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OILERS WIN DRAFT DRAWING, RETAIN FIRST PICK FOR 2010 ENTRY DRAFT

NEW YORK (April 13, 2010) -- The Edmonton Oilers won the National Hockey League Draft Drawing today and retained the first overall drafting position for the 2010 NHL Entry Draft, June 25 and 26 at STAPLES Center in Los Angeles, California.

The Oilers had the greatest percentage likelihood, 25%, that one of the numbered sequences assigned to them would be the winning combination. Under the lottery system, only the five teams with the fewest points, or the teams owning the rights to those picks, had the chance to win the first overall selection; no team could move up more than four spots and no team could move backward more than one.

This is the first time the Oilers have won the Draft Drawing. The Oilers have never selected first overall in the NHL Entry Draft. The Boston Bruins (via Toronto), Florida Panthers, Columbus Blue Jackets and New York Islanders own the second, third, fourth and fifth drafting positions in the first round.

The order of selection for the first 14 drafting positions in the first round, only, of the 2010 Entry Draft is as follows:

1. Edmonton Oilers
2. Boston Bruins (from Toronto)
3. Florida Panthers
4. Columbus Blue Jackets
5. New York Islanders
6. Tampa Bay Lightning
7. Carolina Hurricanes
8. Atlanta Thrashers
9. Minnesota Wild
10. New York Rangers
11. Dallas Stars
12. Anaheim Ducks
13. Phoenix Coyotes (from Calgary)
14. St. Louis Blues

The remaining positions are determined at the conclusion of the Stanley Cup Playoffs.

The Drawing was conducted at the NHL's New York office and the results were televised live on the 2010 LG NHL Draft Lottery on TSN in Canada and VERSUS in the U.S. The results also were streamed live on NHL.com, available on-demand at TSN.ca and broadcast live on SIRIUS XM Satellite Radio.

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Fourteen balls, numbered 1 to 14, were placed in a lottery machine. The machine expelled four balls, forming a series of numbers. The four-digit series resulting from the expulsion of the balls was matched against a probability chart that divided the possible combinations among the 14 participating clubs. The chart showed that the Oilers had been assigned the numbers (4-8-1-2) that were expelled.

The Draft Drawing is a weighted system to give the teams that finished with the fewest points during the regular season the greatest chance of having their combination selected. The Oilers finished the regular season with the fewest points in the League (62) and were assigned the greatest number of combinations, representing a 25% likelihood that their combination would emerge. Boston was assigned 18.8% of the combinations, followed by Florida (14.2%), Columbus (10.7%) and the Islanders (8.1%). The Blue Jackets and Islanders each finished the season with 79 points, but as a result of having fewer wins, the Blue Jackets were assigned 10.7% of the number combinations and the Islanders 8.1%. The remaining teams had the following chances: 6.2%, 4.7%, 3.6%, 2.7%, 2.1%, 1.5%, 1.1%, 0.8% and 0.5%.

The 2010 NHL Entry Draft will take place at STAPLES Center in Los Angeles, California. The first round is on Friday, June 25 the subsequent rounds will take place Saturday, June 26.

Results of Previous Draft Drawings

Year	Selected	Effect On Draft Order	Player Selected
1995	Los Angeles	Moved from 7th to 3rd	D Aki Berg
1996	Ottawa	Retained 1st selection	D Chris Phillips
1997	Boston	Retained 1st selection	C Joe Thornton
1998	Tampa Bay	Moved from 3rd to 1st via trades	C Vincent Lecavalier
1999	Chicago	Moved from 8th to 4th	RW Pavel Brendl *
2000	NY Islanders	Moved from 5th to 1st	G Rick DiPietro
2001	Atlanta	Moved from 3rd to 1st	LW Ilya Kovalchuk
2002	Florida	Moved from 3rd to 1st	LW Rick Nash **
2003	Florida	Moved from 4th to 1st	G Marc-Andre Fleury ***
2004	Washington	Moved from 3rd to 1st	LW Alex Ovechkin
2005	Pittsburgh	n/a	C Sidney Crosby
2006	St. Louis	Retained 1st selection	D Erik Johnson
2007	Chicago	Moved from 5th to 1st	RW Patrick Kane
2008	Tampa Bay	Retained 1st selection	C Steven Stamkos
2009	NY Islanders	Retained 1st selection	C John Tavares
2010	Edmonton	Retained 1st selection	

* NY Rangers obtained Chicago's pick in a trade (via Vancouver and Tampa Bay). The Rangers selected RW Pavel Brendl fourth overall.

** Columbus obtained Florida's pick in a trade. The Blue Jackets selected LW Rick Nash first overall.

*** Pittsburgh obtained Florida's pick in a trade. The Penguins selected G Marc-Andre Fleury first overall.

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