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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 postseason 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



Source: NBA.com

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



Source: People.com

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 blow-out, 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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Seen and Heard

"Hey, sexy, those are some tight buns."

- Chris H.

"So what about the scooby-doo part?"

- Kadin L.

"I think Dr. Brannon puts sleep-inducing aromas in her class."

- Kadin L.

"I said 'Drew, delete it' nicely each time, but each time I asked, you went 'OoOOoWooOWooo.'"

- Ryan Byrne

"Abe, I wanna be castrated!"

- Stoney M.

"He just slowly rolled by with his window down, looking at me. I was just playing Pokémon Go!"

- Benjamin LaBuff

"Ah, eucalyptus. The thinking man's peppermint."

- Jake T.

"I used to go to church...and then the fire nation attacked."

- Emma M.

"Ah, your skull is so soft."

- Lee J.

"Grace, you are melting my banana!"

- Neely K.

"So, wearing women's pants makes men handsome?"

- Mike H.

"My needle tickled my thigh!"

- Katherine L.

"Ethan sleeps with the monkey for the evening."

-Mr. Markstrom

"If you had a thotiana name, it would be ratiana."

- Sydney B.

"Someone smells like pretzels."

- Emma M.

"Stop with the wee wee talk."

-Ryan Byrne

"Underground" Paper Surfaces

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

Musical/Drama

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leave you laughing until your sides hurt.

Theatermania.com describes *Peter/Wendy* as a darker take on the children's story about Peter, a flying boy who never grows up. This year's production is an interactive audience play that follows Wendy and Peter as the children follow Tinkerbell to the magical Neverland. Characters include Peter, Wendy, Lost boy, Tinkerbell, Captain Hook, and others.

Be sure to come and see all of your fellow Gifties in Tritico on the final week/weekend of performances of the 61st session of GPGC.

U.S. and Iran

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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.

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!

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.

UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

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		1		9	4			
			5			6	7	
5			9	7				3
9	4			8			2	5
8				2	1			4
2	6			9				
		1	2		7			
7				1				

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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.

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
Sautéed 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
Sautéed yellow squash & peppers
Chicken gravy
Basmati rice

Congratulations to the Senior Raffle

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Clay L.!

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