

Bring on the afternoon games

Raptors coach Nurse a fan of early playoff games in the NBA bubble

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The Canadian Press

While the Toronto Raptors' first-round playoff schedule has plenty of Canadians complaining, the afternoon games have at least one fan in coach Nick Nurse.

"Especially in this set up, I think it's better than sitting around all day," said Nurse, whose Raptors defeated the Denver Nuggets 117-109 Friday to finish 7-1 in the seeding round.

"There's not a lot to take up your time, sometimes. I kind of think it's good."

The Raptors open the first round at 4 p.m. ET on Monday versus the Brooklyn Nets in the NBA's bubble at Walt Disney World in Lake Buena Vista, Fla. The rest of the schedule includes two 1:30 p.m. ET games, and a 6:30 p.m. ET game. Game 5, plus Games 6 and 7 if needed, are still to be determined.

Raptors fans griped on social media about the afternoon start times conflicting with work.

"Well, next week looks unproductive," @CJSportsNut posted.

@sjerrot wrote: "Crap! Work hour games," with a frowning emoji.

Terrible start times have been a

storyline of Raptors playoffs, with the lone Canadian team traditionally playing an early afternoon game. Their bad scheduling ended last season with a 5 p.m. tipoff in Game 1 against Orlando.

Brooklyn might have seemed an easy opponent two weeks ago, but they've been one of the big surprises of the NBA restart at Walt Disney World. The Nets went 5-3 in the bubble and lost 134-133 to the desperate Blazers Friday.

"I watched them play a really good Portland team last night in a heck of a game and they played great," Nurse said. "They're really playing with a lot of confidence, they're playing fast, coach (Jacque) Vaughn has obviously got 'em dialled in. And I think there's a lot of opportunity there for some guys that are pretty good players."

Nurse singled out Caris LeVert, who scored 37 points against Portland, and is a "super, super scorer and player."

LeVert has veteran players to complement him and provide a calm voice in the locker room such as Garrett Temple and Jamal Crawford.

"They've got a lot of guys who are playing with a lot of energy



CP PHOTO JONATHAN HAYWARD

Toronto Raptors head coach Nick Nurse reacts from the bench during the second half of pre-season NBA action against the Portland Trail Blazers in Vancouver, Saturday, Sept. 29, 2018. While the Toronto Raptors' first-round playoff schedule has plenty of Canadians complaining, the afternoon games have at least one fan in coach Nick Nurse.

and a lot of confidence right now," Nurse said. "They certainly earned and deserve this playoff berth and we will respect them, for sure. We will have to prepare and play really well to beat them."

Nurse was an assistant to Dwane Casey when the Raptors lost to Brooklyn in seven games in the first round of the 2014 playoffs. In their first playoff appearance in six seasons, the Raptors lost 104-103 in Game 7 when Kyle Lowry's shot at the buzzer was blocked by Paul Pierce.

"It came down to the very last

possession, seven games," Nurse said. "It was thrilling at that time, wasn't it, for the Raptors to even be in that position. I think the team was coming off (34) wins the year before. So putting . . . 48 wins on the regular-season board was a tremendous accomplishment."

"And the excitement, man, was it something. The roar of the crowd in Game 1 was amazing for our home fans. To be there for the first year, that was my first year there, it was something cool for sure."

Bulls fire coach Jim Boylen after missing post-season again

The Associated Press

The Chicago Bulls fired coach Jim Boylen on Friday, the new front office beginning its remake of a team that missed the playoffs again.

The Bulls were 22-43 and were one of the eight teams that didn't qualify for the NBA's restart at Walt Disney World. That meant they wouldn't make the post-season for the fourth time in five years. Chicago then hired Arturas

Karnisovas as executive vice-president of basketball operations, and on Friday he decided he wanted a new coach.

"This was a very difficult decision, but it is time for our franchise to take that next step as we move in a new direction and era of Chicago Bulls basketball," Karnisovas said in a statement. "Jim is a great human being that cares deeply about this organization and the game of basketball."



Bichette, Blue Jays hit six more bombs in Buffalo, beat up on Rays

The Associated Press

BUFFALO, N.Y. Teoscar Hernandez hit two of Toronto's six home runs, Bo Bichette connected for the fourth straight game and the Blue Jays kept knocking balls out of their new Buffalo park, beating the Tampa Bay Rays 12-4 Friday night.

Along with their seven homers in a 14-11 loss to Miami on Wednesday night at Sahlen Field, Toronto became the fourth team in major league history to hit at least six homers in back-to-back games. The Blue Jays joined the Dodgers (1996), Angels (2003) and Washington (2012).

Randal Grichuk hit a tying homer in the sixth, Bichette added a three-run drive and Hernandez connected to cap the five-run inning that made it 8-4.

Rowdy Tellez and Cavan Biggio also homered for the Blue Jays. In three games so far at the home of their Triple-A affiliate, they have scored 25 of their 28 runs on long balls, including 22 of their last 23.

The Buffalo park is a little tighter down the lines than Rogers Centre in Toronto. On the American side, it's 325 feet to the corners, 371 to left-centre, 367 to right-centre and 404 to straight-away centre field.



SCOREBOARD				
NBA				
2020 NBA Restart				
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x-clinched playoff spot; y-clinched division; z-clinched conference				
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
	W	L	Pct	GB
z-Milwaukee	56	17	.767	-
y-Toronto	53	19	.736	2 1/2
x-Boston	48	24	.667	7 1/2
x-Indiana	45	28	.616	11
y-Miami	44	29	.603	12
x-Philadelphia	42	30	.583	13 1/2
x-Brooklyn	35	37	.486	20 1/2
x-Orlando	33	40	.452	23
Washington	25	47	.347	30 1/2
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
	W	L	Pct	GB
z-L.A. Lakers	52	19	.732	-
x-L.A. Clippers	49	23	.681	3 1/2
y-Denver	46	27	.630	7
y-Houston	44	27	.620	8
x-Oklahoma City	44	28	.611	8 1/2
x-Utah	44	28	.611	8 1/2
x-Dallas	43	32	.573	11
Portland	35	39	.473	18 1/2
Memphis	34	39	.466	19
Phoenix	34	39	.466	19
San Antonio	32	39	.451	20
Sacramento	31	41	.431	21 1/2
New Orleans	30	42	.417	22 1/2
Thursday's Late Games				
Portland 134, Brooklyn 133				
Orlando 133, New Orleans 127				
Friday's Games				
Toronto 117, Denver 109				
Indiana 109, Miami 92				
L.A. Clippers 107, Oklahoma City 103, OT				
Philadelphia at Houston, N.				
End of regular season				
PLAY-IN SERIES				
Saturday's Game				
Memphis at Portland, 12:30 p.m.				
Sunday's Game				
Memphis at Portland, 2:30 p.m.				
PLAYOFFS				
FIRST ROUND (Best-of-7)				
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Milwaukee (1) vs. Orlando (8)				
(Series tied 0-0)				
Tuesday's Game				
Orlando at Milwaukee 11:30 a.m.				
Toronto (2) vs. Brooklyn (7)				
(Series tied 0-0)				
Monday's Game				
Brooklyn at Toronto, 2 p.m.				
Boston (3) vs. Philadelphia (6)				
(Series tied 0-0)				
Monday's Game				
Philadelphia at Boston, 4:30 p.m.				
Miami (4/5) vs. Indiana (4/5)				
(Series tied 0-0)				
Schedule TBD				
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
L.A. Lakers (1) vs. Memphis/Portland (8)				
(Series tied 0-0)				
Schedule TBD				
L.A. Clippers (2) vs. Dallas (7)				
(Series tied 0-0)				
Monday's Game				
Dallas at L.A. Clippers, 7 p.m.				
Denver (3) vs. Utah (6)				
(Series tied 0-0)				
Monday's Game				
Utah at Denver, 11:30 a.m.				
Oklahoma City (4/5) vs. Houston (4/5)				
(Series tied 0-0)				
Schedule TBD				

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Thursday's Late Game	
L.A. Dodgers 11, San Diego 2	
Friday's Games	
Baltimore 6, Washington 2, 1st game	
Toronto 12, Tampa Bay 4	
Cleveland 10, Detroit 5	
Cincinnati 8, Pittsburgh 1	
Miami 8, Atlanta 2	
N.Y. Yankees 10, Boston 3	
Washington at Baltimore, N.	
Texas at Colorado, N.	
Seattle at Houston, N.	
L.A. Dodgers at L.A. Angels, N.	
Oakland at San Francisco, N.	
Saturday's Games	
N.Y. Mets at Philadelphia, 4:05 p.m.	
Atlanta at Miami, 4:10 p.m.	
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, 4:10 p.m.	
Cleveland at Detroit, 4:10 p.m.	
Tampa Bay at Toronto, 4:37 p.m.	
Boston at N.Y. Yankees, 5:07 p.m.	
Oakland at San Francisco, 5:07 p.m.	
St. Louis at Chicago White Sox, 5:10 p.m.	
Kansas City at Minnesota, 5:10 p.m.	
Seattle at Houston, 5:10 p.m.	
Washington at Baltimore, 5:35 p.m.	
San Diego at Arizona, 6:10 p.m.	
Texas at Colorado, 6:10 p.m.	
Milwaukee at Chicago Cubs, 6:15 p.m.	
L.A. Dodgers at L.A. Angels, 7:40 p.m.	
Sunday's Games	
N.Y. Mets at Philadelphia, 11:05 a.m.	
Washington at Baltimore, 11:05 a.m.	
Atlanta at Miami, 11:10 a.m.	
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, 11:10 a.m.	
Cleveland at Detroit, 11:10 a.m.	
Kansas City at Minnesota, 12:10 p.m.	
Seattle at Houston, 12:10 p.m.	
St. Louis at Chicago White Sox, 12:10 p.m.	
Milwaukee at Chicago Cubs, 12:20 p.m.	
Tampa Bay at Toronto, 1:07 p.m.	
Texas at Colorado, 1:10 p.m.	
Oakland at San Francisco, 2:05 p.m.	
L.A. Dodgers at L.A. Angels, 2:10 p.m.	
San Diego at Arizona, 2:10 p.m.	
Boston at N.Y. Yankees, 5:08 p.m.	
Monday's Games	
St. Louis at Chicago Cubs, 3:15 p.m.	
Boston at N.Y. Yankees, 5:05 p.m.	
Washington at Atlanta, 5:10 p.m.	
N.Y. Mets at Miami, 5:10 p.m.	
Toronto at Baltimore, 5:35 p.m.	
Detroit at Chicago, 6:10 p.m.	
Chicago Cubs at St. Louis, 6:15 p.m.	
San Diego at Texas, 7:05 p.m.	
Colorado at Houston, 7:10 p.m.	
San Francisco at L.A. Angels, 7:40 p.m.	
Seattle at L.A. Dodgers, 7:40 p.m.	
Oakland at Arizona, 7:40 p.m.	

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8 REDWOOD WAY SE	(Lot 18, Block 39, Plan 8811296) PLDP20201081. Single Detached House (Over-Height Fence Variance).
2054 UPLAND DR SE	(Lot 5, Block 4, Plan 6160JK) PLDP20201088. Single Detached House (Covered Patio and Enclosed Deck).
957 QUEEN STREET SE	(Lot 10, Block 1, Plan 481M) PLDP20201099. Single Detached House (Demolition).
245 9 STREET SW	(Lot 12, Block 11, Plan 2177M) PLDP20201100. Garage.

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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).

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