

- **The NBA Draft is scheduled to take place June 25th in Brooklyn, New York**
- **Georgia shooting guard Anthony Edwards is a heavy favorite to be selected first, while LaMelo Ball has short odds to be drafted in the top-three**
- **What's the best for each of the top-five draft picks?**

No one knows if and when professional basketball will return this season, but at least for now, the NBA Draft is still scheduled to take place June 25th in Brooklyn, New York.

With no major North American sports to currently wager on, NBA Draft props are expected to attract plenty of action. Draft day may still be three months away, but you can already wager on who will be selected with each of the top-five picks.

If the season ended today, the Golden State Warriors would have the highest probability to win the Draft lottery and select first, followed by the Cleveland Cavaliers, Minnesota Timberwolves, Atlanta Hawks and Detroit Pistons.

There's no LeBron James, Anthony Davis or Zion Williamson in this year's class, but Anthony Edwards is a heck of a player, and is the heavy favorite to be taken first overall for good reason.

NBA Draft 1st Overall Pick Odds Player Odds at BetOnline Anthony Edwards -150 James Wiseman +200 LaMelo Ball +350 Deni Avdija +600 Obi Toppin +600 Cole Anthony +700

All odds taken on March 25th

Edwards started all 32 games at Georgia as an 18-year-old freshman. He averaged 19.1 points and 5.2 rebounds, while making over 50% of his two point field goals. The 6-foot-5, 225-pound shooting guard can create his own shot and score at all three levels.

His length and athleticism should help his defense translate at the next level, and it's hard to imagine a team passing on his potential. He checks virtually every box a lottery team is looking for and he has the least amount of warts of the top players on the board.

Former Memphis center James Wiseman is widely considered the next best prospect, but betting him to be selected first overall is fool's gold. The majority of teams projected in the top-five have bigger needs elsewhere, with the exception of the Warriors, but most experts believe Edwards' ceiling is too high to pass up even for Golden State if they pick first.

Pick: Edwards (-150)

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Speaking of Wiseman, his odds to be selected second are far longer than to be taken first, and that's where things get interesting. If the Warriors lands the second pick, Wiseman would be an incredible value at +500.

Golden State is already set with a starting four that will ultimately consist of Steph-Klay-Draymond-Wiggins and adding a skilled, athletic 7-footer would make them virtually unstoppable. Betting him to go number two is a leap of faith, but a sharper wager than any of the other four options.

Pick: Wiseman (+500)

NBA Draft 3rd Overall Pick Odds Player Odds LaMelo Ball +150 Deni Avdija +300 James Wiseman +300 Obi Toppin +500 Anthony Edwards +600 Cole Anthony +700

LaMelo Ball is the chalk for pick number three, but it actually makes sense to look elsewhere.

Ball is the top point guard option, but each of the teams with the four highest Draft lottery odds appear set for the future at that position. Enter Deni Avdija, a 6-foot-9 small forward out of Israel, whose handle rivals most point guards.

Deni Avdija with 21 points today for Israel's senior team vs. Romania. More encouraging flashes

of perimeter scoring and defense. Arguably most well-rounded prospect for 2020.

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— Jonathan Wasserman (@NBADraftWass) [February 24, 2020](#)

He's a capable outside shooter, with elite playmaking skills, who attacks the basket relentlessly. His combination of size, speed and skill fits perfectly into today's NBA.

Pick: Avdija (+300)

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To me, this is the spot where you wager on Ball. If the Knicks or Pistons happen to land at number four than it's a slam dunk. If not, there's a good chance one of them or somebody else trades up to grab him.

Don't sleep on LaMelo Ball's senior season mixtape at Spire pic.twitter.com/4Tz0Rp87FW

— Ballislife.com (@Ballislife) [March 23, 2020](#)

You're getting much more favorable odds at +400, and the current top pick in this category, Obi Toppin, doesn't crack the top seven in most mocks. Ball is a gifted passer, with excellent vision and elite size. He rebounds well and is already a terrific defender with the potential to improve.

Pick: Ball (+400)

NBA Draft 5th Overall Pick Odds Player Odds James Wiseman +200 Obi Toppin +250 Cole Anthony +400 Deni Avdija +600 Onyeka Okongwu +600 LaMelo Ball +800 RJ Hampton +800 Anthony Edwards +800

The last prop bet on the board is my least favorite. That's because the category is missing both point guard Tyrese Maxey out of Kentucky and forward Isaac Okoro from Auburn. Those two SEC stars have a great chance at being selected at pick number five, but since they're not available for this wager, we'll have to look elsewhere.

Much like the fourth overall pick, the fifth selection is a prime spot to take a point guard. Since Maxey isn't an option, the next best point guard on the board is RJ Hampton. He spent the past season playing in New Zealand, as opposed to the NCAA, and possesses a versatile offensive game.

He has an explosive first step, is a capable shooter and can play on or off the ball. His price tag is the biggest selling point at +800, and since we don't love any of the other selections, we might as well shoot for a bigger payout.

Pick: Hampton (+800)

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