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Lakers Fans on Edge as Luka Doncic Reportedly Delays Contract Extension Talks

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Los Angeles Lakers supporters may have to wait a bit longer for clarity on Luka Doncic's future, with the NBA (National Basketball Association) star expected to hold off on signing his contract extension until after his summer commitments with Slovenia wrap up in September.

Doncic officially becomes eligible for a contract extension with the Lakers on August 2, but multiple reports suggest fans shouldn't expect any immediate news. According to ESPN's

NBA insider Brian Windhorst, the All-Star guard is focused on preparing for the 2025 EuroBasket tournament, which begins August 27 and runs through mid-September.

“I would not expect it to happen that early,” Windhorst said during an appearance on ESPN’s NBA Today. “He’s playing for the Slovenian national team. Do not freak out if you do not hear from Luka contractually until September.”

While the delay may raise eyebrows among anxious Lakers fans, insiders maintain that this is not cause for alarm. Doncic has consistently demonstrated loyalty to his club and country, and his long-known commitment to Slovenia fits his decision to focus on international play before diving into contract discussions. In a summer filled with speculation and distractions, Doncic concentrates on basketball rather than boardroom dealings.

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Doncic’s love for representing his country is nothing new. He has been vocal about how much wearing the Slovenian jersey means to him. EuroBasket 2025 is no small tournament, and Slovenia is expected to make a serious run. That alone gives fans and the Lakers front office a good reason to be patient.

His devotion to Slovenia isn’t just about pride. It’s about preparation and competition at the highest level. If Slovenia advances deep into the tournament, Doncic could be tied up until September 14, when the event concludes. This timeline would naturally push back any contract talks with the Lakers until after his national team duties are done.

Doncic joined Los Angeles last season following a headline-grabbing trade from the Dallas Mavericks. He quickly made his presence felt. With averages of 28.2 points, 8.1 rebounds, and 7.2 assists per game, he became a force to be reckoned with and a fan favorite at Crypto.com Arena. His efficiency from beyond the arc, shooting nearly 38 percent, added another layer to an already lethal offensive skill set.

Some believe American franchises haven’t always grasped the full depth of the European athlete’s mindset. Doncic isn’t chasing flash. He values meaning, purpose, and legacy. That’s why some close to the situation argue this is not a delay to worry about, but rather a reflection of his values.

The Lakers' leadership is also keeping cool. They know what they have in Doncic; sources say they're not rushing anything. Their focus is on building long-term success, and Doncic is at the heart of that plan.

For now, the message from NBA insiders remains consistent: there's no tension, no rift, and no reason to panic. Once EuroBasket is over, the Lakers and Doncic are expected to return to the table and finish what they started.