2019 NBA Drafts Explained

By Maddie R.

The June 20 NBA draft featured 236 entrants desiring one of 60 spots on an NBA team's roster.

What is the NBA Draft?

According to the NBA, a draft is an event that started in 1947 where teams in the NBA can draft players who are eligible and wish to play. These are mostly college players, but international players may also be drafted.

The draft is usually at the end of June during the NBA offseason. Since 1989, the draft has had 2 rounds. Sixty players are picked in the draft. The 16 teams that make the postseaon get first choice in the draft slots. The remaining 14 NBA teams participate in the draft lottery.

The Pelicans

This year, the Pelicans decided to pick Zion Williamson in the draft. Zion Williamson was drafted in Round 1 as Pick 1. His position is a power forward, and he led Duke to an ACC Championship and an Elite Eight appearance, averaging 26.4 points and 9.1 rebounds over seven postseason games.

The Grizzlies

In 2019, this team decided to draft Ja Morant. His position is point guard, and he led Murray State to a 28-5 record and the 2019 Ohio Valley Tournament championship as a sophomore. Morant was drafted in Round 1 as Pick 2.

The Knicks

This June, the Knicks decided to draft R.J. Barrett. R.J. is a small forward and he was picked in Round 3, 3rd Pick. He led the ACC in scoring and finished just ahead of his teammate, Zion Williamson. He also set an ACC freshman record with 26 20-point games.

The Cavaliers

The Cavaliers chose Darius Garland. Darius is a point guard. His father played seven NBA seasons. Darius sustained a season-ending injury in his left knee against Kent State on Nov. 23.

Musical and Drama Well Under Way

By Tyler

This year's musical and drama are action-packed with zombies, suicide, pirates, and a flying boy. The Governor's Program for Gifted Children is putting on a musical production of Zombie Prom and a drama production of Peter/Wendy.

Zombie Prom premiered at the Red Barn Theatre in Key West, Florida, in 1993 and opened off-broadway in 1996 to moderate reviews which compared it unfavorably to other high school shows such as Grease.

The story is set at the Enrico Fermi High School. According to samuelfrench.com, the cast includes Toffee, the good girl, and Jonny, the rebellious teen, high school students who fall in love on a regular day at school. Toffee's parents disapprove of the relationship and order Toffee to break up with Jonny. Jonny doesn't understand why Toffee would do such a thing so he speeds off on his motorcycle to the nearby nuclear plant and jumps in.

Throughout the musical Toffee grieves over her lost boyfriend and begins to hear a repeated calling of her name. After months, Toffee and her friends are all shocked to see her ex-boyfriend return from the dead as a zombie just in time for prom. He tries to fight back for her love, but Toffee doesn’t know what to do. It’s a musical that’ll

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U.S. Women Still in Hunt for World Cup

By Ryan Byrne

Since June 7, the FIFA Women’s World Cup™ has pitted the best female players in the world against each other for the glory of the highest title in women’s football. And today, the U.S. Women face France in the quarterfinals.

Favorites to win the competition this year are the current trophy-holders in the United States, as well as the hosts, France, and the previous runners-up, Japan.

First let’s clear up how the competition works. In the group stage, all the qualified teams were drawn to be placed into groups of four, and once placed in those groups they play every other team in the group. A win counts for three points (different from goals, points are earned based on the outcome of the game, regardless of the score) in their group, a draw for one, and a loss for zero. If there is a tie in the number of points after the group stage is over, the goal difference of each team decides who lands higher on the table. If this fails to determine a winner, the team with fewer yellow and red cards will be awarded the higher position. And if this still does not separate the two teams, a coin is flipped to see who “wins” the draw.

The United States Women’s National Team (USWNT), placed in Group F with Thailand, Chile, and Sweden. They secured their spot in the Round of 16 by absolutely thrashing Thailand in the first group-stage game by a score of 13-0, a new record for goals scored in a FIFA World Cup™ match.

Alex Morgan tied the record for goals scored in one match with five. She was supported by six of her teammates with Lindsey Horan, Megan Rapinoe, Mallory Pugh, and Carli Lloyd all getting one goal each and Rose Lavelle and Sam Mewis both getting two goals. While some people have voiced concerns about the “no mercy” attitude the USWNT seemed to take, as mentioned before: goal difference can be very important, meaning that every goal scored could potentially mean the difference between qualification or disqualification from the tournament.

The U.S. followed this performance with another amazing display of skill against Chile that, despite a missed penalty from Carli Lloyd and the best efforts of the Chilean goalkeeper, Christiane Endler (who made several world-class saves), ended with the USWNT as 3-0 winners, sealing their spot in the next stage of the competition. Carli Lloyd scored two goals, including an absolute worldy of a left-footed half-volley from the edge of the penalty box into the side netting. Julie Ertz helped secure the three points.

In the game against Sweden, also a Round of 16 qualifier, the U.S. scored its only goal on a corner kick in the third minute of play. While the 1-0 score was not a blowout, the victory was enough.

The top two teams from each group are automatically entered into the Round of 16. The four best performing third-place teams also advance. From this point on, the competition is single elimination.

As the U.S. continues its journey, I will keep you guys updated on their trip to hopefully lifting the trophy for a record-breaking fourth time. If you have any questions or just want to talk about soccer, feel free to come to me! I’ve been playing for almost eight years and have been watching for nearly as long and I’m always down to talk with someone as interested as I am.

Tensions Rising Between U.S. and Iran

By Wesley K.

Tensions between the U.S. and Iran are rising after a U.S. strike, in retaliation for the downing of a surveillance drone by an Iranian surface-to-air missile, was called off.

According to the New York Times, U.S. government officials were prepared to counter Iranian actions with a missile strike after President Trump approved of attacks on Iranian targets, such as radar and missile batteries. The early stages of the operation were underway, until the President called off the operation due to concerns regarding the number of possible Iranian civilian casualties.

The U.S. claims the drone was over international waters, but Iran says it was over Iranian waters. The U.S. Congress is debating our response to Iran because the week prior, oil tankers were damaged by what the U.S. alleges were Iranian mines.

These events threaten the trading lanes in the Strait of Hormuz, through which 20% of the global oil supply travels. With tensions already height-
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By Victoria T.

Senior Dillon Royer has gotten the go-ahead from Mr. Brown to write and publish his own newspaper, The Collette Inquirer.

Dillon said his newspaper will be a semi-uncensored paper with profanity replaced with stars.

He will publish anything in his paper if you write it.

Dillon said he wanted to have a newspaper that had fewer restrictions than The Thinker has. He said that it seems there are many restrictions on what a person can write for The Thinker and since the paper is produced by the publishing class, it is overseen by Mr. Brown.

Mrs. Bell, the publications teacher, said Mr. Brown does review the paper, but there are very few restrictions on what people can write for The Thinker. The content is up to The Thinker staff. The Thinker follows the same ethical guidelines as professional newspapers, which means no profanity, no vulgarity, and no fake news.

Dillon’s paper has the same oversight, Mr. Brown said. He said Dillon was going to check with him before printing his paper. In addition, Mr. Brown said he told Dillon what he wrote could possibly get the program and himself in trouble.

Dillon said his newspaper will be free for people to grab. Additionally, people who are writing for his paper will not get paid a salary.

Dillon’s underground paper is not the first of its kind.

In 1985 there was another paper called The Underground. To paraphrase the paper, it was a new concept created by Gifties, for Gifties. It was supposed to give insight into the thoughts and actions of their fellow Gifties and help preserve the memories of GPGC.

Dillon said he expects his first issue to come out soon.

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ened over the Yemeni Civil War, in which Iran supports the Houthi rebels opposing the U.S.-backed Hadi government, this could lead to an armed conflict between the U.S. and Iran.

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Start Saving Your Work for Miles to Go

Don’t forget to save your best work to submit to Miles to Go. Submit it now to Mrs. Bell. Want to be on the staff? Let Mrs. Bell know!
Cafeteria Menu July 1-3

Monday

**Breakfast**
- Potato Casserole
- Cinnamon French Toast

**Lunch**
- Red beans and rice
- Baked chicken
- Buttered corn
- Broccoli
- Red Potatoes
- Spinach kale and shallots

**Dinner**
- General Tso’s Chicken
- Beef and vegetable stir-Fry
- Tofu vegetable fried rice
- Italian green beans
- Sauteed mushrooms
- Vegetable spring roll

Tuesday

**Breakfast**
- Diced potato, pepper, and onion hash
- Red velvet pancakes

**Lunch**
- Chili Mac
- Chicken nuggets
- Au gratin potatoes
- Bayou baked beans
- Sweet orange roasted carrots
- Fresh green beans

**Dinner**
- Buffalo chicken salad
- Sloppy Joes
- Corn succotash with lima beans
- Broccoli florets
- Smashed red potatoes
- Broccoli rice casserole

Wednesday

**Breakfast**
- Brussels sprout hash
- Cinnamon roll pancakes

**Lunch**
- Chicken and dumplings
- Cheese ravioli and meat sauce
- Squash, peppers & carrots
- Green peas
- Garlic breadsticks
- Steamed rice

**Dinner**
- Baked chicken
- Meatballs
- Chopped spinach with mushrooms
- Sauteed yellow squash & peppers
- Chicken gravy
- Basmati rice

Congratulations to the Senior Raffle Winner:
Clay L.!
Prize: Light-up Bluetooth Speaker

Word of the Week
By Victoria T.

**Bloviate**
*talk at length, especially in an inflated or empty way.*
Let’s see what some of your classmates thought this word meant.

“To over eat.” - Neely Khan

“Below the gate.” - Grace S.

“To flow.” - Katherine L.

“Below somebody’s V8.” - Ben D.

“When someone gets super fat.” - Zoë C.

“To be in the state of blowing things up.” - Raney C.