

# Pressure mounting as start of Tokyo Olympics just 2 years away



AP Photo/Koji Sasahara  
**Journalists take photos of new National Stadium under construction during a media tour to the venue of the Tokyo 2020 Olympics in Tokyo.**

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TOKYO — The 2020 Olympics will open in two years, and the heat is on. Since being awarded the games, which will be the largest ever with 33 sports and 339 events, Tokyo organizers have had to deal with a series of problems ranging from stadium and construction delays, natural disasters and a scandal involving the official logo. Most of the obstacles have been cleared up, but a deadly heatwave gripping Japan has focused organizers on ways to keep fans and athletes cool when the Olympics begin on July 24, 2020.

Potential for scorching summer conditions has always concerned organizers, with temperatures in central Tokyo often exceeding 35 Celsius (95 Fahrenheit) in July and August, made more difficult because of high humidity.

This summer heatwave has resulted in more than 65 deaths and sent tens of thousands to hospitals. The temperature on Monday reached 41.1 Celsius (106 Fahrenheit), the highest ever recorded in Japan.

Experts have warned the risk of heatstroke in Tokyo has escalated in recent years, while noting the Olympics are expected to take place in conditions when sports activities should normally be halted. “We are mindful that we do have to prepare for extreme heat,” John Coates, head of the IOC’s coordination commission for the Tokyo Games, told a recent news conference. The 1964 Games in Tokyo were held in October to avoid the harshest of the heat. That was before the Olympics schedule was influenced by rights-paying broadcasters and sponsors. Local organizers are doing what they can to help athletes combat the conditions. The marathon and some other outside events will be held early in the morning to avoid extreme heat. The federal and the

Tokyo metropolitan governments are also planning to lay pavements that emit less surface heat and plant taller roadside trees for shade. “The spectators as well as the athletes have to be taken care of,” Coates said. “The timing of the marathon and road walks will be as early as possible as they have been in previous games to beat the heat.” Organizers want the games to help showcase Japan’s recovery from the 2011 earthquake and tsunami that took more than 18,000 lives and triggered meltdowns at the Fukushima nuclear power plant. While reconstruction from the disaster is making steady progress, and work on the new 68,000-seat main stadium in Tokyo is 40 percent complete, more than 70,000 people remain displaced from their communities. The construction of the main stadium was more than a year behind schedule when it started in December 2016, as earlier plans were scrapped because of spiraling costs and a contentious design. The Japanese government approved the new 150 billion yen (\$1.5 billion) stadium, which is expected to be completed in November of 2019. The previous construction timeline would have allowed the main stadium to host the 2019 Rugby World Cup final on Nov. 2 as a test event, but that idea was scrapped.

Meanwhile, organizers say the other newly constructed venues are 20 to 40 percent complete. The torch relay will start March 26, 2020, in Fukushima, an area hit hard by the disaster. Coates said local organizers are on track with 24 months to go. “Tokyo 2020 comes a significant step closer to delivering an Olympic Games that will bring Japan and the world together,” he said. “The organizing committee has presented considerable progress ... especially as it related to venue and operational readiness.”

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# Cavs sign Love to 4-year extension

Lake Oswego native now ‘the guy’ in Cleveland

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INDEPENDENCE, Ohio — Kevin Love signed his new contract and proudly put on a hard hat.

The Cleveland Cavaliers will rebuild around him. The All-Star forward made a long-term commitment to the franchise on Tuesday by signing a four-year, \$120 million extension with the Cavaliers, who believe Love can help them stay competitive following LeBron James’ departure.

The 29-year-old Love, a Lake Oswego native who was nearly traded twice by Cleveland, signed the extension in front of dozens of construction workers inside Quicken Loans Arena, the team’s downtown home, which is undergoing a \$140 million renovation not unlike the makeover taking place with the four-time defending Eastern Conference champions.

The symbolic moment wasn’t lost on Love, who came to Cleveland four years ago to join James and Kyrie Irving and form the Cavs’ “Big 3.” It’s now his team.

“I look back, everything happens for a reason,” Love said. “My best friend from back home said, ‘It always works out.’ This is where I wanted to be. I’ve said that all along. There were some tough times where potentially I would have been traded and my name came up in rumors every few months. But hopefully that ends now.”

Love didn’t know when he arrived at the arena that he would be meeting with carpenters, electricians, plumbers and team employees to celebrate his signing. General manager Koby Altman wanted to surprise him. Moments after signing, Love took a selfie with the workers and posted it on Instagram.

“It wasn’t even my idea, but I thought it was great,” Love said. “I had all the people behind me. It’s almost like, to me it’s not a rebuild, because we have talent, we have championship-caliber guys, and we have young and fresh guys that are going to be willing to learn and come along in this league. “I think guys putting on their hard hats and coming to work every day — that has to be the identity to our team, and I think we have guys that are cut from that cloth and are going to be willing to go out there and prove themselves.” Love will make \$24.1

million next season before the extension begins, making his contract worth \$145 million over five years. Love waived his option for 2019-20 and there are no other options or trade clauses within the new deal. He will be paid \$28.9 million in 2019-20, \$31.3 million in 2020-21 and 2021-22, and \$28.8 million in 2022-23.

The deal gives Love obvious financial security, and it locks up an elite player for the Cavaliers, who want to avoid stumbling the way they did when James left the first time in free agency in 2010.

As the NBA waited for James to make his move earlier this month, Love was with friends on Long Island when he got word that his teammate was bound for LA.

“I was kind of just sitting there in a crowd of people and I go, ‘Huh, OK, well, let me go call Koby,’” Love said. “Koby actually ended up calling me and made a couple calls and we need to figure some things out, but here we go, let’s build this thing.”

Love, who will turn 30 in September, just completed his fourth season with Cleveland, which was swept by Golden State in the Finals. And although James is elsewhere, Love believes that

with him and young players like rookie guard Collin Sexton, forwards Cedi Osman and Larry Nance and others, Cleveland can remain more than competitive. “You lose the best player in the world, you have to form a new identity,” he said. “But I think in some cases what we lose in identity we will make up but we also have in culture. We’ve always had a culture here that has been very hard working. ... I think we’re going to see a lot of guys really having fun and being themselves and playing really hard-nosed basketball.”

Altman said it wasn’t long after James announced he wasn’t coming back that he made his commitment to Love.

“Right after LeBron decided to leave, I called Kevin first,” Altman said. “I said: ‘Kev, I’m not trading you. I want you to be here and I want you to be a part of this thing,’ and he was all in then, too. He’s never wavered in his commitment, not once in the four years since we traded for him and not once this summer and, to me, that’s really, really meaningful.”

“He wants to be a part of this franchise and be the leader. I think he’s earned that.”

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## BRIEFLY

### Columbia River Heat sets tryouts

Girls who are 14 and under as of Dec. 31, 2018, are invited to try out for the Columbia River Heat ASA softball team.

The event is Saturday at 9 a.m. at Umatilla High School. The team is a competitive travel softball club made up of girls from Boardman, Echo, Heppner, Hermiston, Ione, Irrigon, Lexington, Stanfield and Umatilla.

For more information, contact Joe Tovar at 541-371-4153 or columbiariv-erheat@gmail.com.

### Columbia Storm announces tryouts

The Columbia Storm Fastpitch 16U is holding

team tryouts.

To be eligible, girls must be 16 or younger by Jan. 1. The tryouts are Saturday, Aug. 18 at the Stanfield Little League softball field. Pitchers and catchers are from 9-10 a.m.; fielding, hitting, speed and agility runs from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Coaches are looking for players for all positions. The team will begin play with the 2018 fall schedule and continue with various exposure and national tournaments for the 2019 season.

To register for the tryouts, contact Saul Castro at castro3972@msn.com, 541-571-3342; Candice Castro at cccastro1989@gmail.com, 541-571-5807; or Jim Whalley at jim-whalley@yahoo.com, 541-561-5736.

## SCOREBOARD

### Baseball

| MLB              |    |    |      |     |
|------------------|----|----|------|-----|
| AMERICAN LEAGUE  |    |    |      |     |
| East Division    |    |    |      |     |
|                  | W  | L  | Pct  | GB  |
| Boston           | 71 | 32 | .689 | —   |
| New York         | 64 | 35 | .646 | 5   |
| Tampa Bay        | 51 | 50 | .505 | 19  |
| Toronto          | 46 | 54 | .460 | 23½ |
| Baltimore        | 29 | 73 | .284 | 41½ |
| Central Division |    |    |      |     |
|                  | W  | L  | Pct  | GB  |
| Cleveland        | 54 | 46 | .540 | —   |
| Minnesota        | 46 | 53 | .465 | 7½  |
| Detroit          | 43 | 60 | .417 | 12½ |
| Chicago          | 36 | 64 | .360 | 18  |
| Kansas City      | 31 | 69 | .310 | 23  |
| West Division    |    |    |      |     |
|                  | W  | L  | Pct  | GB  |
| Houston          | 67 | 36 | .650 | —   |
| Seattle          | 60 | 41 | .594 | 6   |
| Oakland          | 59 | 43 | .578 | 7½  |
| Los Angeles      | 50 | 52 | .490 | 16½ |
| Texas            | 42 | 60 | .412 | 24½ |

| Tuesday's Games                                                         |  |  |  |  |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Baltimore 7, Boston 6                                                   |  |  |  |  |
| Minnesota 5, Toronto 0                                                  |  |  |  |  |
| N.Y. Yankees 4, Tampa Bay 0                                             |  |  |  |  |
| Pittsburgh 9, Cleveland 4                                               |  |  |  |  |
| Oakland 13, Texas 10, 11 innings                                        |  |  |  |  |
| Kansas City 5, Detroit 4                                                |  |  |  |  |
| Houston 8, Colorado 2, 10 innings                                       |  |  |  |  |
| Chicago White Sox 4, L.A. Angels 2                                      |  |  |  |  |
| San Francisco 4, Seattle 3                                              |  |  |  |  |
| Wednesday's Games                                                       |  |  |  |  |
| N.Y. Yankees (Cessa 1-1) at Tampa Bay (Eovaldi 3-4), 9:10 a.m.          |  |  |  |  |
| Pittsburgh (Taillon 7-7) at Cleveland (Bauer 8-6), 10:10 a.m.           |  |  |  |  |
| Detroit (Boyd 4-9) at Kansas City (Duffy 6-8), 11:15 a.m.               |  |  |  |  |
| Minnesota (Santana 0-0) at Toronto (Gaviglio 2-3), 1:07 p.m.            |  |  |  |  |
| San Francisco (TBD) at Seattle (Leake 8-6), 1:10 p.m.                   |  |  |  |  |
| Boston (Price 11-6) at Baltimore (Bundy 6-9), 4:05 p.m.                 |  |  |  |  |
| Oakland (Jackson 1-2) at Texas (Perez 2-4), 5:05 p.m.                   |  |  |  |  |
| Houston (Morton 11-2) at Colorado (Gray 8-7), 5:40 p.m.                 |  |  |  |  |
| Chicago White Sox (Shields 4-11) at L.A. Angels (Skaggs 7-6), 7:07 p.m. |  |  |  |  |

| NATIONAL LEAGUE  |    |    |      |     |
|------------------|----|----|------|-----|
| East Division    |    |    |      |     |
|                  | W  | L  | Pct  | GB  |
| Philadelphia     | 56 | 44 | .560 | —   |
| Atlanta          | 54 | 44 | .551 | 1   |
| Washington       | 49 | 51 | .490 | 7   |
| Miami            | 44 | 59 | .427 | 13½ |
| New York         | 41 | 57 | .418 | 14  |
| Central Division |    |    |      |     |
|                  | W  | L  | Pct  | GB  |
| Chicago          | 58 | 42 | .580 | —   |
| Milwaukee        | 53 | 45 | .563 | 1½  |
| Pittsburgh       | 53 | 49 | .520 | 6   |
| St. Louis        | 51 | 50 | .505 | 7½  |
| Cincinnati       | 44 | 57 | .436 | 14½ |
| West Division    |    |    |      |     |
|                  | W  | L  | Pct  | GB  |
| Los Angeles      | 56 | 45 | .554 | —   |
| Arizona          | 56 | 46 | .549 | 7   |
| Colorado         | 53 | 47 | .530 | 2½  |
| San Francisco    | 52 | 50 | .509 | 4½  |
| San Diego        | 42 | 62 | .404 | 15½ |

| Tuesday's Games                                              |  |  |  |  |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Miami 9, Atlanta 3                                           |  |  |  |  |
| N.Y. Mets 6, San Diego 3                                     |  |  |  |  |
| Pittsburgh 9, Cleveland 4                                    |  |  |  |  |
| St. Louis 4, Cincinnati 2, 11 innings                        |  |  |  |  |
| Arizona 5, Chicago Cubs 1                                    |  |  |  |  |
| Milwaukee 5, Washington 4, 10 innings                        |  |  |  |  |
| Philadelphia 7, L.A. Dodgers 4, 16 innings                   |  |  |  |  |
| Houston 8, Colorado 2, 10 innings                            |  |  |  |  |
| San Francisco 4, Seattle 3                                   |  |  |  |  |
| Wednesday's Games                                            |  |  |  |  |
| San Diego (Richard 7-9) at N.Y. Mets (Oswalt 0-2), 9:10 a.m. |  |  |  |  |



AP Photo/Matt Slocum  
**Philadelphia Phillies’ Trevor Plouffe, center, is doused by Rhys Hoskins after Plouffe’s game-winning three-run home run off Los Angeles Dodgers relief pitcher Kike Hernandez during the 16th inning of Tuesday’s game in Philadelphia. Philadelphia won 7-4.**

| L.A. Dodgers (Buehler 4-2) at Philadelphia (Arrieta 7-6), 9:35 a.m. |  |  |  |  |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| St. Louis (Flaherty 4-4) at Cincinnati (Romano 5-8), 9:35 a.m.      |  |  |  |  |
| Pittsburgh (Taillon 7-7) at Cleveland (Bauer 8-6), 10:10 a.m.       |  |  |  |  |
| Washington (Roark 3-12) at Milwaukee (Peralta 4-1), 11:10 a.m.      |  |  |  |  |
| Arizona (Ray 3-2) at Chicago Cubs (Lester 12-3), 11:20 a.m.         |  |  |  |  |
| San Francisco (TBD) at Seattle (Leake 8-6), 1:10 p.m.               |  |  |  |  |
| Houston (Morton 11-2) at Colorado (Gray 8-7), 5:40 p.m.             |  |  |  |  |

| MLB                   |   |   |       |    |
|-----------------------|---|---|-------|----|
| NORTHWEST LEAGUE      |   |   |       |    |
| Second Half           |   |   |       |    |
| North Division        |   |   |       |    |
|                       | W | L | Pct.  | GB |
| Spokane (Rangers)     | 1 | 0 | 1.000 | —  |
| Vancouver (Blue Jays) | 1 | 0 | 1.000 | —  |
| Tri-City (Padres)     | 0 | 1 | .000  | 1  |
| x-Everett (Mariners)  | 0 | 1 | .000  | 1  |
| South Division        |   |   |       |    |
|                       | W | L | Pct.  | GB |
| Boise (Rockies)       | 1 | 0 | 1.000 | —  |
| Salem-Keizer (Giants) | 1 | 0 | 1.000 | —  |
| Eugene (Cubs)         | 0 | 1 | .000  | 1  |
| x-Hillsboro (D-Backs) | 0 | 1 | .000  | 1  |
| x-first half winner   |   |   |       |    |

**Tuesday's Games**  
Spokane 12, Tri-City 6  
Salem-Keizer 4, Eugene 3, 10 innings  
Boise 5, Hillsboro 3  
Vancouver 4, Everett 3

**Wednesday's Games**  
Tri-City at Spokane, 6:30 p.m.  
Salem-Keizer at Eugene, 7:05 p.m.  
Boise at Hillsboro, 7:05 p.m.  
Vancouver at Everett, 7:05 p.m.