

NBA

NBA post-season ramps up, so here’s what to look for as playofs progress into second round

By The Associated Press

For the first time, a team with LeBron James on the roster has lost in the first round in back-to-back years.

And with that, the NBA playoffs have 11 teams left in the race for the Larry O’Brien Trophy.

James, Luka Doncic and the Los Angeles Lakers are out. Minnesota is into Round 2, awaiting either Houston or Golden State. The Timberwolves needed only five games to advance, topping the Lakers 103-96 in Los Angeles to clinch the series on Wednesday night.

Under the current playoff format, which started in 1984, the Lakers were 19-0 in first-round series when they entered the playoff seeded No. 1, No. 2 or No. 3. They’re 19-1 now, the No. 3 seed this year getting ousted by the sixth-seeded Timberwolves.

James — if he comes back — will set another record by playing in his 23rd NBA season next year. He indicated that he isn’t sure about his future after the Game 5 loss.

Houston fended off elimination by topping Golden State 131-116 in Game 5 of that series,

which now shifts back to San Francisco for Game 6 on Friday night with the Warriors — Stephen Curry’s aching thumb and all — leading 3-2.

There were two Game 6s on Thursday: New York was in Detroit and Denver visited the Los Angeles Clippers. The Pistons and Clippers trail 3-2, and need wins to force Game 7s that would be played on Saturday.

Friday’s national TV schedule

All times Eastern 9 p.m. — Houston at Golden State (ESPN)

Betting odds

Oklahoma City (+160) is favored to win the NBA title, according to BetMGM Sportsbook, followed closely by Boston (+200). After that, it’s Cleveland (+500), Golden State (+1800), Minnesota (+2000), Denver (+4000), the Los Angeles Clippers (+4000), New York (+4000) and Indiana (+5000).

From there, it’s Houston (+12500) and Detroit (+50000).

Award season

Dyson Daniels didn’t

win defensive player of the year. He got the most improved player award instead.

The Hawks’ guard took home that award Wednesday, outpointing Ivica Zubac of the Los Angeles Clippers and Cade Cunningham of Detroit in the voting.

The league’s sportsmanship award will be announced Thursday at noon.

Other awards so far: — San Antonio’s Stephen Castle won rookie of the year.

— Golden State’s Stephen Curry won the Twyman-Stokes teammate of the year award.

— Golden State’s Draymond Green won the hustle award.

— Cleveland’s Evan Mobley won defensive player of the year.

— New York’s Jalen Brunson won clutch player of the year.

— Boston’s Payton Pritchard won sixth man of the year.

— Cleveland’s Kenny Atkinson wins NBCA coach of the year award.

The league has not announced a schedule for other awards — including MVP and coach of the year — along with All-NBA, All-Rookie and All-Defensive teams.

LeBron down 3-1

This was the sixth time that a LeBron James-led team has faced a 3-1 deficit in the NBA playoffs. A look at how they turned out:

— 2009 (with Cleveland), Eastern Conference quarterfinals vs. Orlando, lost in 6

— 2014 (with Miami), NBA Finals vs. San Antonio, lost in 5

— 2016 (with Cleveland), NBA Finals vs. Golden State, won in 7

— 2017 (with Cleveland), NBA Finals vs. Golden State, lost in 5

— 2024 (with LA Lakers), Western Conference quarterfinals vs. Denver, lost in 5

— 2025 (with LA Lakers), Western Conference quarterfinals vs. Minnesota, lost in 5

Key upcoming events

Sunday — Round 2 of the playoffs starts.

May 12 — Draft lottery, Chicago.

May 18 or 20 — Game 1, Western Conference finals.

May 19 or 21 — Game 1, Eastern Conference finals.

June 5 — Game 1, NBA Finals. (Other games: June

8, June 11, June 13, June 16, June 19 and Game 7, if necessary, will be June 22.)

June 25 — NBA draft, first round.

June 26 — NBA draft, second round.

Stories of note

— Preview of Thursday’s games: Knicks-Pistons, Nuggets-Clippers.

— Preview of Friday’s game: Rockets-Warriors.

— Giannis Antetokounmpo has a decision to make. Stay or go?

— Tyrese Haliburton wasn’t happy with his dad’s postgame celebration.

— A look inside the numbers of this season, headed into the playoffs

Stats of the day

— This may surprise many in Los Angeles and elsewhere: This is the 10th time in the last 13 seasons that the Lakers’ season ended before the Clippers’ season did. And in one of those three where it didn’t happen, their seasons ended on the same day — against each other.

— Minnesota has now missed at least 40 3-pointers in a game twice in franchise history. The Wolves, somehow, are 2-0 in those games. (The Wolves’ Anthony Ed-

wards tied an NBA playoff record by going 0 for 11 on 3s in Game 5 against the Lakers, matching the dubious feat previously accomplished by James Harden in 2018 and John Starks in 1994.)

— The Lakers are 2-12 in LeBron James’ last 14 playoff games. They were 26-12 in the previous 38 playoff games with James in the lineup.

— Minnesota’s Rudy Gobert became the 10th player with a game of at least 27 points and 24 rebounds on 80% or better shooting. The others: Bob Pettit, Satch Sanders, Bill Russell, Charles Barkley, Robert Parish, Dikembe Mutombo, Shaquille O’Neal and Ivica Zubac — all of whom have done it once — and Wilt Chamberlain, who did it 15 times. Gobert is the second do it in a playoff game, with Chamberlain also doing it once in postseason, 60 years ago.

— Teams shot a combined 29.1% on 3-pointers Thursday, the second-worst shooting day from beyond the arc this season. The shooting percentage was 27.5% on Dec. 11 — and on both of those days, the Golden State Warriors played at Houston.

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Legal Notice

Special Board Meeting  
04/25/2025 07:00 AM  
Exira-EHK School Conference Room  
4114 Madison St  
Elk Horn IA 51531

MEETING MINUTES

Attendance  
Voting Members  
Tamie Fahn, Vice President  
Terri Harris, Board Member  
Matt Jorgensen, Board Member  
Kevin Petersen, President

I. Call to Order - Special Meeting  
President Petersen called the Special meeting to order at 7:00 am.  
Attendance: Carrie Bauer, Erika VanCleave, Carla Christensen, Trevor Miller  
Member Harris (via phone)  
II. Approve Agenda  
The board approved the agenda.  
Motion made by: Tamie Fahn  
Motion seconded by: Matt Jorgensen  
Voting:  
Unanimously Approved  
III. Action Items  
The board approved the resolution for prepayment/surplus levy. (See attached.)  
Motion made by: Matt Jorgensen  
Motion seconded by: Terri Harris  
Voting:  
Tamie Fahn - Yes  
Terri Harris - Yes  
Matt Jorgensen - Yes  
Kevin Petersen - Yes  
i. Resolution for Prepayment/Surplus Levy FY26  
IV. Adjournment  
Meeting adjourned at 7:01 am.  
Motion made by: Matt Jorgensen  
Motion seconded by: Tamie Fahn  
Voting:  
Unanimously Approved  
Kevin Petersen, Board President  
Carla Christensen, Board Secretary  
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2025 Audubon Pool Season - Opening day is May 24 at 1:00 p.m.!!!  
Get Your Pool Season Passes Early!

Early Special expires May 15, 2025

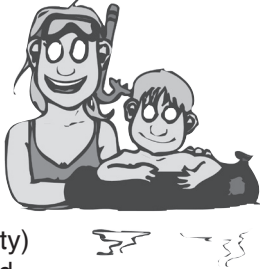
This year we are participating in a “Pool- Share Program” that includes area pools in Coon Rapids, Manning, Carroll, Breda, and Glidden. The additional \$25 gets you and your family into each pool twice. (See Below)  
Passes may be picked up at the Pool after Opening day or at the Clerk’s office.

ATTENTION - PLEASE OBEY THESE RULES:  
A responsible person, who is age 14 or older, must accompany children 8 years old and younger.  
Any child using diapers **MUST** wear swim pants in the pool.  
To use the slide one must be 48” tall OR pass the deep-water test.  
THESE RULES ARE FOR THE SAFETY OF YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.

POOL HOURS:  
Sunday 1:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
Monday 1:00 - 8:00 p.m. Adult swim 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.  
Tuesday 1:00 - 8:00 p.m. Adult swim 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.  
Wednesday 1:00 - 8:00 p.m. Adult swim 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.  
Thursday 1:00 - 8:00 p.m. Adult swim 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.  
Friday 1:00 - 8:00 p.m. Adult swim 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.  
Saturday 1:00 - 8:00 p.m.

PRICES:  
\$55 Single Pass  
\$80 Single Pass w/Area Pool Pass  
\$130 Family Pass  
\$155 Family Pass w/Area Pool Pass  
\$55 Grandparent Pass \$80 Grandparent Pass w/Area Pool Pass  
(Grandparents and grandchildren that reside outside Audubon County)  
Family Definition: A legal guardian and spouse and legally supported (Claim on Federal Tax Return) children in that household.  
All passes are reviewed by the Audubon Park and Recreation Board.  
Please stop in or go to our website to complete the form.

POOL PHONE  
712-563-3710



GROUP SWIMMING LESSONS:  
FEE: \$20.00 with season pass/\$25 without season pass  
Must pay on the first day or in advance  
TIMES: To be announced  
Child must be 5 years old **or** able to touch in shallow area

The pool will be closed at the manager’s discretion at these times:  
- When lightning or threatening weather occurs.  
- When temperature is 65 degrees F or below.  
- When there is a mechanical malfunction.  
- When swimming is not safe for other unforeseen reasons.

