

Ready for the next step

GREGORY STRONG
The Canadian Press

TORONTO
Veteran forward Patrick Patterson feels the Toronto Raptors are Canada's team. We'll soon see if the country is ready to get on board the way it did when the Toronto Blue Jays reached the post-season last fall.

With the seven Canadian NHL teams out of the playoff picture and baseball's regular season in its infancy, the Raptors have a chance to fill the void in the Canadian sporting spotlight.

"We The North" is the team's slogan. But does the club really move the needle outside of the greater Toronto area?

Patterson wants to make sure it happens. In a story for The Players' Tribune website, he called on Canadians to get behind the team as it begins its playoff quest.

"We want to hear you all the way from Montreal to Vancouver," he wrote. "We want to hear all 35 million Canadians cheering on their team. We're going to show the world that Toronto isn't just a great basketball city — it's the best basketball city."

"Because We The North. What does that mean? We're going to show you."

The Blue Jays were showered with love from across the nation when they ended a 22-year playoff drought last fall. Television ratings were through the roof for both the American League Division Series and subsequent Championship Series.

However, Canada's only Major League Baseball team has been around almost twice as long as the Raptors. The Blue Jays have also won championships, taking back-to-back World Series titles in 1992-'93.

The Raptors have been to the playoffs more often but victories have been rare. This will be Toronto's eighth trip to the NBA post-season with a five-game victory over the New York Knicks in 2001 the lone series



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Toronto Raptors' Kyle Lowry, right, and DeMar DeRozan watch from the bench in Toronto March 28, 2016. Only hours after the Toronto Raptors were dispatched by the Washington Wizards in last season's playoffs, DeMar DeRozan and Kyle Lowry vowed to make things better, to never have to feel that anger again.

Powell gets April rookie honours

The Canadian Press

Toronto Raptors guard Norman Powell has been named the NBA Eastern Conference rookie of the month for April.

Powell emerged as a reliable offensive and defensive presence for the Raptors in the second half of the season. In April, he averaged 15.3 points, 4.4 rebounds, 2.5 assists and 31.6 minutes in eight games (all starts). He shot .548 (40-73) from the field and paced the team in scoring four times.

The native of San Diego set career highs with 30 points, nine rebounds, 12 field goals made and five three-pointers and also matched his career-high five assists in Toronto's 103-96 win April 13 at Brooklyn.

The Raptors acquired Powell and a future first-round draft pick for guard Greivis Vasquez in an off-season trade with Milwaukee.

Powell is the ninth Raptors player to win the award.

win.

Still, this is a hot NBA market that hosted the league's all-star weekend this year. The Raptors also had the best season in franchise history, earning the second seed in the Eastern Conference and a first-round matchup with the Indiana Pacers.

Sellout crowds are the norm at Air Canada Centre and thousands more will pack the outdoor area by the west side of the arena — known as "Jurassic

Park" — to watch the action on a large video screen.

But the buzz doesn't necessarily carry over outside the Ontario capital. Matt Sekeres, a host on TSN 1040's Sekeres & Price show in Vancouver, said interest has been rather minimal.

Sekeres noted there has always been some interest in the Raptors in his region, but many hoops fans never got over the Vancouver Grizzlies' departure to Memphis in 2001.

Doping

WADA shuts Moscow, suspends Lisbon

The Associated Press

MONTREAL
The World Anti-Doping Agency has stripped accreditation from the laboratory in Moscow implicated in a state-sponsored conspiracy.

The decision Friday comes more than five months after the testing centre's reputation was shredded in a WADA-commissioned inquiry report into doping and coverups in Russia.

In November, WADA suspended the laboratory's working status pending a disciplinary case.

The inquiry's allegations included that laboratory director Grigory Rodchenkov took money from athletes to conceal positive tests.

In a separate case Friday, WADA suspended accreditation of the laboratory in Lisbon for unspecified reasons.

Tennis

Raonic falls to Murray in quarter-finals

The Associated Press

MONACO
Rafael Nadal beat Stan Wawrinka 6-1, 6-4 on Friday to reach the Monte Carlo Masters semifinals, while Canadian Milos Raonic lost to Andy Murray again.

In a one-sided contest between former champions, Nadal broke Wawrinka four times, and made the semifinals for the 11th time.

"I defended well, I moved well," Nadal said. "When I had the opportunity, I was trying to control the point."

Murray took out Raonic 6-2, 6-0 for the second time this year.

"If I play like I did today, I'll have a chance," said Murray,

who lost to Nadal in the semifinals in 2009 and 2011 when Nadal was winning eight consecutive Monte Carlo titles.

Murray beat Nadal in the Madrid Masters final last year.

In the other quarter-finals, Roger Federer lost 3-6, 6-2, 7-5 to Frenchman Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, despite being two points from victory when leading 5-4 in the decider with Tsonga 15-30 down on his serve.

This was Federer's comeback tournament after more than two months out following arthroscopic surgery on his left knee for torn cartilage.

Tsonga next faces countryman 13th-seeded Gael Monfils, who beat Spaniard Marcel Granollers 6-2, 6-4.

UEFA soccer

No Madrid derby in semifinal matchups

The Associated Press

NYON, Switzerland
Falling short of peak drama, Friday's Champions League draw sent Real Madrid to play Manchester City and paired Atletico Madrid with Bayern Munich in the semifinals.

A Madrid derby combined with a match between Pep Guardiola's current and future teams was avoided, but either scenario can still happen in the final on May 28 in Milan.

Real Madrid is a record 10-time European champion, while City is in the semifinals for the first time. The first leg is in Manchester on April 26 and the return is set for May 4.

"It's a semifinal like any other so it will be very, very tough," Madrid coach Zinedine Zidane said. "The only thing that is positive, if there is one, is that we play the second match at home."

The first leg is in Madrid on April 27 and the return is in Munich on May 3.

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To ensure successful collection of yard waste, please remember:

- Place grass clippings loosely in the yard waste cart
- Cut branches and trimmings to less than 3 feet (1 m) in length and 2 inches (5 cm) in diameter to fit inside the cart
- Do not over pack or overfill the cart
- Do not place yard waste or garbage outside of carts as it cannot be collected
- Do not contaminate yard waste using plastic bags

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RESIDENTIAL

40 Vista Road SE (Lot 5, Block 10, Plan 0312916) Permit No. DP13178. Single Detached House (Deck Cover).

305 Ross Glen Drive SE (Lot 10, Block 4, Plan 7611036) Permit No. DP13179. Garage.

78 Sundown Road SW (Lot 9, Block 32, Plan 0410307) Permit No. DP13186. Garage.

COMMERCIAL

2886 Box Springs Boulevard NW (Lot 9, Block 2, Plan 1610232) Permit No. DP13168. One Freestanding Sign And Seventeen Fascia Signs.

4802 Southlands Drive SE (Lot 14MR, Block 8, Plan 0812753) Permit No. DP13174. Government Services (New Elementary School).

HOME OCCUPATION

127 Police Point Drive NE (Lot 47, Block 5, Plan 8811197) Permit No. DP13154. Office With Storage on Site. Online Sales.

253 7 Street SW (Lot 13, Block 8, Plan 2177M) Permit No. DP13156. Office Use Only. Janitorial Service – Address Change.

15 Brentwood Lane SW (Lot -, Block 22, Plan 0614693) Permit No. DP13158. Customers to Attend Site. Manicure/Pedicure/Aesthetician.

26 Somerset Cove SE (Lot 80, Block 6, Plan 0812753) Permit No. DP13161. Office With Storage on Site. Mobile Food Vendor (Frozen Treats).

57 Cameron Road SE (Lot 18, Block 9, Plan 7410538) Permit No. DP13162. Office Use Only. Drywall.

2651 Hatcher Drive NE (Lot 27, Block 7, Plan 8310543) Permit No. DP13163. Office With Storage on Site. Electrician & Home Repair.

31 Hamptons Crescent SE (Lot 17, Block 9, Plan 1512549) Permit No. DP13169. Office With Storage on Site. Distribution/Sales (Wellness Jewelry) – Address Change.

31 Hamptons Crescent SE (Lot 17, Block 9, Plan 1512549) Permit No. DP13170. Office Use Only. General Contractor/Project Manager – Address Change.

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1 – 770 11 Street SE (Lot 19, Block 11, Plan 483M) Permit No. DP13173. Customers to Attend Site. Photography & Equipment (3D/4D Ultrasound Images).

A person claiming to be affected by a decision of the Development Officer or the Municipal Planning Commission may appeal to the Medicine Hat Subdivision and Development Appeal Board by completing and submitting to the City Clerk Department, the required Notice of Appeal form within fourteen (14) days of this publication. Notice of Appeal forms are available from the City Clerk Department, Third Floor, City Hall or on the City's website at www.medicinehat.ca

All Development Permits listed are subject to conditions. Further information on any Development Permit may be obtained from the Planning & Development Services Department, Second Floor, City Hall during normal business hours (Telephone 403-529-8374).

FIRE HYDRANT & WATER MAIN FLUSHING

Environmental Utilities performs regular maintenance to maintain water quality and system infrastructure by annually testing and flushing fire hydrants and water mains.

During flushing there may be some discoloring of water which is not harmful and will disappear when flushing is complete. Fluctuating pressure may also be noticed. Should discoloration persist beyond three hours, turn on your cold water tap and let the water run for 15-20 minutes.

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The City of Medicine Hat invites you to apply to serve on the following boards:

The Arts and Heritage Advisory Board - 1 position. Their mandate is to act in an advisory capacity to the Committee and Council with respect to the Esplanade and other matters relating to arts and heritage. There is one position available for a three year term ending December 31, 2018.

The Youth Advisory Board – 7 positions (Between the ages of 15 and 21). As a board member you advise Public Services Committee and City Council on policy and high level issues related to the community's youth. There is 7 positions available for a two year term ending December 31, 2017.

City Centre Development Agency Board – 2 positions. Your participation will provide valuable community involvement in the decision making process.

More information and the required application form is available online at www.medicinehat.ca at 'I want to...apply' or from the City Clerk Department, Third Floor, City Hall, 580 First Street SE, Medicine Hat.

Please submit your application to the City Clerk Department by 4:30 pm, Friday, April 29, 2016.

For further information please contact the City Clerk at 403-529-8234.