m. Boston Celtics vs. Golden State Warriors

Mar. 7 Thursday 8 p.m. Indiana Pacers vs. Milwaukee Bucks

10:30 p.m. Oklahoma City Thunder vs. Portland Trail Blazers

Mar. 12 Tuesday 8 p.m. Milwaukee Bucks vs. New Orleans Pelicans

10:30 p.m. Minnesota Timberwolves vs. Denver Nuggets

Mar. 14 Thursday 8 p.m. Los Angeles Lakers vs. Toronto Raptors

10:30 p.m. Dallas Mavericks vs. Denver Nuggets

Mar. 26 Tuesday 8 p.m. Houston Rockets vs. Milwaukee Bucks

10:30 p.m. Washington Wizards vs. Los Angeles Lakers

Apr. 2 Tuesday 8 p.m. Los Angeles Lakers vs. Oklahoma City Thunder

10:30 p.m. Denver Nuggets vs. Golden State Warriors

Apr. 4 Thursday 8 p.m. Milwaukee Bucks vs. Philadelphia 76ers

10:30 p.m. Golden State Warriors vs. Los Angeles Lakers

Apr. 9 Tuesday 7 p.m. Boston Celtics vs. Washington Wizards

9:30 p.m. Houston Rockets vs. Oklahoma City Thunder

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