



Tyler Tate/AP photo

San Antonio Spurs forward Victor Wembanyama shoots during warmups before an NBA basketball game against the Utah Jazz on Monday in Salt Lake City.

Wemby explores new methods in quest to lead Spurs to title

BY TIM REYNOLDS
AP BASKETBALL WRITER

Last year, Victor Wembanyama spent part of his offseason in the peaceful company of Chinese monks with hopes of growing both mentally and spiritually.

This year, he got roughed up by a rugby team.

His rationale seems obvious. Wembanyama and the San Antonio Spurs got near the top of the NBA mountain last season, then fell in five games to the New York Knicks — wasting big leads in all four of their losses. Wembanyama decided he needed to get tougher, so a rugby club in the south of France was enlisted to help with that mission this summer.

He got pushed. He got shoved. He got tossed around. He loved it all. And now, as Wembanyama gets ready for the scrums awaiting in his fourth NBA season, the French superstar listed at 7-foot-4 looks bigger and stronger. That's great for the Spurs. That might not be great for the other 29 teams.

"It feels like going through something of great magnitude and feels like destiny (for) anybody," Wembanyama said. "We're fighting for the top spot of the mountain and we're going to have to move people in our way. That's just the way it is."

The goal for the Spurs this season is clear — a championship, and rightly so. Aiming at anything else would make no sense, especially after winning the Western Conference last season by taking a Game 7 in Oklahoma City to oust the 2025 NBA champions.

It's not an unrealistic expectation. The annual poll of NBA general managers was released Thursday, and not only did they give the Spurs the nod as favorites to win the 2027 title, they made Wembanyama the overwhelming pick to win defensive player of the year for the second consecutive season and what would be his first Most Valuable Player award.

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NEWREZ LLC V. JOSHUA A. PICKNEY, ET AL.
CIVIL ACTION NO. 26-CI-00242, MAP #41A-6
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ADDRESS: 7269 DONALD AVE., OWENSBORO, KY

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With Edwards, Minnesota is among the teams that could add to NBA's parity era

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Minnesota star Anthony Edwards is acutely aware of how this is the NBA's parity era, with eight different franchises winning the last eight championships.

That stat might give some teams hope.

Edwards looks at the situation differently.

"I don't really have hope. I just got will," Edwards told The Associated Press. "I'm just all will. It's like, 'I don't think he's better than me. I don't think that they can beat me and my team.' It's just that simple. Whoever we line up against, you just not going to sit here and tell me that their team is going to beat our team. It's that simple, I don't hope. I don't wish for nothing. It's straight will and determination. And we're going to show it every night."

That sounds like the words of a star ready to lead his team to a breakthrough. If recent history is to be believed, there indeed will be a breakthrough club this season.

New York won it all last season, ending a 53-year championship drought. Oklahoma City broke through the year before that, delivering a long-awaited title to the Sooner State. Boston returned to the NBA pinnacle in 2024, Denver got its first title in 2023, Golden State — after hearing its dynasty was over — won again in 2022, Milwaukee ended a half-century of waiting with its crown in 2021, the Los Angeles Lakers went from six years out of the playoffs to champions in 2020 and Toronto got its only championship in 2019.

This year, there are no shortage of candidates to be the next



Frank Franklin II/AP photo

New York Knicks' Josh Hart (3) defends Minnesota Timberwolves' Anthony Edwards (5) during the first half of a pre-season NBA basketball game on Monday in New York.

team to extend the NBA's diversity era and give the league what would be a ninth different champion in nine years. Maybe it'll be Miami, which last won it all in 2013 and now has Giannis Antetokounmpo and Klay Thompson to play alongside Bam Adebayo. Maybe it'll be Portland, with Damian Lillard back and healthy. Philadelphia is an obvious choice, after an offseason where it landed LeBron James and Jaylen Brown. Detroit was the Eastern Conference's No. 1 seed a year ago, and Cade Cunningham keeps getting better. Indiana nearly won a title in 2025 and now has Tyrese Haliburton back.

Or, maybe it'll be the Timberwolves — a team that has been knocking at the door for a while now, with 24 playoff wins (third-most in the NBA behind New York and Oklahoma City, both with 33) over the last three seasons. LaMelo Ball was brought in to form what should be a dynamic backcourt with Edwards,

and Minnesota has the highest of expectations.

"How many times do you sit at the big table vs. the kids table? You've just got to keep sitting down at the big table, and eventually you can punch through," Minnesota coach Chris Finch said. "This parity that we're in means if you sit down at the table, you have a chance. And I feel like we are that type of team and organization."

The Wolves went to the Western Conference finals in 2023 and 2024, then made the West semifinals last season. Edwards is one of the game's brightest stars and probably hasn't reached his ceiling. Ball's presence means Edwards will be free to create more, and vice versa. There is no shortage of depth and the Wolves have a certified rim-protecting star in Rudy Gobert, a four-time Defensive Player of the Year.

"And we are a year wiser," Gobert said. "We have a really tight group. We love each other. We

want to see each other succeed, each other win. ... Our goal is to improve our habits and cohesiveness, so when it's May, June, we can handle anything."

Edwards has an Olympic gold medal, is a four-time All-Star, just turned 25, was a finalist for Clutch Player of the Year last season and averaged a career-best 28.8 points per game. Assuming he hits the 65-game required threshold, it's almost certain that he would be an MVP candidate.

That's all nice, but he said only one thing motivates him.

"It's just the ring," Edwards said. "I wake up every day, go to the gym, work out, treatment, weights, go to the gym again, work out, treatment, weights. Everything is based on what can I do to win the ring. And it's not like I'm only working out for the ring. I'm working out to go through all the ups and downs to get me to the ring."

The ring comes with a championship, the breakthrough that the Timberwolves and so many other teams will try to have this season.

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Bid No. 2627-21: Sorgho Fire Department Roof & Wall Replacement Project (Fire)
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Daviess County Fiscal Court is seeking a qualified vendor to provide the item(s)/service(s) listed above. Bid specifications are on file at the Daviess County Courthouse, 212 St. Ann Street: Room 202, Owensboro, KY 42303 in the Purchasing Department or online at www.daviessky.org. Bids must be mailed or delivered to Daviess County Fiscal Court on or before 2:00 PM, local time on Thursday, October 29, 2026. The bids shall be opened and publicly read at this time. Daviess County Fiscal Court reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any irregularities in said bids.

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