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**Q: Is "New Amsterdam" ever coming back? I thought it was doing well.— Dennis Reed, Providence, R.I.**

A: It is, and it is. The New York-based NBC hospital drama that stars Ryan Eggold had its start of production on its newest season delayed by the coronavirus pandemic, like so many other shows, but its third round will begin in the series' customary Tuesday slot on March 2. It wasn't a coincidence that the network scheduled the Canadian pickup "Nurses" there while waiting for new "New Amsterdam," since it wanted a similarly themed drama to keep that hour warm.

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## celebrity pipeline

BY JAY BOBBIN

The doctors of 'New Amsterdam' will be in again, soon



Ryan Eggold

## player profile

BY GEORGE DICKIE

# A 'Beard' now grows in Brooklyn



When the Brooklyn Nets acquired All-Star guard James Harden from the Houston Rockets in a Jan. 14 trade, it sparked plenty of excitement among fans envisioning a big three of Harden, Kevin Durant and Kyrie Irving lighting up scoreboards throughout the NBA. But it also raised a number of questions.

How will they decide who is the go-to guy in the closing minutes? How will Harden blend in with the other two alpha scorers? And what will his presence mean for an already defense-challenged team?

Well, nearly a month after the deal, the answers appear to be it varies, just fine and it depends on the opponent. The formula so far has been to get efficient offense from the three All-Stars and count on one to have a monster game. Opponents will have no answer for the Nets' three-headed monster, so the defense needs to be only good enough to outscore the other side. Which has happened often.

As of early February, the Nets were 7-2 since the trade and Harden was being Harden, averaging 24.1 points and 12 assists with Brooklyn. Included in those totals were four triple-double efforts plus a 34-point, 12-assist, six-rebound game against the Bucks on Jan. 18 (his second game with the Nets) and a 31-point, 15-assist, eight-rebound effort against the Hawks on Jan. 27. All were wins.

So far unselfish play has been the calling card of the Nets' big three and that is reflected on the scoreboard. The Nets and the man known as "The Beard" can be seen in action on national TV twice this week: On the road against the Los Angeles Clippers Sunday, Feb. 21, on ESPN; and at home versus the Dallas Mavericks Saturday, Feb. 27, on ABC.

**FULL NAME:** James Edward Harden Jr.

**BIRTH DATE:** Aug. 26, 1989

**BIRTHPLACE:** Bellflower, Calif.

**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 6 feet, 5 inches/220 pounds

**TEAMS:** Oklahoma City Thunder (2009-12); Houston Rockets

(2012-21); Brooklyn Nets (2021-present)

**COLLEGE:** Arizona St.

**DRAFT:** Selected in the first round (third overall) by the Thunder in 2009

**HONORS AND ACHIEVEMENTS:** NBA MVP

(2018); eight-time NBA All-Star; six-time All-NBA First Team; three-time NBA scoring champion (2018-20); NBA assists leader (2017); NBA Sixth Man of the Year (2012); Pac-10 Player of the Year (2009); his No. 13 jersey was retired by Arizona St.

## sports quiz

BY GEORGE DICKIE

# Who said that?

**Identify the authors of the following quotes:**

**Answers:**

- "Do things you don't like to do; bear down that much harder on what you hate doing. It'll make you a lot better player. And a lot better person."
- "I broke in with four hits, and the writers promptly declared they had seen the new Ty Cobb. It took me only a few days to correct that impression."
- "Sweat plus sacrifice equals success."
- "As of this writing, 15 men in the history of organized baseball have ever thrown a perfect game. Only one of those men did it half-drunk, with bloodshot eyes, monster breath and a raging, skull-rattling hangover. That would be me."
- "I don't create controversies. They're there long before I open my mouth. I just bring them to your attention."
- "Ask not what your teammates can do for you. Ask what you can do for your teammates."

- 1) Bear Bryant
- 2) Casey Stengel
- 3) Charlie Finley
- 4) David Wells
- 5) Charles Barkley
- 6) Magic Johnson