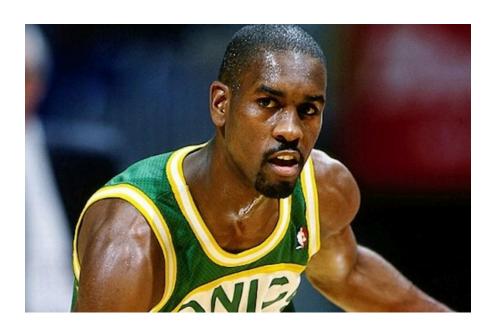


"I Love This Game" History

2000: "NBA, I Love This Game"



MVP- Gary Payton, Miami Heat
Defensive POY- Shaquille O'Neal, Miami Heat
6th Man- Antoine Walker, Charlotte Hornets
All-Star MVP- Karl Malone, Utah Jazz
Rookie of the Year- Steve Francis, Cleveland Cavaliers
Finals MVP- Eddie Jones, Minnesota Timberwolves



ALL-NBA Team

PG Gary Payton, Miami Heat SG Vince Carter, Toronto Raptors SF Michael Finley, Milwaukee Bucks PF Kevin Garnett, Sacramento Kings C Shaquille O'Neal, Miami Heat



ALL - Rookie Team

PG Steve Francis, Cleveland Cavaliers SG Jason Terry, Seattle SuperSonics SF Lamar Odom, Denver Nuggets PF Elton Brand, Phoenix Suns C Jeff Foster, Orlando Magic

Division Winners

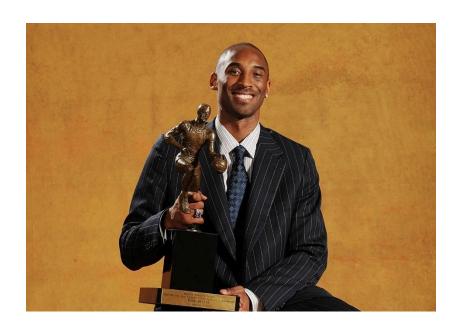
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Conference Winners

Eastern Conference Champs – Miami Heat Western Conference Champs – Minnesota Timberwolves

2001 World Champions – Minnesota Timberwolves



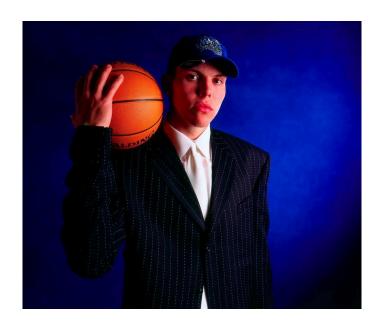


MVP - Kobe Bryant (Denver Nuggets)
Defensive POY - Shawn Marion (Toronto Raptors)
6th Man - Larry Hughes (Golden State Warriors)
All-Star MVP - Antonio McDyess (Miami Heat)
Rookie of the Year – Mike Miller (Detroit Pistons)
Finals MVP - Antonio McDyess (Miami Heat)



ALL-NBA Team

SF Vince Carter (Toronto Raptors)
PF Rasheed Wallace (Atlanta Hawks)
C Shaquille O'Neal (Miami Heat)
SG Kobe Bryant (Denver Nuggets)
PG Steve Francis (Cleveland Cavaliers)



ALL - Rookie Team

F Mike Miller (Detroit Pistons)
F Kenyon Martin (Orlando Magic)
C Marc Jackson (Milwaukee Bucks)
G Morris Peterson (Washington Wizards)
G Courtney Alexander (New York Knicks)



ALL-Defensive Team

F Tim Duncan (Cleveland Cavaliers)
F Shawn Marion (Toronto Raptors)
C Jermaine O'Neal (Los Angeles Lakers)
G Jason Kidd (Washington Wizards)
G Allen Iverson (Philadelphia 76ers)
Division Winners

Atlantic Division Champs - Miami Heat Central Division Champs - Atlanta Hawks Midwest Division Champs - Minnesota Timberwolves Pacific Division Champs - Los Angeles Lakers

Conference Winners

Eastern Conference Champs – Miami Heat Western Conference Champs – Minnesota Timberwolves

2001 World Champions – Miami Heat





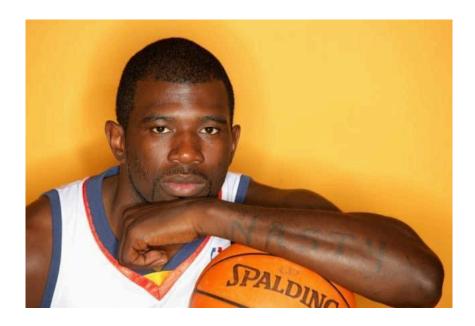
MVP – Kobe Bryant (Denver Nuggets)
Defensive POY – Paul Pierce (Los Angeles Lakers)
6th Man – Brent Barry (Boston Celtics)
All-Star MVP - Rashard Lewis (Seattle SuperSonics)
Rookie of the Year – Jason Richardson (New York Knicks)
Finals MVP – Karl Malone (Miami Heat)

ALL-NBA Team



SF Michael Finley (Bucks)
PF Tim Duncan (Cavaliers)
C Shaquille O'Neal (Heat)
SG Kobe Bryant (Nuggets)
PG Andre Miller (Bulls)

ALL - Rookie Team



SF Andrei Kirilenko (Wizards)
PF Eddie Griffin (Spurs)
C Brendan Haywood (Rockets)
SG Jason Richardson (Knicks)
PG Gilbert Arenas (Clippers)

ALL-Defensive Team



SF Shawn Marion (Raptors)
PF Tim Duncan (Cavaliers)
C Ben Wallace (Kings)
SG Paul Pierce (Lakers)
PG Jason Kidd (Rockets)

Division Winners

Atlantic Division Champs – Miami Heat Central Division Champs – Charlotte Hornets Midwest Division Champs – Minnesota Timberwolves Pacific Division Champs – Los Angeles Lakers

Conference Winners

Eastern Conference Champs – Miami Heat Western Conference Champs – Los Angeles Lakers

2002 World Champions - Miami Heat





MVP – Kobe Bryant (Nuggets)
Defensive POY – Shawn Marion (Raptors)
6th Man – Brent Barry (Celtics)



All-Star MVP - Yao Ming (Trailblazers)



Rookie of the Year – Amar'e Stoudemire (Pistons) Finals MVP – Shaquille O'Neal (Heat)

ALL-NBA Team



SF Shawn Marion (Raptors)
PF Kevin Garnett (Kings)
C Shaquille O'Neal (Heat)
SG Kobe Bryant (Nuggets)
PG Jason Kidd (Rockets)

ALL-Defensive Team



SF Shawn Marion (Raptors)
PF Tim Duncan (Cavaliers)
C Ben Wallace (Kings)
SG Paul Pierce (Wizards)
PG Jason Kidd (Rockets)

ALL - Rookie Team



SF Caron Butler (Knicks)
PF Amar'e Stoudemire (Pistons)
C Yao Ming (Trailblazers)
SG Manu Ginobili (Wizards)
PG Tierre Brown (Magic)



Division Winners

Atlantic Division Champs – Miami Heat Central Division Champs – Charlotte Hornets Midwest Division Champs – Denver Nuggets Pacific Division Champs – Los Angeles Lakers

Conference Winners



Eastern Conference Champs – Miami Heat



Western Conference Champs – Los Angeles Lakers



2003 World Champions - Miami Heat

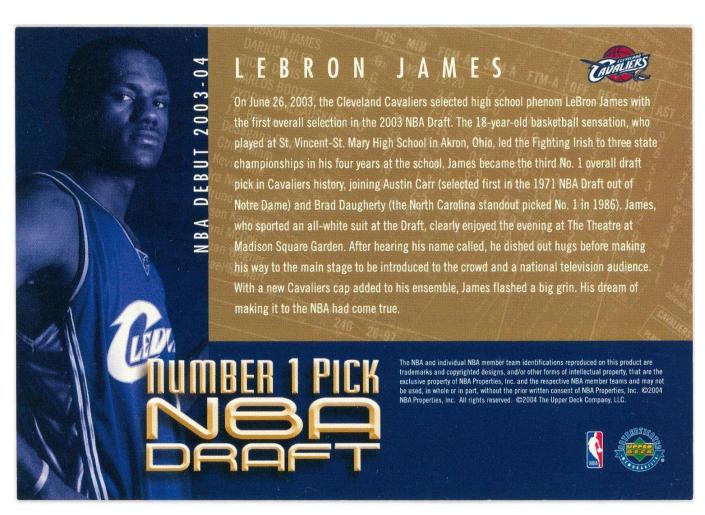


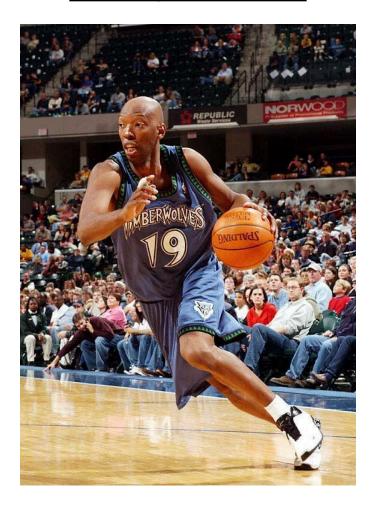
2003 NBA Draft



LeBron James was selected as the number 1 overall pick in the 2003: "NBA, I Love This Game" Draft by the New York Knicks.







MVP – Sam Cassell (Mavericks)
Defensive POY – Andrei Kirilenko (Lakers)
6th Man – Jiri Welsch (Heat)
All-Star MVP - Kevin Garnett (Kings)
Rookie of the Year – LeBron James (Knicks)
Finals MVP – Kobe Bryant (Nuggets)

ALL-NBA Team (MVP Points)



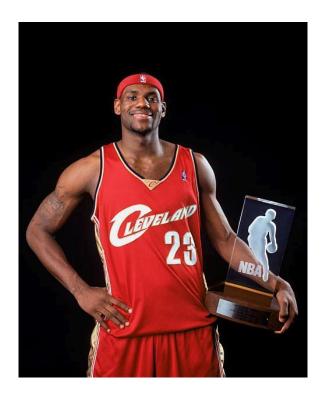
SF Metta World (Trailblazers)
PF Kevin Garnett (Kings)
C Dirk Nowitzki (Heat)
SG Kobe Bryant (Nuggets)
PG Sam Cassell (Mavericks)

ALL-Defensive Team (DOY Points)



SF Metta World (Trailblazers)
PF Andrei Kirilenko (Lakers)
C Ben Wallace (Kings)
SG Cuttino Mobley (Spurs)
PG Jason Kidd (Rockets)

ALL - Rookie Team



SF Carmelo Anthony (Wizards)
PF Udonis Haslem (Jazz)
C Chris Bosh (Suns)
SG LeBron James (Knicks)
PG Dwayne Wade (Timberwolves)



Division Winners

Atlantic Division Champs – Boston Celtics Central Division Champs – Chicago Bulls Midwest Division Champs – Denver Nuggets Pacific Division Champs – Sacramento Kings



Eastern Conference Champs - Miami Heat



Western Conference Champs – Denver Nuggets



2004 World Champions - Denver Nuggets



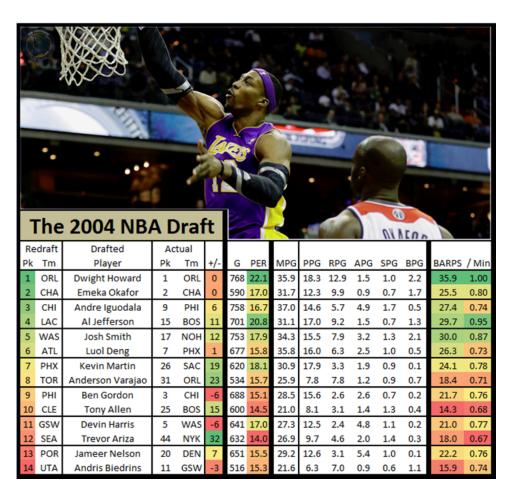




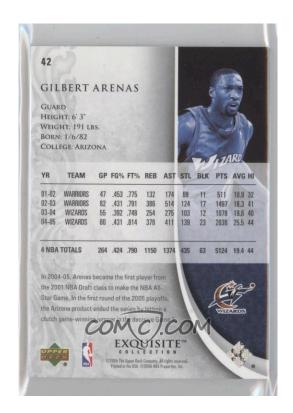
Dwight Howard was selected as the number 1 overall pick in the 2004: "NBA, I Love This Game" Draft by the Los Angeles Clippers. Dwight Howard was selected as the number 1 overall pick in the 2004 NBA Draft by the Orlando Magic.











MVP – Gilbert Arenas (Clippers)
Defensive POY – Shawn Marion (Raptors)
6th Man – Chris Webber (Knicks)
All-Star MVP - Kevin Garnett (Kings)
Rookie of the Year – Dwight Howard (Clippers)
Finals MVP – Kevin Garnett (Kings)

ALL-NBA Team (MVP Points)



SF Vince Carter (Raptors)
PF Dirk Nowitzki (Heat)
C Amar'e Stoudemire (Pistons)
SG Larry Hughes (Warriors)
PG Gilbert Arenas (Clippers)

ALL-Defensive Team (DOY Points)

SF LeBron James (Knicks)
PF Shawn Marion (Raptors)
C Marcus Camby (Celtics)
SG Dwyane Wade (Timberwolves)
PG Jason Kidd (Rockets)

ALL - Rookie Team



SF Luol Deng (Timberwolves)
PF Dwight Howard (Clippers)
C Nick Collision (SuperSonics)
SG Andre Iguodala (Timberwolves)
PG Jameer Nelson (Hawks)



Division Winners

Atlantic Division Champs – Miami Heat Central Division Champs – Detroit Pistons Midwest Division Champs – Denver Nuggets Pacific Division Champs – Sacramento Kings



Eastern Conference Champs – Toronto Raptors



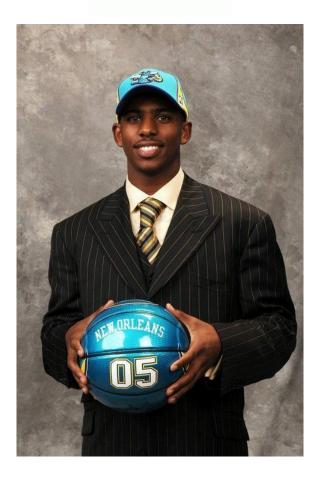
Western Conference Champs - Sacramento Kings



2005 World Champions – Sacramento Kings







Chris Paul was selected as the number 1 overall pick in the 2005: "NBA, I Love This Game" Draft by the San Antonio Spurs.

Paul was selected as the fourth overall pick in the 2005 NBA draft by the New Orleans Hornets. Due to the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina, the Hornets played most of their games in Oklahoma City during Paul's first two seasons with the team. Paul finished his debut season leading all rookies in total points, assists, steals, and double-doubles, and became only the second rookie in NBA history to lead the league in total steals. With final averages of 16.1 points, 5.1 rebounds, 7.8 assists, and 2.2 steals per game, he was named NBA Rookie of the Year, falling just one vote shy of winning the award unanimously. The only other rookie to receive a first place vote was Deron Williams, with whom Paul enjoyed a brief rivalry early in their careers.

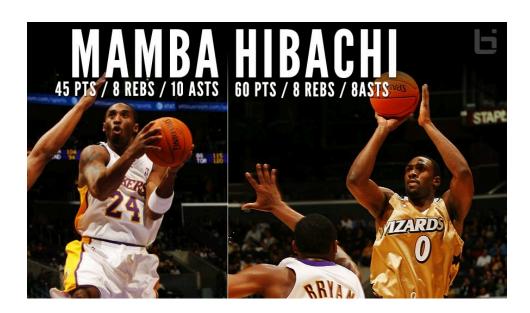






MVP – Gilbert Arenas (Clippers)
Defensive POY – Marcus Camby (Celtics)
6th Man – Wally Szczerbiak (Celtics)
All-Star MVP - Kevin Garnett (Kings)
Rookie of the Year – Chris Paul (Spurs)
Finals MVP – Vince Carter (Raptors)

ALL-NBA Team (MVP Points)



SF Paul Pierce (Wizards)
PF Dirk Nowitzki (Heat)
C Chris Bosh (Suns)
SG Kobe Bryant (Nuggets)
PG Gilbert Arenas (Clippers)

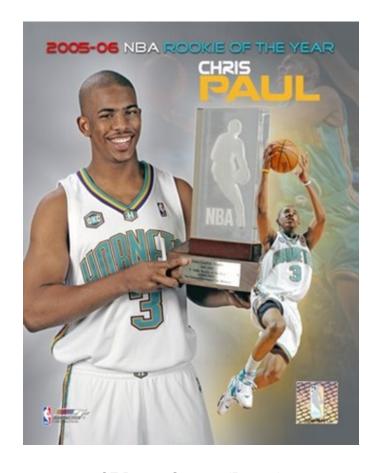
ALL-Defensive Team (DOY Points)





SF Gerald Wallace (Bulls)
PF Shawn Marion (Raptors)
C Marcus Camby (Celtics)
SG Vince Carter (Raptors)
PG Jason Kidd (Rockets)

ALL - Rookie Team



SF Danny Granger (Pacers)
PF Andrew Bogut (Rockets)
C Channing Frye (76ers)
SG Jose Calderon (Pacers)
PG Chris Paul (Spurs)

Division Winners

Atlantic Division Champs – Orlando Magic Central Division Champs – Toronto Raptors Midwest Division Champs – Denver Nuggets Pacific Division Champs – Phoenix Suns

Conference Winners



Eastern Conference Champs – Toronto Raptors



Western Conference Champs – Denver Nuggets



2006 World Champions – Toronto Raptors



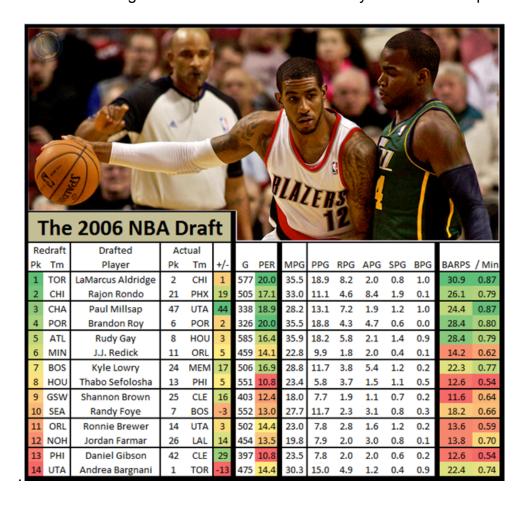


C LaMarcus Aldridge was selected as the number 1 overall pick in the 2006: "NBA, I Love This Game" Draft by the New Jersey Nets.





The 2006 NBA draft was held on June 28, 2006, at the Theatre at Madison Square Garden in New York City and was broadcast in the United States on ESPN. This was also the only time the New Orleans Hornets would draft under the temporary name of the New Orleans/Oklahoma City Hornets as the city of New Orleans was still recovering from the events of Hurricane Katrina after the 2005-06 NBA season. Italian Andrea Bargnani was selected first overall by the Toronto Raptors.

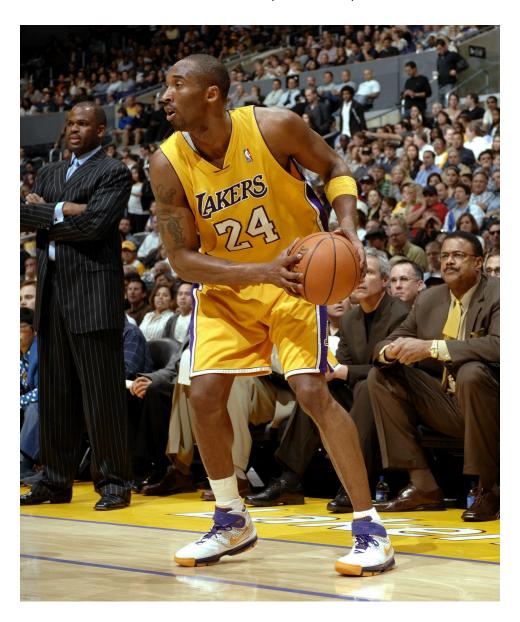






MVP – Dirk Nowitzki (Heat)
Defensive POY – Tim Duncan (Cavaliers)
6th Man – Manu Ginobili (Suns)
All-Star MVP - Kobe Bryant (Nuggets)
Rookie of the Year – Brandon Roy (Jazz)
Finals MVP – Dirk Nowitzki (Heat)

ALL-NBA Team (MVP Points)



SF Rashard Lewis (SuperSonics)
PF Dirk Nowitzki (Heat)
C Tim Duncan (Cavaliers)
SG Kobe Bryant (Nuggets)
PG Steve Nash (Hornets)

ALL-Defensive Team (DOY Points)





SF Shawn Marion (Raptors)
PF Kevin Garnett (Kings)
C Tim Duncan (Cavaliers)
SG Tracy McGrady (Hornets)
PG Jason Kidd (Rockets)

ALL - Rookie Team



SF Rudy Gay (Grizzlies)
PF Paul Milsap (76ers)
C LaMarcus Aldridge (Nets)
SG Brandon Roy (Jazz)
PG Rajon Rondo (Cavaliers)

Division Winners

Atlantic Division Champs – Miami Heat Central Division Champs – Toronto Raptors Midwest Division Champs – Denver Nuggets Pacific Division Champs – Phoenix Suns

Conference Winners



Eastern Conference Champs - Miami Heat



Western Conference Champs – Portland Trail Blazers



2007: "NBA, I Love This Game" Champions - Miami Heat





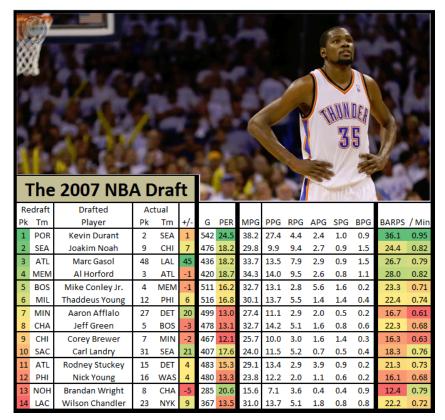
SG Kevin Durant was selected as the number 1 overall pick in the 2007: "NBA, I Love This Game" Draft by the Vancouver Grizzlies. C Al Horford was selected as the number 2 overall pick by the Houston Rockets.



The 2007 NBA draft was held on June 28, 2007 at the WaMu Theatre at Madison Square Garden in New York City. It was broadcast on television in 115 countries. Freshman Greg Oden from Ohio State University was

drafted first overall by the Portland Trail Blazers, who won the draft lottery. However, he missed the 2007–08 season due to microfracture surgery on his right knee during the pre-season. Another freshman, Kevin Durant, was drafted second overall from the University of Texas by the Seattle SuperSonics and went on to win the Rookie of the Year Award for the 2007–08 season. Oden and Durant became the first freshmen to be selected with the top two picks in the draft. Al Horford, the son of former NBA player Tito Horford, was drafted third by the Atlanta Hawks. Of the three top picks, Durant has been a League MVP, a two-time finals MVP and perennial All-Star whilst Horford has enjoyed a solid All-Star career. Oden, however, was beset by numerous microfracture surgeries on both knees that limited him to only 82 games from 2008 to 2010.







MVP – Chris Paul (Spurs)

Defensive POY – Dwight Howard (Clippers)
6th Man – Antawn Jamison (Nuggets)
All-Star MVP - Kobe Bryant (Nuggets)

Rookie of the Year – Kevin Durant (Grizzlies)
Finals MVP – Amar'e Stoudemire (Pistons)

ALL-NBA Team (MVP Points)

SF LeBron James (Knicks)
PF Dirk Nowitzki (Heat)
C Tim Duncan (Cavaliers)
SG Allen Iverson (76ers)
PG Chris Paul (Spurs)

ALL-Defensive Team (DOY Points)

SF Paul Pierce (Wizards)
PF David West (Magic)
C Dwight Howard (Clippers)
SG Kobe Bryant (Nuggets)
PG Chris Paul (Spurs)

ALL - Rookie Team

SF Jamario Moon (Spurs)
PF Luis Scola (Cavaliers)
C Al Horford (Rockets)
SG Kevin Durant (Grizzlies)
PG Ramon Sessions (Bucks)

Division Winners

Atlantic Division Champs - Miami Heat

Central Division Champs – Detroit Pistons Midwest Division Champs – Denver Nuggets Pacific Division Champs – Portland Trail Blazers

Conference Winners
Eastern Conference Champs – Detroit Pistons
Western Conference Champs – Portland Trail Blazers

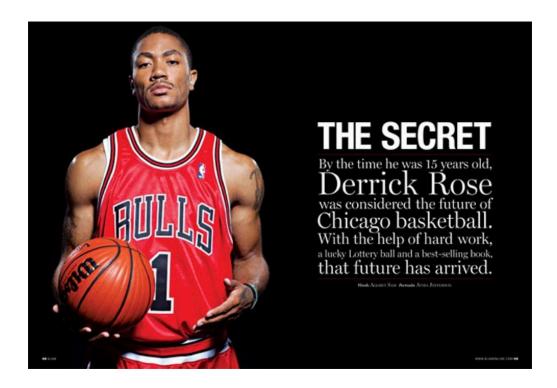
2008: "NBA, I Love This Game" Champions – Detroit Pistons



The Significance of the 2008 NBA Draft

The 2008 basketball player selection process holds great importance in the history of professional sports due to its impact on the league's overall talent pool and team dynamics. This draft class is known for producing some of the most elite players in NBA history, such as Russell Westbrook, Kevin Love, and Derrick Rose. These players have had a significant impact on the league, both individually and collectively.

The Chicago Bulls used the first overall pick to draft Chicago native Derrick Rose from the University of Memphis, who later went on to win the NBA Rookie of the Year Award, making him the first player to be drafted first overall and to win Rookie of the Year since LeBron James in 2003, and also became the youngest player to win the NBA Most Valuable Player Award in 2011 at age 22.



PG Russell Westbrook was selected as the number 1 overall pick in the 2008: "NBA, I Love This Game" Draft by the Boston Celtics. C DeAndre Jordan was selected as the number 2 overall pick by the New Jersey Nets.





MVP – Chris Paul (Spurs)
Defensive POY – Chris Paul (Spurs)
6th Man – Thaddeus Young (Nets)
All-Star MVP - LeBron James (Knicks)
Rookie of the Year – Russell Westbrook (Celtics)
Finals MVP – Ben Gordon (Hawks)

ALL-NBA Team (MVP Points)

SF LeBron James (Knicks)
PF Dirk Nowitzki (Heat)
C Pau Gasol (Hawks)
SG Dwyane Wade (Timberwolves)
PG Chris Paul (Spurs)

ALL-Defensive Team (DOY Points)

SF LeBron James (Knicks)
PF Rashard Lewis (SuperSonics)
C Dwight Howard (Clippers)
SG Dwyane Wade (Timberwolves)
PG Chris Paul (Spurs)

ALL - Rookie Team

SF Nicholas Batum (Hornets)
PF Darrell Arthur (Hornets)
C Brook Lopez (Bucks)
SG Eric Gordon (Grizzlies)
PG Russell Westbrook (Celtics)

Division Winners

Atlantic Division Champs – New York Knicks
Central Division Champs – Atlanta Hawks
Midwest Division Champs – Minnesota Timberwolves
Pacific Division Champs – Portland Trail Blazers

Conference Winners

Eastern Conference Champs – Atlanta Hawks Western Conference Champs – Minnesota Timberwolves

2009: "NBA, I Love This Game" Champions – Atlanta Hawks

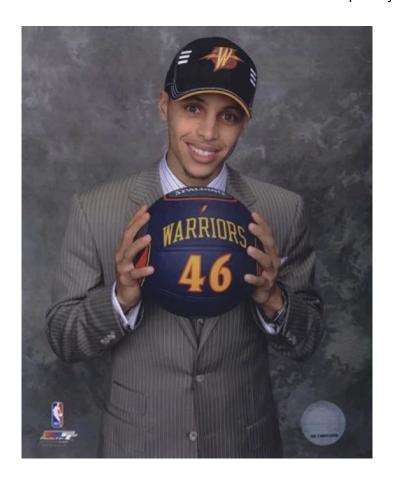


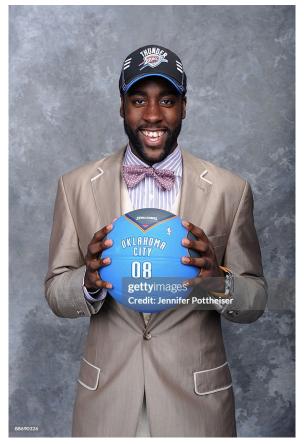
The Los Angeles Clippers, who won the draft lottery on May 19, 2009, used their first overall draft pick to draft Blake Griffin from University of Oklahoma. However, he missed the entire 2009–10 season due to surgery on his broken left kneecap, which he injured during the pre-season. Tanzanian-born Hasheem Thabeet from University of Connecticut was drafted second by the Memphis Grizzlies.





PG Stephen Curry was selected as the number 1 overall pick in the 2009: "NBA, I Love This Game" Draft by the Boston Celtics. SG James Harden was selected as the number 2 overall pick by the Charlotte Hornets.





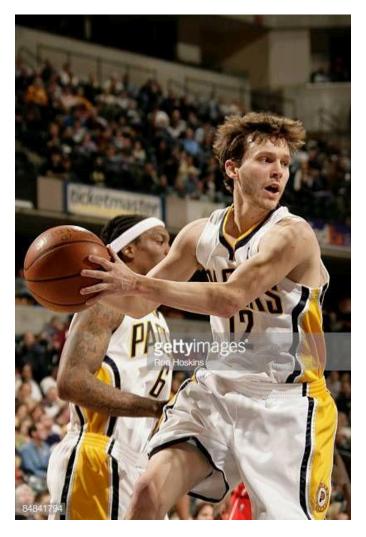




MVP – LeBron James (Knicks)
Defensive POY – Dwight Howard (Clippers)
6th Man – Gilbert Arenas (Clippers)
All-Star MVP - Dwyane Wade (Timberwolves)
Rookie of the Year – Stephen Curry (Celtics)
Finals MVP – Dirk Nowitzki (Heat)

ALL-NBA Team (MVP Points)





SF LeBron James (Knicks)
PF Dirk Nowitzki (Heat)
C David Lee (Mavericks)
SG Dwyane Wade (Timberwolves)
PG Travis Diener (Heat)

ALL-Defensive Team (DOY Points)



SF Gerald Wallace (Bulls)
PF Marcus Camby (Celtics)
C Dwight Howard (Clippers)
SG Dwyane Wade (Timberwolves)
PG Jason Kidd (Pacers)

ALL - Rookie Team



SF Omri Casspi (Magic)
PF Taj Gibson (Bucks)
C David Anderson (Hornets)
SG Tyreke Evans (Spurs)
PG Stephen Curry (Celtics)

Division Winners

Atlantic Division Champs – New York Knicks Central Division Champs – Indiana Pacers Midwest Division Champs – Vancouver Grizzlies Pacific Division Champs – Seattle SuperSonics

Conference Winners



Eastern Conference Champs – Miami Heat



Western Conference Champs – Denver Nuggets



2010: "NBA, I Love This Game" Champions – Miami Heat





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THE CURSED DRAFT

THE TOP 4 PLAYERS IN THE 2010 DRAFT CLASS HAVE ALL SUFFERED VERY MAJOR INJURIES





Blake Griffin was selected as the number 1 overall pick in the 2010: "NBA, I Love This Game" Draft by the Boston Celtics. Paul George was selected as the number 2 overall pick by the Phoenix Suns.









MVP – Dwyane Wade (Timberwolves)
Defensive POY – Dwight Howard (Clippers)
6th Man – Wilson Chandler (Hornets)
All-Star MVP - Dwight Howard (Clippers)
Rookie of the Year – Blake Griffin (Wizards)
Finals MVP – Ray Allen (Heat)

ALL-NBA Team (MVP Points)



SF LeBron James (Knicks)
PF Dirk Nowitzki (Heat)
C Dwight Howard (Clippers)
SG Dwyane Wade (Timberwolves)
PG Chris Paul (Spurs)

ALL-Defensive Team (DOY Points)



SF LeBron James (Knicks)
PF Josh Smith (Trail Blazers)
C Dwight Howard (Clippers)
SG Dwyane Wade (Timberwolves)
PG Chris Paul (Spurs)

ALL - Rookie Team



SF Jeremy Evans (Pacers)
PF Blake Griffin (Wizards)
C Greg Monroe (Trail Blazers)
SG Landry Fields (SuperSonics)
PG John Wall (Mavericks)

Division Winners

Atlantic Division Champs – Miami Heat Central Division Champs – Atlanta Hawks Midwest Division Champs – Houston Rockets Pacific Division Champs – Los Angeles Lakers

Conference Winners



Eastern Conference Champs - Miami Heat



Western Conference Champs – Los Angeles Lakers



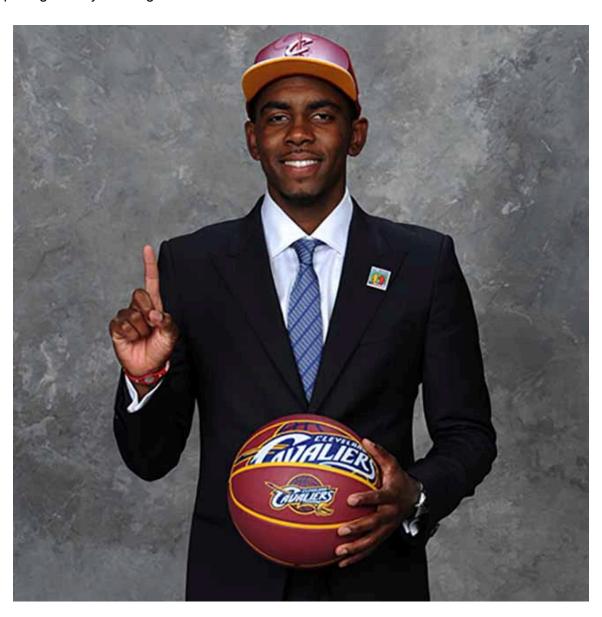
2011: "NBA, I Love This Game" Champions - Miami Heat





The 2011 NBA draft marked the final time the New Jersey Nets made an NBA draft appearance. After the end of the Nets' 2011–12 season, the franchise relocated to Brooklyn, New York and was renamed to the Brooklyn Nets. The Nets made their first draft appearance with the Brooklyn moniker in 2012. Four of the first-round picks, including three of the top four picks, Kyrie Irving, Derrick Williams, Tristan Thompson, and Iman Shumpert, would all eventually become teammates on the Cleveland Cavaliers. The 2011 draft is considered one of the most loaded drafts in NBA history; seven players in the draft would play in at least two All-Star games and six were selected to at least one All-NBA Team, including the final pick of the draft, Isaiah Thomas.

The Cleveland Cavaliers had the first pick due to a previous trade they had involving the Los Angeles Clippers, choosing point guard Kyrie Irving of Duke.





Leonard Kawhi was selected as the number 1 overall pick in the 2011: "NBA, I Love This Game" Draft by the Dallas Mavericks. Kyrie Irving was selected as the number 2 overall pick by the Cleveland Cavaliers





MVP – Chris Paul (San Antonio Spurs)

Defensive POY – Dwight Howard (Los Angeles Clippers)

6th Man – Jason Terry (Seattle SuperSonics)

All-Star MVP – Kevin Durant (Vancouver Grizzlies)

Rookie of the Year – Ricky Rubio (Golden State Warriors)

Finals MVP – Tyson Chandler (Miami Heat)

ALL-NBA Team (MVP Points)

SF LeBron James (New York Knicks)
PF Dirk Nowitzki (Miami Heat)
C Dwight Howard (Los Angeles Clippers)
SG James Harden (Charlotte Hornets)
PG Chris Paul (Spurs)

ALL-Defensive Team (DOY Points)

SF LeBron James (New York Knicks)
PF Josh Smith (Portland Trail Blazers)
C Dwight Howard (Los Angeles Clippers)
SG Dwyane Wade (Vancouver Grizzlies)

PG Jason Kidd (Indiana Pacers)

ALL - Rookie Team

SF Kawhi Leonard (Dallas Mavericks)
PF Kenneth Faried (Boston Celtics)
C Bismack Biyombo (Orlando Magic)
SG Alec Burks (San Antonio Spurs)
PG Ricky Rubio (Golden State Warriors)
PG Isaiah Thomas (Utah Jazz)

Division Winners

Atlantic Division Champs – Miami Heat Central Division Champs – Atlanta Hawks Midwest Division Champs – Vancouver Grizzlies Pacific Division Champs – Los Angeles Lakers

Conference Winners

Eastern Conference Champs – Miami Heat Western Conference Champs – Los Angeles Lakers

2012: "NBA, I Love This Game" Champions – Miami Heat



The 2012 NBA draft was held on June 28, 2012, at Prudential Center in Newark, New Jersey. The draft started at 7:00 pm Eastern Daylight Time (2300 UTC), and was broadcast in the United States on ESPN. In this draft, National Basketball Association (NBA) teams took turns selecting amateur U.S. college basketball players and other eligible players, including international players. The New Orleans Hornets, who had a 13.70 percent probability of obtaining the first selection, won the NBA draft lottery on May 30. The Charlotte Bobcats and the Washington Wizards were second and third, respectively. This draft marked the first time that the first two players selected were from the same school (Anthony Davis and Michael Kidd-Gilchrist were teammates at Kentucky). It also set a record of having six players from one school (Kentucky) being selected in the two rounds of the draft and was the first draft to have the first three selections be college freshmen all from the same conference (Southeastern Conference). Bernard James was the oldest player drafted in an NBA draft, being 27 years old at the time of the draft.

The draft contained seven players who combined for 10 championships as well as having Anthony Davis and Damian Lillard both named to the NBA 75th Anniversary Team in 2021. Many players have been in the starting line-ups of their respective teams; six have participated in an All-Star Game. Draymond Green won NBA championships with the Golden State Warriors in 2015, 2017, 2018, and 2022, as well as being named an All-Star in 2016–2018 and 2022. Green was named the Defensive Player of the Year in 2017, while also leading the league in steals that season. Anthony Davis won a championship with the Los Angeles Lakers in 2020 and was an All-Star from 2014–2021, and 2024, as well as the NBA All Star Game MVP in 2017. He also was the NBA blocks leader in 2014, 2015, and 2018. Damian Lillard became the fourth player to be unanimously named Rookie of the Year. Lillard was an All-Star in 2014, 2015, 2018–2021, and 2023–2024, as well as the winner of the Three-Point Contest in 2023. Khris Middleton won a championship with the Milwaukee Bucks in 2021 and was selected as an All-Star in 2019–2020, and 2022.

Of the players drafted, 30 were forwards, 21 were guards, and 9 were centers. The 2012 NBA draft marked the first appearance of the Brooklyn Nets. This draft also marks the last draft appearance for the New Orleans Hornets. After the 2012–13 season, the franchise was renamed as the New Orleans Pelicans. New Orleans made their first draft appearance as the Pelicans in 2013. Four of the players selected in this draft never played in an NBA game throughout their professional basketball careers. Two of those players were the sole selections of the draft by their respective teams: İlkan Karaman (Brooklyn's only pick) and Marcus Denmon (San Antonio's only pick).



Anthony Davis was selected as the number 1 overall pick in the 2012: "NBA, I Love This Game" Draft by the Cleveland Cavaliers. Damian Lillard was selected as the number 2 overall pick by the Seattle SuperSonics.



MVP – Chris Paul (San Antonio Spurs)

Defensive POY – Dwight Howard (Los Angeles Clippers)
6th Man – Nikola Vucevic (Orlando Magic)
All-Star MVP – Nicolas Batum (Charlotte Hornets)

Rookie of the Year – Damian Lillard (Seattle SuperSonics)
Finals MVP – LeBron James (New York Knicks)

ALL-NBA Team (MVP Points)

SF Kevin Durant (Vancouver Grizzlies)
PF LeBron James (New York Knicks)
C Chris Bosh (Phoenix Suns)
SG James Harden (Charlotte Hornets)
PG Chris Paul (San Antonio Spurs)

ALL-Defensive Team (DOY Points)

SF Paul George (Phoenix Suns)
PF Reggie Evans (Miami Heat)
C Dwight Howard (Los Angeles Clippers)
SG James Harden (Charlotte Hornets)
PG Chris Paul (San Antonio Spurs)

ALL - Rookie Team

SF Maurice Harkless (Milwaukee Bucks)
PF Anthony Davis (Cleveland Cavaliers)
C Andre Drummond (Minnesota Timberwolves)
SG Jimmer Fredette (Boston Celtics)
PG Damian Lillard (Seattle SuperSonics)

Division Winners

Atlantic Division Champs – Boston Celtics Central Division Champs – Atlanta Hawks Midwest Division Champs – Houston Rockets Pacific Division Champs – Los Angeles Lakers

Conference Winners

Eastern Conference Champs – New York Knicks Western Conference Champs – Phoenix Suns

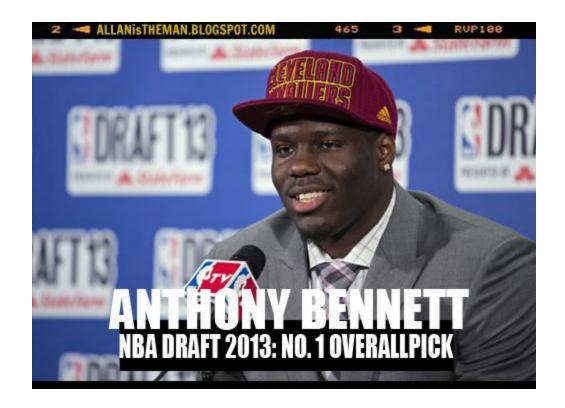
2013: "NBA, I Love This Game" Champions - New York Knicks



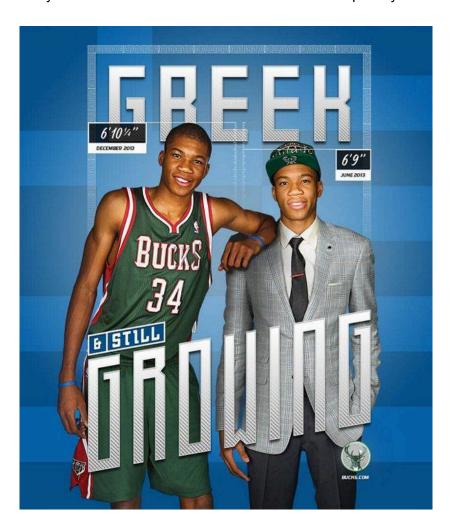
The 2013 NBA draft was held on June 27, 2013, at the Barclays Center in Brooklyn, New York. National Basketball Association (NBA) teams took turns selecting amateur U.S. college basketball players and other eligible players, including international players. State Farm was the presenting sponsor. The lottery took place on May 21, 2013. This was the first draft for New Orleans under their new Pelicans name after playing as the New Orleans Hornets previously. It would also be the last draft for the Charlotte Bobcats under their old name, as they resumed playing under their old Hornets moniker that they last used in 2002 once the 2013–14 NBA season was over. Anthony Bennett, the first pick in the draft, had a very limited number of media outlets considering him as a potential #1 pick in the draft. He bounced around the league and then was finally released by the Brooklyn Nets in January 2017 after averaging just 5.2 PPG.

The highlight of the draft was the Milwaukee Bucks' selection of Giannis Antetokounmpo with the 15th overall pick. The draft also included the first Canadian number one overall selection (Anthony Bennett), the first Canadian pair of lottery picks (Bennett and Kelly Olynyk), the first Iranian draft choice (Arsalan Kazemi), the first New Zealander first round pick (Steven Adams), and the final first round draft selections announced by then-NBA commissioner David Stern, the last of which included a visit by Hakeem Olajuwon, the first pick Stern ever announced from the 1984 NBA Draft. He was replaced by current commissioner Adam Silver beginning with the 2014 NBA draft.





Giannis Antetokounmpo was selected as the number 1 overall pick in the 2013: "NBA, I Love This Game" Draft by the Utah Jazz. Rudy Gobert was selected as the number 2 overall pick by the Los Angeles Clippers.



MVP – James Harden (Charlotte Hornets)
Defensive POY – Paul George (Phoenix Suns)
6th Man – Brook Lopez (Milwaukee Bucks)
All-Star MVP – Kevin Durant (Vancouver Grizzlies)
Rookie of the Year – Chris Wright (Milwaukee Bucks)
Finals MVP – DeAndre Jordan (New Jersey Nets)

ALL-NBA Team (MVP Points)

SF Kevin Durant (Vancouver Grizzlies)
PF Kevin Love (Los Angeles Lakers)
C Dwight Howard (Los Angeles Clippers)
SG James Harden (Charlotte Hornets)
PG Chris Paul (San Antonio Spurs)

ALL-Defensive Team (DOY Points)

SF Paul George (Phoenix Suns)
PF Serge Ibaka (Houston Rockets)
C Al Jefferson (Utah Jazz)
SG Jimmy Butler (Phoenix Suns)
PG George Hill (Atlanta Hawks)

ALL - Rookie Team

SF Chris Wright (Milwaukee Bucks)
PF Ryan Kelly (Minnesota Timberwolves)
C Pero Antic (Detroit Pistons)
SG Terrence Ross (Utah Jazz)
PG Michael Carter-Williams (Chicago Bulls)

Division Winners

Atlantic Division Co-Champs – New Jersey Nets & Orlando Magic Central Division Champs – Charlotte Hornets Midwest Division Champs – Minnesota Timberwolves Pacific Division Champs – Los Angeles Lakers

Conference Winners

Eastern Conference Champs – New Jersey Nets Western Conference Champs – Los Angeles Lakers

2014: "NBA, I Love This Game" Champions - New Jersey Nets



The 2014 NBA draft was held on June 26, 2014, at Barclays Center, Brooklyn. National Basketball Association (NBA) teams took turns selecting amateur U.S. college basketball players and other eligible players, including international players. The draft lottery took place on May 7, 2014. The Cleveland Cavaliers won the draft lottery to earn the first overall pick in the draft; this is the fourth number-one pick for Cleveland since 2003 and third number-one pick over a four-year span from 2011 to 2014. This draft would also be the first for the reborn Charlotte Hornets, who played as the Bobcats from 2004 to 2014, since 2001, when the original Charlotte Hornets last selected as the Charlotte Hornets before moving to New Orleans and eventually becoming the current New Orleans Pelicans.

College underclassmen that were highly touted by NBA scouts and executives included: Andrew Wiggins, Jabari Parker, Joel Embiid, Aaron Gordon, Julius Randle, Zach LaVine, T. J. Warren, and Gary Harris. Other highly sought after talents included Australian player Dante Exum and Croatian player Dario Šarić, who both declared for the draft, and Doug McDermott, who was automatically eligible as a graduating college senior. In addition, a standing ovation for Isaiah Austin occurred between the 15th and 16th picks of the draft, which included having the NBA itself hold a ceremonial pick to select him as a means of letting his dream of having his name be heard in the NBA draft come true, which happened days after he was diagnosed with Marfan syndrome and originally was never considered to play professional basketball again.

Andrew Christian Wiggins (born February 23, 1995) was selected as the first overall pick in the 2014 NBA Draft by the Cleveland Cavaliers after one year of college basketball with the Kansas Jayhawks. Wiggins grew up in Canada before attending his last two years of high school in the United States, where he was named a McDonald's All-American. At Kansas, he was named a second-team consensus All-American before becoming the second Canadian to be selected No. 1 overall in an NBA draft. After a preseason trade to the Minnesota Timberwolves, Wiggins earned NBA Rookie of the Year honors for the 2014–15 season. After five and a half seasons with Minnesota, he was traded to Golden State in 2020. In 2022, Wiggins won his first NBA championship and was selected for his first NBA All-Star game and was named a Western Conference starter. He has also been a member of the Canadian national team. Nearly two months after the draft ended, Andrew Wiggins was traded to the Minnesota Timberwolves as part of a three-team deal that brought Kevin Love to Cleveland; this resulted in the second time since the NBA–ABA merger that a first overall draft pick would not play a single game for the team that drafted him (the first time being the Orlando Magic drafted Chris Webber first overall in 1993 and then minutes later, traded Webber to the Golden State Warriors for Golden State's third overall pick in the 1993 Draft, Penny Hardaway plus three of Golden State's future first-round draft selections).

Two-time MVP Nikola Jokić was taken with the 41st pick in the Second Round of the draft, making him the lowest draft selection ever to win the MVP Award and most recently the NBA Finals MVP award.



Julius Randle was selected as the number 1 overall pick in the 2014: "NBA, I Love This Game" Draft by the Golden State Warriors. Andrew Wiggins was selected as the number 2 overall pick by the Chicago Bulls.

MVP – James Harden (Charlotte Hornets)
Defensive POY – Rudy Gobert (Los Angeles Clippers)
6th Man – Nikola Vucevic (Orlando Magic)
All-Star MVP – Rudy Gay (Vancouver Grizzlies)
Rookie of the Year – Victor Oladipo (Cleveland Cavaliers)
Finals MVP – Russell Westbrook (Boston Celtics)

ALL-NBA Team (MVP Points)

SF Gordon Hayward (Washington Wizards)
PF Pau Gasol (Atlanta Hawks)
C Al Horford (Houston Rockets)
SG James Harden (Charlotte Hornets)
PG Chris Paul (San Antonio Spurs)

ALL-Defensive Team (DOY Points)

SF Kawhi Leonard (Dallas Mavericks)
PF Draymond Green (Toronto Raptors)
C Rudy Gobert (Los Angeles Clippers)
SG James Harden (Charlotte Hornets)
PG John Wall (Dallas Mavericks)

ALL - Rookie Team

SF Robert Covington (Indiana Pacers)
PF Nikola Mirotic (San Antonio Spurs)
C Nerlens Noel (Houston Rockets)
SG Victor Oladipo (Cleveland Cavaliers)
PG Elfrid Payton (Charlotte Hornets)

Division Winners

Atlantic Division Co-Champs – New Jersey Nets Central Division Champs – Charlotte Hornets Midwest Division Champs – Dallas Mavericks Pacific Division Champs – Los Angeles Lakers

Conference Winners

Eastern Conference Champs – Boston Celtics Western Conference Champs – Dallas Mavericks

2015: "NBA, I Love This Game" Champions - Boston Celtics



The 2015 NBA draft was held on June 25, 2015, at Barclays Center in Brooklyn. It was televised nationally in the U.S. by ESPN. National Basketball Association (NBA) teams took turns selecting amateur U.S. college basketball players and other eligible players, including international players. The draft lottery took place on May 19, 2015. The Minnesota Timberwolves won the draft lottery to earn the first overall pick in the draft. It marked the first time in Timberwolves history that they would receive the first overall pick through the lottery. The player selected would also be the third consecutive number one pick on the Timberwolves roster, joining Andrew Wiggins (2014) and Anthony Bennett (2013) - who were traded to Minnesota for forward Kevin Love. This draft also gave the Los Angeles Lakers the second overall pick after jumping over the Philadelphia 76ers and the New York Knicks within the draft lottery.

Highlights from the draft include the first Dominican to be the first overall pick (Karl-Anthony Towns), the highest number of Kentucky Wildcats selected in the draft lottery (four with Karl-Anthony Towns, Willie Cauley-Stein, Trey Lyles, and Devin Booker), which tied the North Carolina Tar Heels in 2005 for most players selected in the lottery by one school; the tied record for most Kentucky players selected in the draft (six with Towns, Cauley-Stein, Lyles, Booker, Andrew Harrison, and Dakari Johnson), the second Latvian to have been drafted in the first round (Kristaps Porzingis), the first former high school player to have skipped college to play in China that was selected in the draft (Emmanuel Mudiay), and the first Indian-born player to have been selected in the NBA (Satnam Singh), who was also the first player since 2005 to have been drafted directly from high school (albeit as a postgraduate). Other noteworthy announcements that came out of the draft included the official announcement of the passing of the last pioneer of the original NBA, Harvey Pollack, around the third pick and the resignation of the league's president of basketball operations Rod Thorn that became official in August after the end of the first round.



Nikola Jokic was selected as the number 1 overall pick in the 2015: "NBA, I Love This Game" Draft by the Miami Heat. Devin Booker was selected as the number 2 overall pick by the Philadelphia 76ers.

2016: "NBA, I Love This Game"

MVP – Stephen Curry (Boston Celtics)

Defensive POY – Paul Millsap (Philadelphia 76ers)
6th Man – DeMar DeRozan (Orlando Magic)
All-Star MVP – Damian Lillard (Seattle SuperSonics)
Rookie of the Year – Karl-Anthony Towns (Milwaukee Bucks)
Finals MVP – Stephen Curry & Russell Westbrook (Boston Celtics)

ALL-NBA Team (MVP Points)

SF Kevin Durant (Vancouver Grizzlies)
PF LaMarcus Aldridge (New Jersey Nets)
C Anthony Davis (Miami Heat)
SG James Harden (Charlotte Hornets)
PG Stephen Curry (Boston Celtics)

ALL-Defensive Team (DOY Points)

SF LeBron James (New York Knicks)
PF Paul Millsap (Philadelphia 76ers)
C DeAndre Jordan (New Jersey Nets)
SG James Harden (Charlotte Hornets)
PG Stephen Curry (Boston Celtics)

ALL - Rookie Team

SF Kyle Anderson (Utah Jazz)
PF Kristaps Porzingis (Houston Rockets)
C Karl-Anthony Towns (Milwaukee Bucks)
SG Devin Booker (Philadelphia 76ers)
Shane Larkin (New York Knicks)

Division Winners

Atlantic Division Co-Champs – New Jersey Nets Central Division Champs – Atlanta Hawks Midwest Division Champs – Vancouver Grizzlies Pacific Division Champs – Phoenix Suns

Conference Winners

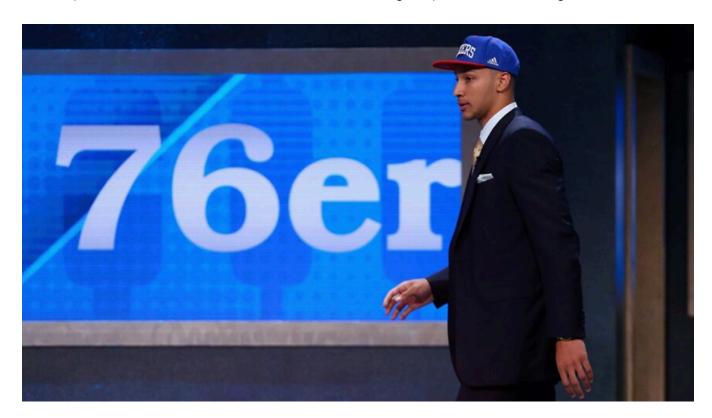
Eastern Conference Champs – Boston Celtics Western Conference Champs – Vancouver Grizzlies

2016: "NBA, I Love This Game" Champions - Boston Celtics



The 2016 NBA draft was held on June 23, 2016, at Barclays Center in Brooklyn. It was televised nationally in the U.S. by ESPN and was live streamed for the first time in NBA draft history by The Vertical. National Basketball Association (NBA) teams took turns selecting amateur U.S. college basketball players and other eligible players, including international players. The draft lottery took place during the playoffs, on May 17, 2016. This was the first time since the lottery system was introduced in 1985 that all NBA teams that missed out on the playoffs remained in the exact spots they were designated, meaning the 10-win/72-loss Philadelphia 76ers received the No. 1 pick, the Los Angeles Lakers kept the No. 2 pick, the Boston Celtics via the Brooklyn Nets got the No. 3 pick, and everyone else stayed in their same spots based on the regular season standings from the 2015–16 season.

Highlights from the draft include the second Australian No. 1 draft pick (Ben Simmons; the first being Andrew Bogut), the first Austrian to be selected into the NBA (Jakob Pöltl), the first high school prospect to be taken in the first round since the 2015 NBA draft (Thon Maker), the first Ghanaian to be selected into the NBA (Ben Bentil), the most Frenchmen to be taken overall (Guerschon Yabusele, Timothe Luwawu-Cabarrot, David Michineau, Isaia Cordinier, Petr Cornelie), the first time since the 1990 NBA draft that an Egyptian has been selected into the NBA (Abdel Nader), and the first time that two Chinese players have been selected into the same draft (Zhou Qi and Wang Zhelin) since the 2007 NBA draft. This draft was also notable for providing the most international draft prospects in draft history, with 28 different players representing different countries instead of the United States of America. It beat out the 2004 NBA draft for the most culturally diverse draft in league history. It was the second time that three players were selected from Serbian team Mega Leks in the same draft (Timothé Luwawu-Cabarrot, Ivica Zubac, Rade Zagorac), the first time being the 2014 NBA draft.





C Joel Embiid was selected as the number 1 overall pick in the 2016: "NBA, I Love This Game" Draft by the Milwaukee Bucks. PF Domantas Sabonis was selected as the number 2 overall pick by the Denver Nuggets.

2017: "NBA, I Love This Game"



MVP – James Harden (Charlotte Hornets)
Defensive POY – Anthony Davis (Miami Heat)
6th Man – Andrew Wiggins (Chicago Bulls)
All-Star MVP – James Harden (Charlotte Hornets)
Rookie of the Year – Clint Capela (Atlanta Hawks)
Finals MVP – Jimmy Butler (Phoenix Suns)

ALL-NBA Team (MVP Points)



SF Jimmy Butler (Phoenix Suns)
PF Kevin Durant (Vancouver Grizzlies)
C Anthony Davis (Miami Heat)
SG CJ McCollum (Seattle SuperSonics)
PG James Harden (Charlotte Hornets)

ALL-Defensive Team (DOY Points)
SF Giannis Antetokounmpo (Utah Jazz)
PF Kevin Durant (Vancouver Grizzlies)
C Anthony Davis (Miami Heat)
SG Dwyane Wade (Milwaukee Bucks)
PG Russell Westbrook (Boston Celtics)

ALL - Rookie Team



SF Caris LeVert (Toronto Raptors)
PF Sam Dekker (Philadelphia 76ers)
C Clint Capela (Atlanta Hawks)
SG Malcolm Brogdon (Cleveland Cavaliers)
PG Yogi Ferrell (Detroit Pistons)

Division Winners
Atlantic Division Champs – Boston Celtics
Central Division Champs – Charlotte Hornets
Midwest Division Champs – Vancouver Grizzlies
Pacific Division Champs – Los Angeles Clippers

Conference Winners
Eastern Conference Champs – Miami Heat
Western Conference Champs – Phoenix Suns

2017: "NBA, I Love This Game" Champions - Phoenix Suns





The 2017 NBA draft was held on June 22, 2017, at Barclays Center in Brooklyn, New York. National Basketball Association (NBA) teams took turns selecting U.S. college basketball players and other eligible players, including international players.

The draft lottery took place during the playoffs on May 16, 2017. The 53–29 Boston Celtics, who were also the #1 seed in the Eastern Conference and reached the Eastern Conference Finals at the time of the NBA draft lottery, won the #1 pick with pick swapping rights thanks to a previous trade with the Brooklyn Nets, who had the worst record the previous season. The Los Angeles Lakers, who had risked losing their 2017 first round pick to the Philadelphia 76ers, moved up two spots to get the Second overall pick, while Philadelphia moved up to receive the No. 3 pick due to the Sacramento Kings moving up in the draft, which activated pick swapping rights the 76ers had from an earlier trade. On June 19, four days before the NBA draft began, the Celtics and 76ers traded their top first round picks to each other, meaning the holders of the top four picks of this year's draft would be the same as the previous year's draft. The Celtics intended to draft Duke University player Jayson Tatum with their pick, and correctly believed they would get him at 3rd as well, a decision which ended up being the best one as Tatum developed into an MVP candidate and led the Celtics to their 18th championship in 2024.

The draft class was the youngest draft class to date, with the most freshmen and fewest seniors selected in the first round; the top seven picks in the draft were college freshmen. It was the third time, and the second in a row, that three players were selected from Serbian team KK Mega Basket in the same draft (Vlatko Čančar, Ognjen Jaramaz, Alpha Kaba), with it previously occurring during the 2014 and 2016 NBA draft. It also included the second Finn selected in the first round, and the first Bulgarian player selected since 1985. The draft also received much media coverage from ESPN pertaining to eventual second overall pick Lonzo Ball and his outspoken father, LaVar Ball, much to the chagrin of many sports fans and even some ESPN employees. This was one of the rare occasions where a player drafted from their year did not win Rookie of the Year; the award went to 2016 first overall pick Ben Simmons, the first player since Blake Griffin in 2011 to win the award in a year he was not drafted.







Jayson Tatum was selected as the number 1 overall pick in the 2017: "NBA, I Love This Game" Draft by the Indiana Pacers. Ben Simmons was selected as the number 2 overall pick by the San Antonio Spurs.



MVP – Anthony Davis (Miami Heat)
Defensive POY – Anthony Davis (Miami Heat)
6th Man – Karl-Anthony Towns (Milwaukee Bucks)
All-Star MVP – James Harden (Charlotte Hornets)
Rookie of the Year – Ben Simmons (San Antonio Spurs)
Finals MVP – Anthony Davis (Miami Heat)

ALL-NBA Team (MVP Points)

SF Khris Middleton (Phoenix Suns)
PF Anthony Davis (Miami Heat)
C Karl-Anthony Towns (Milwaukee Bucks)
SG James Harden (Charlotte Hornets)
PG Kyrie Irving (Miami Heat)

ALL-Defensive Team (DOY Points)

SF Robert Covington (Indiana Pacers)
PF Anthony Davis (Miami Heat)
C Andre Drummond (Minnesota Timberwolves)
SG Victor Oladipo (Milwaukee Bucks)
PG Russell Westbrook (Boston Celtics)

ALL - Rookie Team

SF Jayson Tatum (Indiana Pacers)
PF Kyle Kuzma (Toronto Raptors)
C Domantas Sabonis (Denver Nuggets)
SG Donovan Mitchell (Milwaukee Bucks)
PG Ben Simmons (San Antonio Spurs)

Division Winners

Atlantic Division Champs – Miami Heat Central Division Champs – Milwaukee Bucks Midwest Division Champs – San Antonio Spurs Pacific Division Champs – Seattle Supersonics

Conference Winners

Eastern Conference Champs – Miami Heat Western Conference Champs – Los Angeles Clippers

2018: "NBA, I Love This Game" Champions - Miami Heat





The 2018 NBA Draft was held on June 21, 2018, at Barclays Center in Brooklyn, New York. National Basketball Association (NBA) teams took turns selecting amateur United States college basketball players and other eligible players, including international players. It was televised nationally by ESPN. State Farm was the presenting sponsor of the NBA draft for the seventh consecutive year. This draft was the last to use the original weighted lottery system that gave teams near the bottom of the NBA draft better odds at the top three picks of the draft while teams higher up had worse odds in the process; the rule was agreed upon by the NBA on September 28, 2017, but would not be implemented until the 2019 draft. It was also considered the final year where undrafted college underclassmen were forced to begin their professional careers early. On August 8, 2018, the NCAA announced that players who declared for the NBA draft and were not selected would have the opportunity to return to their school for at least another year.

With the last year of what was, at the time, the most recent lottery system (with the NBA draft lottery being held in Chicago instead of in New York), the Phoenix Suns won the first overall pick on May 15, 2018, with the Sacramento Kings at the second overall pick and the Atlanta Hawks at third overall pick. This draft was also notable for its lack of draft-day trades involving NBA veterans. An average of more than five veterans per year were traded on the day of the last three drafts, but this draft was the first since 2003 in which no such trades were announced. At the end of the 2018–19 season the top 5 picks from the draft were picked as the All-Rookie 1st Team, the first time this had happened since the 1984 draft. The Suns' selection was their first No. 1 overall selection in franchise history. They used the selection on the Bahamian center Deandre Ayton from the nearby University of Arizona.



Luka Doncic was selected as the number 1 overall pick in the 2018: "NBA, I Love This Game" Draft by the Dallas Mavericks. Trae Young was selected as the number 2 overall pick by the Cleveland Cavaliers.

MVP – James Harden (Seattle SuperSonics)
Defensive POY – Russell Westbrook (Boston Celtics)
6th Man – Karl-Anthony Towns (Milwaukee Bucks)
All-Star MVP – Rudy Gobert (Los Angeles Clippers)
Rookie of the Year – De'Aaron Fox (Charlotte Hornets)
Finals MVP – James Harden (Seattle SuperSonics)

ALL-NBA Team (MVP Points)
PG James Harden (Seattle SuperSonics)
SG Jrue Holiday (Phoenix Suns)
SF Kawhi Leonard (Vancouver Grizzlies)
PF Giannis Antetokounmpo (Utah Jazz)
C Anthony Davis (Miami Heat)

ALL-Defensive Team (DOY Points)
PG Russell Westbrook (Boston Celtics)
SG Donovan Mitchell (Milwaukee Bucks)
SF Paul George (Phoenix Suns)
PF Giannis Antetokounmpo (Utah Jazz)
C Rudy Gobert (Los Angeles Clippers)

ALL – Rookie Team
PG De'Aaron Fox (Charlotte Hornets)
SG Luka Doncic (Dallas Mavericks)
SF Mikal Bridges (Houston Rockets)
PF Marvin Bagley (San Antonio Spurs)
C Deandre Ayton (Toronto Raptors)

Division Winners

Atlantic Division Champs – Miami Heat
Central Division Champs – Milwaukee Bucks
Midwest Division Champs – Utah Jazz
Pacific Division Champs – Los Angeles Clippers

Conference Winners
Eastern Conference Champs – Miami Heat
Western Conference Champs – Seattle Supersonics

2019: "NBA, I Love This Game" Champions – Seattle Supersonics





The 2019 NBA draft was held on June 20, 2019. It took place at Barclays Center in Brooklyn, New York. National Basketball Association (NBA) teams took turns selecting amateur United States college basketball players and other eligible players, including international players. It was televised nationally on ESPN. State Farm was the presenting sponsor of the NBA draft for the eighth consecutive year. This draft was the first to feature a new weighted lottery system in which the three worst teams each had a 14 percent chance of winning the lottery; these teams were the New York Knicks, Cleveland Cavaliers, and Phoenix Suns. The lottery took place on May 14, during the NBA playoffs. Three of the four teams who held the top four picks of the draft this year rose up from at least six spots in the lottery, including the New Orleans Pelicans, who won the first pick with 6 percent odds. The Pelicans used that pick on Duke forward Zion Williamson. After Williamson, his Duke teammates R.J. Barrett and Cam Reddish were drafted into the top 10 as part of the Big 3 from Duke. This draft included the first Japanese player to be selected in the first round, as well as the first Angolan player to be selected.





Zion Williamson was selected as the number 1 overall pick in the 2019: "NBA, I Love This Game" Draft by the Chicago Bulls. Ja Morant was selected as the number 2 overall pick by the Toronto Raptors.

2020: "NBA, I Love This Game"



MVP – James Harden (Seattle SuperSonics)
Defensive POY – Anthony Davis (Miami Heat)
6th Man – James Harden (Seattle SuperSonics)
All-Star MVP – James Harden (Seattle SuperSonics)
Rookie of the Year – Ja Morant (Toronto Raptors)
Finals MVP – James Harden (Seattle SuperSonics)

ALL-NBA Team (MVP Points)
PG Damian Lillard (Seattle SuperSonics)
SG James Harden (Seattle SuperSonics)
SF Kawhi Leonard (Vancouver Grizzlies)
PF Anthony Davis (Miami Heat)
C Karl-Anthony Towns (Milwaukee Bucks)

ALL-Defensive Team (DOY Points)
PG LeBron James (New York Knicks)
SG James Harden (Seattle SuperSonics)
SF Jimmy Butler (Milwaukee Bucks)
PF Anthony Davis (Miami Heat)
C Rudy Gobert (Los Angeles Clippers)

ALL – Rookie Team
PG Ja Morant (Toronto Raptors)
SG Luka Doncic (Dallas Mavericks)
SF De'Andre Hunter (Toronto Raptors)
PF Zion Williamson (Chicago Bulls)
C Moritz Wagner (Milwaukee Bucks)

Division Winners

Atlantic Division Co-Champs – Miami Heat & New York Knicks

Central Division Champs – Milwaukee Bucks

Midwest Division Champs – Utah Jazz

Pacific Division Champs – Seattle Supersonics

Conference Winners
Eastern Conference Champs – Miami Heat
Western Conference Champs – Seattle Supersonics

2020: "NBA, I Love This Game" Champions - Seattle Supersonics



2020 NBA DRAFT



The 2020 NBA draft was held on November 18, 2020. The draft was originally scheduled to be held at Barclays Center in Brooklyn on June 25, but due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, it was instead conducted at ESPN's facilities in Bristol, Connecticut, with the event held via videoconferencing. National Basketball Association (NBA) teams took turns selecting amateur United States college basketball players and other eligible players, including international players. It was televised nationally on ESPN. The draft lottery was originally scheduled to take place on May 19, 2020, but due in part to the 2020 NBA Bubble, it was rescheduled to take place on August 20, 2020, instead. This was the first draft since 1975 to not be held in June and was also the second to be done later than that month after the inaugural 1947 draft, which was conducted in July by the NBA's predecessor, the Basketball Association of America (BAA). This draft also featured the lack of a proper "green room" due to pandemic restrictions. The first pick was made by the Minnesota Timberwolves, who selected Anthony Edwards out of Georgia.





Tyrese Haliburton was selected as the number 1 overall pick in the 2020: "NBA, I Love This Game" Draft by the Toronto Raptors. Anthony Edwards was selected as the number 2 overall pick by the Detroit Pistons.



MVP – Damian Lillard (Seattle SuperSonics)

Defensive POY – Rudy Gobert (Los Angeles Clippers)
6th Man – James Harden (Seattle SuperSonics)

All-Star MVP – Jayson Tatum (Indiana Pacers)

Rookie of the Year – Tyrese Haliburton (Toronto Raptors)

Finals MVP – Damian Lillard (Seattle SuperSonics)

ALL-NBA Team (MVP Points)
PG Damian Lillard (Seattle SuperSonics)
SG Bradley Beal (Vancouver Grizzlies)
SF Jayson Tatum (Indiana Pacers)
PF Giannis Antetokounmpo (Utah Jazz)
C Nikola Jokic (Cleveland Cavaliers)

ALL-Defensive Team (DOY Points)
PG Russell Westbrook (Boston Celtics)
SG RJ Barrett (Seattle San Antonio Spurs)
SF Jimmy Butler (Milwaukee Bucks)
PF Julius Randle (Golden State Warriors)
C Rudy Gobert (Los Angeles Clippers)

ALL – Rookie Team

PG Tyrese Haliburton (Toronto Raptors)
SG Ty Jerome (Detroit Pistons)
SF Oshae Brissett (Seattle SuperSonics)
PF Donta Hall (Orlando Magic)
C Moses Brown (Seattle SuperSonics)

Division Winners

Atlantic Division Champs – Miami Heat Central Division Champs – Indiana Pacers Midwest Division Champs – Utah Jazz Pacific Division Champs – Seattle Supersonics

Conference Winners

Eastern Conference Champs – Miami Heat Western Conference Champs – Seattle Supersonics

2021: "NBA, I Love This Game" Champions - Seattle Supersonics



2021 NBA DRAFT



The 2021 NBA draft, the 75th edition of the National Basketball Association's annual draft, was held on July 29, 2021, at Barclays Center in Brooklyn, New York. The NBA draft returned to Brooklyn after the previous year's draft was held through videoconferencing at ESPN Studios in Bristol, Connecticut due to the COVID-19 pandemic. With the first overall pick, the Detroit Pistons selected Cade Cunningham. The NBA used a "ceremonial pick" for the late Terrence Clarke, between the 14th and 15th pick of the draft.





Evan Mobley was selected as the number 1 overall pick in the 2021: "NBA, I Love This Game" Draft by the Philadelphia 76ers. Franz Wagner was selected as the number 2 overall pick by the Boston Celtics.



MVP – Giannis Antetokounmpo (Utah Jazz)

Defensive POY – Nikola Jokic (Cleveland Cavaliers)
6th Man – Anthony Davis (Miami Heat)
All-Star MVP – Joel Embiid (Phoenix Suns)
Rookie of the Year – Evan Mobley (Philadelphia 76ers)
Finals MVP – Donovan Mitchell (Milwaukee Bucks)

ALL-NBA Team (MVP Points)
PG Shai Gilgeous-Alexander (Utah Jazz)
SG Devin Booker (Philadelphia 76ers)
SF Jayson Tatum (Indiana Pacers)
PF Giannis Antetokounmpo (Utah Jazz)
C Nikola Jokic (Cleveland Cavaliers)

ALL-Defensive Team (DOY Points)
PG Dejounte Murray (Indiana Pacers)
SG Devin Booker (Philadelphia 76ers)
SF Jayson Tatum (Indiana Pacers)
PF Giannis Antetokounmpo (Utah Jazz)
C Nikola Jokic (Cleveland Cavaliers)

ALL – Rookie Team
PG Jared Harper (Los Angeles Clippers)
SG Ayo Dosunmu (Los Angeles Lakers)
SF Devin Vassell (Charlotte Hornets)
PF Evan Mobley (Philadelphia 76ers)
C Alperen Sengün (Toronto Raptors)

Division Winners

Atlantic Division Champs – Orlando Magic
Central Division Champs – Milwaukee Bucks

Midwest Division Champs – Denver Nuggets Pacific Division Co-Champs – Los Angeles Lakers & Los Angeles Clippers

Conference Winners
Eastern Conference Champs – Milwaukee Bucks
Western Conference Champs – Denver Nuggets

2022: "NBA, I Love This Game" Champions - Milwaukee Bucks

2022 NBA DRAFT



The 2022 NBA draft (branded as the 2022 NBA Draft presented by State Farm for sponsorship reasons), the 76th edition of the National Basketball Association's annual draft, was held on June 23, 2022, at Barclays Center in Brooklyn, New York. The 2022 edition marked a return to the draft's normal June date after postponements were made in 2020 and 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This draft was the first of at least three straight NBA drafts that consisted of only 58 picks instead of the typical 60 due to the loss of a second-round pick for both the Milwaukee Bucks and the Miami Heat for violating the NBA's tampering rules during free agency. The first pick was made by the Orlando Magic, who selected Paolo Banchero from Duke. Banchero went on to win Rookie of the Year.



Paolo Banchero was selected as the number 1 overall pick in the 2022: "NBA, I Love This Game" Draft by the Vancouver Grizzlies. Jalen Williams was selected as the number 2 overall pick by the Detroit Pistons.

2023: "NBA, I Love This Game"



MVP – Shai Gilgeous-Alexander (Utah Jazz)
Defensive POY – Jayson Tatum (Indiana Pacers)
6th Man – Donovan Mitchell (Milwaukee Bucks)
Rookie of the Year – Jalen Williams (Detroit Pistons)
All-Star MVP – Nikola Jokic (Cleveland Cavaliers)
Finals MVP – Jalen Brunson (Detroit Pistons)

ALL-NBA Team (MVP Points)
PG Shai Gilgeous-Alexander (Utah Jazz)
SG Devin Booker (Philadelphia 76ers)
SF Jimmy Butler (Milwaukee Bucks)
PF Giannis Antetokounmpo (Utah Jazz)
C Nikola Jokic (Cleveland Cavaliers)

ALL-Defensive Team (DOY Points)
PG Luka Doncic (Dallas Mavericks)
SG Dejounte Murray (Indiana Pacers)
SF Mikal Bridges (Houston Rockets)
PF Jayson Tatum (Indiana Pacers)
C Nic Claxton (Detroit Pistons)

ALL – Rookie Team
PG Dyson Daniels (Golden State Warriors)
SG Jalen Williams (Detroit Pistons)
SF Keegan Murray (Dallas Mavericks)
PF Paolo Banchero (Vancouver Grizzlies)
C Walker Kessler (Charlotte Hornets)

Division Winners

Atlantic Division Champs – Orlando Magic
Central Division Champs – Detroit Pistons
Midwest Division Champs – Utah Jazz
Pacific Division Champs – Portland Trail Blazers

Conference Winners
Eastern Conference Champs – Detroit Pistons
Western Conference Champs – Los Angeles Lakers

2023: "NBA, I Love This Game" Champions – Detroit Pistons

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2023 NBA DRAFT



The 2023 NBA draft, the 77th edition of the National Basketball Association's annual draft, was held on June 22, 2023, at Barclays Center in Brooklyn, New York. The draft consisted of 58 picks instead of the typical 60 for the second year in a row due to the loss of a second-round pick for both the Chicago Bulls and the Philadelphia 76ers for violating the NBA's tampering rules during free agency. The first overall selection was made by the San Antonio Spurs, who selected the 7'3" French center Victor Wembanyama. Wembanyama went on to win the Rookie of the Year.





Chet Holmgren was selected as the number 1 overall pick in the 2023: "NBA, I Love This Game" Draft by the Houston Rockets. Cason Wallace was selected as the number 2 overall pick by the New Jersey Nets.



MVP – Shai Gilgeous-Alexander (Utah Jazz)

Defensive POY – Rudy Gobert (Los Angeles Clippers)
6th Man – Jayson Tatum (Milwaukee Bucks)

Rookie of the Year – Victor Wembanyama (Charlotte Hornets)
All-Star MVP – Joel Embiid (Phoenix Suns)

Finals MVP – Payton Pritchard (Milwaukee Bucks)

ALL-NBA Team (MVP Points)
PG Shai Gilgeous-Alexander (Utah Jazz)
SG Kyrie Irving (Miami Heat)
SF DeMar DeRozan (Orlando Magic)
PF Giannis Antetokounmpo (Utah Jazz)
C Nikola Jokic (Cleveland Cavaliers)

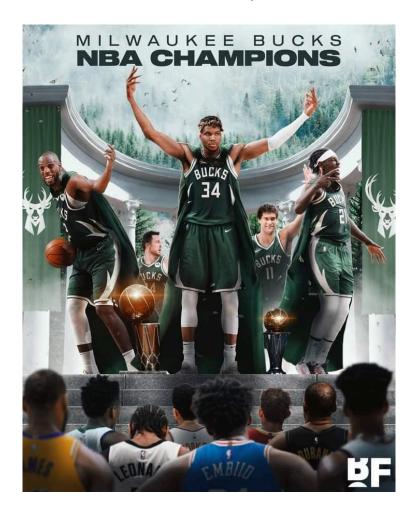
ALL-Defensive Team (DOY Points)
PG Shai Gilgeous-Alexander (Utah Jazz)
SG Anthony Edwards (Detroit Pistons)
SF Kawhi Leonard (Vancouver Grizzlies)
PF Jayson Tatum (Milwaukee Bucks)
C Rudy Gobert (Los Angeles Clippers)

ALL – Rookie Team
PG Scotty Pippen (Seattle SuperSonics)
SG Vince Williams (Chicago Bulls)
SF Amen Thompson (Boston Celtics)
PF Trayce Jackson-Davis (Golden State Warriors)
C Victor Wembanyama (Charlotte Hornets)
C Chet Holmgren (Houston Rockets)

Division Winners Atlantic Division Champs – Miami Heat Central Division Champs – Milwaukee Bucks Midwest Division Champs – Utah Jazz Pacific Division Champs – Los Angeles Clippers

Conference Winners
Eastern Conference Champs – Milwaukee Bucks
Western Conference Champs – Los Angeles Clippers

2024: "NBA, I Love This Game" Champions - Milwaukee Bucks





MVP – Shai Gilgeous-Alexander (Utah Jazz)
Defensive POY – Jayson Tatum (Milwaukee Bucks)
6th Man – Jayson Tatum (Milwaukee Bucks)
Rookie of the Year – Stephon Castle (San Antonio Spurs)
All-Star MVP – Shai Gilgeous-Alexander (Utah Jazz)
Finals MVP – Jayson Tatum (Milwaukee Bucks)

ALL-NBA Team (MVP Points)
PG Shai Gilgeous-Alexander (Utah Jazz)
SG Kyrie Irving (Miami Heat)
SF DeMar DeRozan (Orlando Magic)
PF Giannis Antetokounmpo (Utah Jazz)
C Nikola Jokic (Cleveland Cavaliers)

ALL-Defensive Team (DOY Points)
PG Shai Gilgeous-Alexander (Utah Jazz)
SG Anthony Edwards (Detroit Pistons)
SF DeMar DeRozan (Orlando Magic)
PF Jayson Tatum (Indiana Pacers)
C Bam Adebayo (Detroit Pistons)

ALL – Rookie Team
PG Stephon Castle (San Antonio Spurs)
SG Ajay Mitchell (Seattle SuperSonics)
SF Justin Champagnie (Philadelphia 76ers)
PF Jackson Rowe (Miami Heat)
C Guerschon Yabusele (Charlotte Hornets)

Division Winners

Atlantic Division Champs – Orlando Magic
Central Division Champs – Milwaukee Bucks
Midwest Division Champs – Utah Jazz
Pacific Division Champs – Seattle SuperSonics

Conference Winners
Eastern Conference Champs – Milwaukee Bucks
Western Conference Champs – Utah Jazz

2025: "NBA, I Love This Game" Champions - Milwaukee Bucks

