

## Avoiding Back-to-Backs

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Last season, the NBA schedule lasted 170 days, from October 25, 2016 to April 12, 2017; the new collective bargaining agreement extends the length of the schedule going forward. NBA Commissioner Adam Silver says this “extra week in our schedule will enable us to cut down on the back-to-backs, cut down on the number of times that our teams are obligated to play four games in five nights, and it will enable the coaches to provide additional rest for their players.”

In this talk, we discuss how back-to-backs could be eliminated altogether, and investigate why that hasn't happened already.

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