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## **EDMONTON OILERS WIN DRAFT LOTTERY, EARN FIRST SELECTION IN 2015 NHL DRAFT**

**TORONTO (April 18, 2015)** – The Edmonton Oilers won the 2015 NHL Draft Lottery tonight and earned the first drafting position for the First Round of the 2015 NHL Draft.

This will be the fourth time the Oilers have selected first overall, after drafting **Taylor Hall** (2010), **Ryan Nugent-Hopkins** (2011) and **Nail Yakupov** (2012) in consecutive years.

The order of selection for the first 14 drafting positions in the First Round, only, of the 2015 NHL Draft is as follows:

1. Edmonton Oilers
2. Buffalo Sabres
3. Arizona Coyotes
4. Toronto Maple Leafs
5. Carolina Hurricanes
6. New Jersey Devils
7. Philadelphia Flyers
8. Columbus Blue Jackets
9. San Jose Sharks
10. Colorado Avalanche
11. Florida Panthers
12. Dallas Stars
13. Los Angeles Kings
14. Boston Bruins

The remaining positions are determined by the results of the Stanley Cup Playoffs.

The drawing was conducted at Rogers Sportsnet's studio in downtown Toronto and the winning team was revealed live on CBC and TVA Sports in Canada and NBC in the U.S. prior to their broadcast of Game 2 of the Penguins-Rangers First Round series.

Fourteen balls, numbered 1 to 14, were placed in a lottery machine. The machine randomly selected four balls. The resulting four-number series (without regard to selection order) was matched against a chart that shows all possible combinations and the Clubs to which each was assigned. The chart (available on NHL.com) showed that the Oilers had been assigned the numbers (1-5-6-14) that were expelled.

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The Oilers would have picked third based on inverse order of regular season finish, representing an 11.5% likelihood that their combination would emerge.

Full odds of winning can be found [here](#).

The 2015 NHL Draft will be hosted by the Panthers at BB&T Center in Sunrise, Florida from June 26-27.

### Results of Draft Drawings

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Selected</u> | <u>Effect on Draft Order</u>     | <u>Player Selected</u>  |
|-------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 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            | D Aaron Ekblad          |
| 2015        | Edmonton        | Moved from 3rd 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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