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FLORIDA PANTHERS WIN DRAFT LOTTERY, EARN FIRST PICK IN 2014 NHL DRAFT

TORONTO (April 15, 2014) -- The Florida Panthers won the 2014 NHL Draft Lottery today and earned the first drafting position for the First Round of the 2014 NHL Draft.

The Panthers have not selected first overall since 1994, when they drafted defenseman **Ed Jovanovski**. Florida won the Draft Lottery in 2002 and 2003, but both years the franchise traded the top selection prior to the Draft.

Florida, who would have picked second based on inverse order of regular-season finish, had the second-greatest percentage likelihood, 18.8%, that one of the numbered sequences assigned to them would be the winning combination. As per the CBA, this was the second NHL Draft Lottery in which each participating team had the opportunity to win the first overall selection.

The Buffalo Sabres, Edmonton Oilers, Calgary Flames and New York Islanders own the second, third, fourth and fifth drafting positions, respectively, in the First Round.

The order of selection for the first 13 drafting positions in the First Round, only, of the 2014 NHL Draft is as follows:

1. Florida Panthers
2. Buffalo Sabres
3. Edmonton Oilers
4. Calgary Flames
5. New York Islanders
6. Vancouver Canucks
7. Carolina Hurricanes
8. Toronto Maple Leafs
9. Winnipeg Jets
10. Anaheim Ducks (from Ottawa)
11. Nashville Predators
12. Phoenix Coyotes
13. Washington Capitals

The First-Round drafting positions of the 16 Playoff-Qualifying Clubs (picks 14-29) will be determined by the results of the Stanley Cup Playoffs. The New Jersey Devils will be entitled to the 30th selection overall in the 2014 NHL Draft (the last pick in the First Round).

The drawing was conducted at the NHL's Toronto office and the results were shown live during a 30-minute program produced and televised by TSN in Canada and simulcast on NBCSN in the U.S. The program also was shown live online and across mobile platforms on TSN GO as well as on TSN Radio stations across Canada.

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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 Panthers had been assigned the numbers (1-6-11-14) that were expelled.

The 2014 NHL Draft Lottery 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 Sabres finished the regular season with the fewest points in the League (52) and were assigned the greatest number of combinations, representing a 25% likelihood that their combination would emerge. Florida was assigned 18.8% of the combinations, followed by Edmonton (14.2%), Calgary (10.7%) and the New York 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 2014 NHL Draft will be hosted by the Flyers at Wells Fargo Center in Philadelphia from June 27-28.

Results of 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	LW Taylor Hall
2011	New Jersey	Moved from 8th to 4th	D Adam Larsson
2012	Edmonton	Moved from 2nd to 1st	RW Nail Yakupov
2013	Colorado	Moved from 2nd to 1st	C Nathan MacKinnon
2014	Florida	Moved from 2nd to 1st	

* 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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