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## **LOS ANGELES WINS DRAFT DRAWING, OTTAWA PICKS FIRST**

**NEW YORK (June 4)** — The Los Angeles Kings won the first National Hockey League Draft Drawing today at NHL offices in New York. As a result, the Kings move from the seventh slot in the first round and will pick third. The Ottawa Senators, who finished with the fewest points during the 1994-95 regular season, will pick first. The 1995 Entry Draft will be held in Edmonton on July 8. Los Angeles finished the regular season with the seventh fewest number of points (41), behind Ottawa (23). The NY Islanders, with 35 points, will select second overall.

The ten non-playoff teams that participated in today's Draft Drawing were (in inverse order of regular season points): Ottawa, NY Islanders, Anaheim, Tampa Bay, Edmonton, Winnipeg, Los Angeles, Montreal, Boston (from Hartford), and Florida.

Fourteen balls, numbered one to 14, were placed in a lottery machine and four were randomly drawn. The resulting four digit series (1, 10, 11, 14) was matched against a look-up table. There were 1,001 possible combinations and each of the teams involved in the drawing were assigned a certain number of those combinations. The combinations were assigned by a computer on a random basis and Los Angeles had the four numbers chosen.

The Draft Drawing was weighted to give the teams that finished with the fewest number of points during the regular season, the greatest chance to win the drawing. Therefore, Ottawa, which finished the regular season with the fewest number of points (23) was assigned 30% of the 1,001 number combinations and the New York Islanders, who finished with the second lowest point total in the regular season (35), were assigned 21% of the combinations. Los Angeles had 4.2% of the combinations. The third through tenth teams had the following chances (by percentage) of winning the Draft Drawing: 15.1, 10.9, 8.0, 5.9, 4.2, 2.8, 1.6 and 0.5 respectively.

Under the new system, only the five teams with the fewest points had the chance to select first overall and no team could move up more than four spots in the draft order.

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With the Los Angeles Kings winning the Draft Drawing, the order of selection in the first round, only, of the 1995 Entry Draft is as follows:

- | <b>Pick</b> | <b>Team (Traded from)</b> |
|-------------|---------------------------|
| 1.          | Ottawa                    |
| 2.          | NY Islanders              |
| 3.          | <b>Los Angeles</b>        |
| 4.          | Anaheim                   |
| 5.          | Tampa Bay                 |
| 6.          | Edmonton                  |
| 7.          | Winnipeg                  |
| 8.          | Montreal                  |
| 9.          | Boston (Hartford)         |
| 10.         | Florida                   |
| 11.         | Dallas                    |
| 12.         | San Jose                  |
| 13.         | Hartford (NY Rangers)     |
| 14.         | Vancouver                 |
| 15.         | Toronto                   |
| 16.         | Buffalo                   |
| 17.         | Washington                |
| 18.         | New Jersey                |
| 19.         | Chicago                   |
| 20.         | Calgary                   |
| 21.         | Boston                    |
| 22.         | Philadelphia              |
| 23.         | Washington (St. Louis)    |
| 24.         | Pittsburgh                |
| 25.         | Quebec                    |
| 26.         | Detroit                   |

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