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he's coming back for at least one more season and that he's decided to move on from the Lakers, those decisions becoming known a few hours before the start of free agency. What happens next, and when it will happen, is anyone's guess. The oldest active player in the NBA is still a guy who moves the needle, and it's not even clear if he knows how long this process will take.

"LeBron James, come on, let's do it again," DJ Khaled, a regular court-side patron at Miami Heat games, said in a video posting in an effort to recruit James back to the place where he won his first two NBA titles. "Come on, man. Let's do it again. After the game, we'll go play golf. You know Miami's the best city in the world."

A person familiar with James' planning told The Associated Press on Tuesday that he wanted his agent, Klutch Sports CEO Rich Paul, to take meetings with interested teams — actual NBA ones, which means it doesn't look good for other online suitors such as the Buffalo Bills, Green Bay Packers and soccer's Minnesota United — before reporting back.

For the most part,



AP PHOTO

Los Angeles Lakers' LeBron James attempts to guard Oklahoma City's Shai Gilgeous-Alexander as he drives to the basket in Game 2 of a second-round playoff series on May 7.

James and Paul went into this process knowing much of what the teams would say. Cleveland's pitch would be that Northeast Ohio is home, that his career started there and that it would make sense to end it there. Miami's pitch would be that he won two titles there, that it's known he loves the city, that it just landed Giannis Antetokounmpo and James still has deep ties to coach Erik Spoelstra and the

front office. Golden State's pitch would include playing with Stephen Curry and Draymond Green, two guys who click with James on multiple levels.

Walz wanted James to see a newspaper clip touting that Minnesota has the best quality of life when compared to other states. The New York Jets pointed out that James wore green and white in high school, matching their color scheme. The Winnipeg Jets simply

offered to change their name to LeWinnipeg Jets. "Never say never," the Bills posted.

Jokes aside, James is obviously worth all the effort that some team will make to get him signed.

He still plays at an All-Star level, even at his age — there have been 24 instances, including playoffs, of someone in his 40s scoring 30 or more points in an NBA game, and James is responsible for 17 of those. No player

had averaged more than 15 points per game in a season after turning 40; James averaged 24.4 points in 2024-25 and 20.9 points this past season, even while often being the Lakers' third option.

Plus, James' next home will see an immediate rush of activity.

Season ticket packages, if any are available, will get gobbled up quickly. James' Lakers jersey was the fifth-hottest seller in the league at the end

of this past regular season, based on sales from NBAStore.com, Fanatics.com and Fanatics partner sites; his next jersey (even if it is a Cavs or Heat jersey again) will fly off the racks as soon as they can be printed. and it'll probably make fans in that city, whichever city it is, truly believe they have a real shot at the 2027 NBA title.

Only James knows when the waiting game will end.

SPORTS ON THE AIR

TODAY

Table listing sports events for today, including CFL (Toronto at Calgary), GOLF (PGA Tour Champions: U.S. Senior Open Championship, First Round, Scioto Country Club), and NBA (Toronto at Seattle).

BASEBALL

MLB Standings

Table showing MLB standings for the American League (East and West Divisions) and the National League (East and West Divisions).

Table listing MLB game results and schedules for today, including Detroit 6, N.Y. Yankees 2, Washington 10, Boston 2, Toronto 9, N.Y. Mets 3, Tampa Bay at Kansas City, n Minnesota at Houston, n L.A. Dodgers at Athletics, n Today's Games, Chicago White Sox (Martin 9-3) at Cleveland (Cecconi 4-6), 6:40 p.m., Tampa Bay (TBD) at Kansas City (TBD), 7:40 p.m., Detroit (Valdez 4-5) at Texas (Eovaldi 8-7), 8:05 p.m., L.A. Angels (Ureña 5-6) at Seattle (Miller 3-2), 9:40 p.m., Friday's Games, L.A. Angels at Seattle, 9:40 p.m., Minnesota at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05 p.m., Baltimore at Cincinnati, 7:10 p.m., Chicago White Sox at Cleveland, 7:10 p.m., Tampa Bay at Houston, 8:15 p.m., Boston at L.A. Angels, 9:38 p.m., Miami at Athletics, 9:40 p.m., Toronto at Seattle, 10:10 p.m., Tuesday's Games, Philadelphia 8, Pittsburgh 0, N.Y. Mets 3, Toronto 0, St. Louis 5, Atlanta 3, Washington 10, Boston 1, Milwaukee 7, Cincinnati 2, Chicago Cubs 9, San Diego 7, Miami 14, Colorado 3, Arizona 8, San Francisco 2, L.A. Dodgers 9, Athletics 3, Wednesday's Games, Washington 10, Boston 2, Chicago Cubs 23, San Diego 3, Toronto 9, N.Y. Mets 3, Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, n St. Louis at Atlanta, n Cincinnati at Milwaukee, n Miami at Colorado, n L.A. Dodgers at Athletics, n San Francisco at Arizona, n Today's Games, Pittsburgh (Jones 11) at Philadelphia (Rangel 0-1), 12:35 p.m., Cincinnati (Burns 9-1) at Milwaukee (Misiorowski 9-3), 2:10 p.m., Miami (TBD) at Colorado (Lorenzen 3-9), 3:10 p.m., St. Louis (May 5-6) at Atlanta (TBD), 7:15 p.m., San Diego (Vásquez 6-6) at L.A. Dodgers (Sasaki 3-5), 10:10 p.m., Friday's Games, St. Louis at Chicago Cubs, 4:05 p.m., Pittsburgh at Washington, 6:45 p.m., Baltimore at Cincinnati, 7:10 p.m., N.Y. Mets at Atlanta, 7:15 p.m., San Francisco at Colorado, 8:10 p.m., Miami at Athletics, 9:40 p.m., Milwaukee at Arizona, 9:45 p.m., San Diego at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10 p.m.

6:30 a.m. (Friday) — DP World Tour: BMW International Open, Second Round, Golfclub München Eichenried, Munich GOLF

MLB 12:30 p.m. — Pittsburgh at Philadelphia (12:35 p.m.)...MLBN 2:10 p.m. — Cincinnati at Milwaukee REDS.TV 3:30 p.m.— Miami at Colorado (joined in progress) (3:10 p.m.).....MLBN 10 p.m. — San Diego at L.A. Dodgers (10:10 p.m.)MLBN

MEN'S SOCCER 3 p.m. — FIFA World Cup Knockout Stage: Spain vs. Austria, Round of 32, Inglewood, Calif. FOX 7 p.m. — FIFA World Cup Knockout Stage: Portugal vs. Croatia, Round of 32, Toronto..... FOX 9:30 p.m. — USL League One: Knoxville at BoiseESPN2 11 p.m. — FIFA World Cup Knockout Stage: Switzerland vs. Algeria, Round of 32, Vancouver, British Columbia FS1

SOFTBALL 7 p.m. — Athletes Unlimited: Cascade at Bandits..... ESPN

TENNIS 6 a.m. — ATP/WTA: Wimbledon, Second Round, London ESPN 6 a.m. (Friday) — ATP/WTA: Wimbledon, Third Round, London ESPN

WNBA 8 p.m. — Dallas at ConnecticutPRIME VIDEO

FRIDAY

AUTO RACING 7:30 a.m. — Formula 1: Practice, Silverstone Circuit, Towcester, United Kingdom APPLE TV 11:30 a.m. — Formula 1: Sprint Qualifying, Silverstone Circuit, Towcester, United Kingdom..... APPLE TV 2 p.m. — Indy NXT Series: Practice, Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course, Lexington, Ohio..... FS2

3 p.m. — NTT IndyCar Series: Practice, Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course, Lexington, Ohio..... FS2

GOLF 11 a.m. — PGA Tour Champions: U.S. Senior Open Championship, Second Round, Scioto Country Club, Columbus, Ohio GOLF 4 p.m. — PGA Tour: John Deere Classic, Second Round, TPC Deere Run, Silvis, Ill. GOLF 5:30 p.m. — PGA Tour Champions: U.S. Senior Open Championship, Second Round, Scioto Country Club, Columbus, Ohio.....NBCSN

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NBA 7 p.m. — Summer League: TBAESPN2 9 p.m. — Summer League: TBAESPN2

MEN'S SOCCER 2 p.m. — FIFA World Cup Knockout Stage: TBD, Round of 32, Arlington, Texas FOX 6 p.m. — FIFA World Cup Knockout Stage: TBD, Round of 32, Miami Gardens, Fla..... FOX 9:30 p.m.— FIFA World Cup Knockout Stage: TBD, Round of 32, Kansas City, Mo. FOX

TENNIS 6 a.m. — ATP/WTA: Wimbledon, Third Round, London..ESPN 6 a.m. (Saturday) — ATP/WTA: Wimbledon, Third Round, LondonESPN

WNBA 7:30 p.m. — Minnesota at New YorkION 10 p.m. — Chicago at Las Vegas.....ION

PUBLIC NOTICES

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