



COACHES OPEN HOUSE

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COACHES OPEN HOUSE

WELCOME TO THE TORONTO RAPTORS COACHES OPEN HOUSE

On behalf of Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment, the Toronto Raptors Basketball Development team, and our front office staff, we would like to officially welcome you to the 15th annual Toronto Raptors Coaches Open House. We are excited to have you join us inside Scotiabank Arena once again. An important focus at the Toronto Raptors is to grow the game of basketball by inspiring and bringing new and exciting opportunities to the community. We do this through our programs geared towards youth, parents, coaches, and fans, including the Toronto Raptors Coaches Open House. We understand how important basketball is and how it has shaped us as people on and off the court. We also understand the commitment you have made as coaches. You have the unique ability to impact a child's life forever. We hope you understand what an integral part you play in growing the game and we thank you for your commitment to your team, our community, and our sport. Toronto Raptors Head Coach Darko Rajaković and our other speakers are pleased to offer you a closer look at what drives us and shapes our culture here at the Toronto Raptors.

Sincerely,
Your Raptors Development Staff



COACHES OPEN HOUSE

EVENT SCHEDULE

TIME	DETAILS
8:20AM	Welcome Address PAUL JONES
8:30AM	Player Development JAMES WADE
9:00AM	On-Ball Defense PAT DELANY
9:30AM	Transition Offense JAMA MAHLALELA
10:00AM	BREAK
10:30AM	Full-Team Morning Shootaround
11:30AM	Chalk Talk + Q&A DARKO RAJAKOVIC

MEET YOUR HOST



PAUL JONES

SPORTSCASTER – TORONTO RAPTORS

Paul Jones is a Canadian Sportscaster. He previously served as the colour analyst on Raptor's radio broadcasts, a role he had during the Raptors' inaugural season in 1995, with play-by-play man Mike Inglis on CFRB1010.

He currently serves as the Raptors' radio play-by-play announcer on The Fan 590 alongside colour analyst Eric Smith.

Jones appears on a weekly basketball show, Hoops, hosted by Smith on The Fan 590, which is simulcast on Raptors NBA TV.

Jones has also served as studio analyst and sideline reporter for the Raptors on TSN, CTV and Rogers Sportsnet. He can now be seen regularly throughout Canada on various programs and networks.

As a basketball player, Jones won three provincial titles (1978, 1980-81) as a member of York University's basketball team. He was a two-time conference all-star and was awarded the Kitch McPherson Trophy as Most Valuable Player of the Ontario championship game in 1981. A two-time Ontario all-star (1980-81), he participated in the CIAU national championship tournament four times and won two bronze medals (1978-79). In 1983, he won a silver medal as a member of the team that represented Canada in the Commonwealth Basketball Tournament in New Zealand. He also coached at the high school and provincial team levels and served as an assistant coach with the University of Western Ontario for three years.

He worked with the Toronto District School Board for 22 years, working his way up to become a principal for Walter Scott Public School and Roselawn Public School in Richmond Hill. He left this position in 2004 to join the Raptors' radio broadcast team on The Fan 590.

MEET THE SPEAKERS



DARKO RAJAKOVIĆ

HEAD COACH

Darko Rajaković's passion for basketball has shaped his journey from his homeland of Serbia to becoming the head coach of the Toronto Raptors in 2023. Raised in Serbia during the civil war, Rajaković found solace in basketball, playing with friends through the night. He began his coaching career at just 16, initially leading youth teams in his hometown of Cacak.

His success continued with Red Star Belgrade, where he led the U20 and U18 teams to two Serbian Youth championships between 1999 and 2007.

Rajaković's career took him to Spain, where he coached Espacio Torrelodones to a championship in the Primera Division de Baloncesto in 2009. He then transitioned to the NBA, first as a European scouting consultant and Summer League assistant for the San Antonio Spurs (2004-11). In 2012, he became head coach of the Tulsa 66ers, the Oklahoma City Thunder's NBA G League affiliate, making history as the first non-North American head coach in the league. Rajaković's leadership helped the team reach the 2013 G League semifinals.

He moved to the NBA as an assistant coach with the Thunder (2014-19), contributing to four playoff appearances, including a trip to the 2016 Western Conference Finals. After coaching the Phoenix Suns (2019-20) and Memphis Grizzlies (2020-23), he became the 10th head coach of the Toronto Raptors in 2023, making him the second European-born head coach in NBA history.

Rajaković also represented Serbia as an assistant coach at the 2019 FIBA World Cup, where the team finished fifth. A lifelong learner, he holds degrees in basketball coaching and sports management. He lives in Toronto with his wife, Gaga, and their son, Luka.

MEET THE SPEAKERS



PAT DELANY **ASSISTANT COACH**

Pat Delany is in his third season with the Toronto Raptors. He has also been an Assistant Coach with the Washington Wizards (2021-23), Orlando Magic (2018-21) and Charlotte Hornets (2014-18) under Steve Clifford. Delany spent 12 years with the Miami Heat, including one season as Head Coach of their G League affiliate, the Sioux Falls Skyforce, where he led the team to a 31-19 record. He also worked as an Advance Scout (2007-13) and a Video Coordinator (2003-07) for Miami, starting as a Video Intern in 2002. Delany began his NBA career as a Video Intern with the Boston Celtics in 2001-02.

He has also been a basketball camp counselor at several universities, including the University of North Carolina and Notre Dame. Delany played four years at Saint Anselm College, where he became the school's all-time leader in assists with 731. He and his wife, Jackie, have three children: Rylan, Lila May, and Rosalie.



JAMA MAHLELELA **ASSISTANT COACH**

Jama Mahlalela first started with the Raptors in 2006 working in community development. In 2009, he was named the Director of Basketball Operations for NBA Asia where he oversaw youth programs. He returned to the Raptors in 2013 as an assistant coach for the next five seasons. In 2018, he became Head Coach of the Raptors 905 where he led them to a 51-42 record and a playoff appearance in his first season. In 2020 he returned to the Assistant Coach role with the Raptors before joining the Golden State Warriors for two seasons where he helped them win the 2022 NBA Championship.

Jama has now been back with the Toronto Raptors for two seasons as an Assistant Coach.

A native of Eswatini, Mahlalela played at the University of British Columbia and began his coaching career as an assistant at the University of Toronto. He and his wife, Michelle, have two children, Mia and Jayce.

MEET THE SPEAKERS



JAMES WADE **ASSISTANT COACH**

James Wade begins his third season with the Raptors after five years as head coach and general manager of the WNBA's Chicago Sky (2019-23). He led the Sky to the playoffs every season and guided them to their first WNBA championship in 2021. Wade holds the highest winning percentage in Sky history (.579), was named WNBA Coach of the Year in 2019, and Executive of the Year in 2022. Before Chicago, he was an Assistant Coach for the Minnesota Lynx, helping them win the 2017 WNBA title, and began his coaching career with the San Antonio Stars.

Wade also has international coaching experience in Russia and France. A Memphis native, Wade played college basketball at Middle Tennessee State, Chattanooga State, and Kennesaw State University, before playing professionally in Europe for nearly 13 years. He is a dual citizen of France and the U.S. and has one son, James III, with his wife Edwige.



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Date #1:

Sunday, December 7th
vs. Boston Celtics



Date #2:

Sunday, March 8
vs. Dallas Mavericks



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- B) NCCP Multi-Sport Training Modules
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✓ **Trained**

C) Learn to Train Evaluation

- Portfolio
- Practice Observation

- D) NCCP Multi-Sport Evaluation Modules
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STEP 2

Train to Train (T2T)

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F) Train to Train Evaluation

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- Practice Observation

Certified

Continued Professional Development

NCCP COMPETITION DEVELOPMENT

Ages 15-22

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- Planning Workshop

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✓ **Trained**

- C) Train to Compete Evaluation

- Portfolio
- Practice Observation
- Game Observation

- D) NCCP Multi-Sport Evaluation Modules

- NCCP Make Ethical Decisions Online Evaluation
- NCCP Managing Conflict Online Evaluation

Certified

Continued Professional Development

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