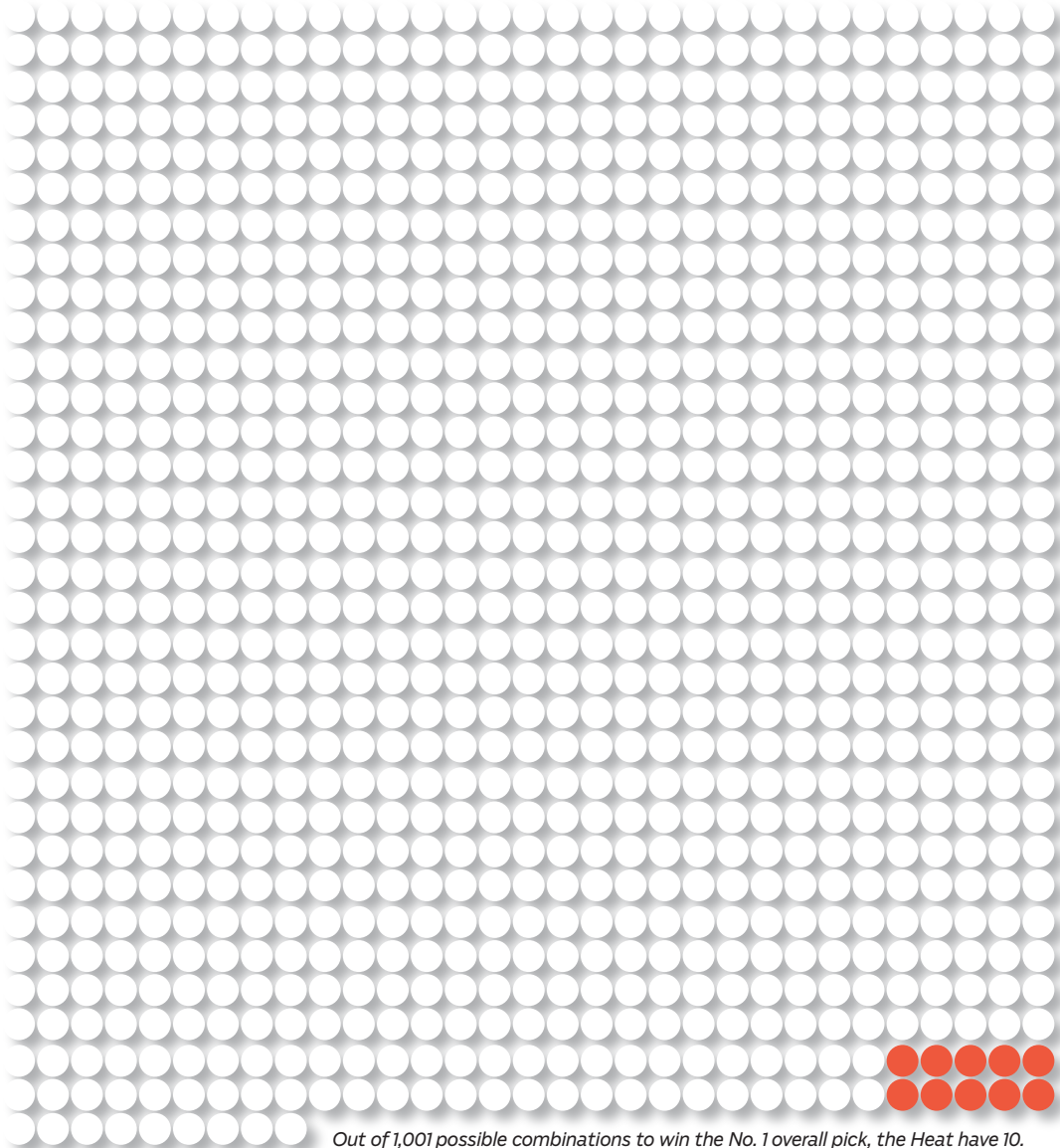


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NBA DRAFT LOTTERY



Out of 1,001 possible combinations to win the No. 1 overall pick, the Heat have 10.

Facing long odds

With **1,001 possible combinations** for 14 ping-pong balls, the **Heat have only 10** that mean they land the No. 1 overall pick. Instead they face a 90.6% chance of staying put at No. 13.

BY IRA WINDERMAN

MIAMI — The answer will come almost instantly Tuesday night, with overwhelming odds that it will not be the result of choice for the Miami Heat.

Such is the reality of being tied for the best record among the entrants at an event designed to reward ineptitude.

Welcome to the 2019 draft lottery, the NBA's annual gathering of teams unable to make the playoffs in a league where 16 of 30 do.

For six months, it was a destination the Heat desperately sought to avoid, a 39-43 finish leaving them two victories and a tiebreaker shy of the playoffs.

The consolation prize? Not much consolation at all — 1% chance at the No. 1 overall pick, a 4.7% chance at one of the first four selections, or otherwise a 90.6% chance of holding seed at No. 13 and a 4.6% chance of falling to the bottom of the lottery at No. 14, with only the first four picks determined by the random-but-weighted drawing in Chicago.

When it comes to ESPN's televised portion of the event at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, the Heat's emotional state will be instant. If the Heat's logo does not emerge as one of the first two envelopes

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FAU FOOTBALL

Ashley among Owls' summer enrollees

Offensive lineman was five-star recruit at Auburn

BY DAVID FURONES

Florida Atlantic next year may have a former Auburn offensive lineman blocking for a one-time Alabama running back.

Calvin Ashley, a former five-star recruit at Auburn, has officially

enrolled and began summer courses at FAU on Monday. He was one of seven summer arrivals coach Lane Kiffin's team announced. The additions come after former Crimson Tide running back BJ Emmons, who played a season at Hutchinson (Kan.) Community College and took another year off, headlined the spring enrollees in January.

Ashley was rated nationally as the No. 6 offensive tackle and No. 26

overall prospect in the 2017 recruiting class, according to the 247 Sports composite rankings.

After redshirting his first season because of an eye injury that required surgery, Ashley appeared in five games last year, starting one. After that Oct. 6 start against Mississippi State, Ashley did not appear again due to a medical issue, which

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DOLPHINS COMMENTARY

Can scheme overcome deficiencies?

DAVIE — The Miami Dolphins apparently don't realize that the team has an edge-setting problem on defense, and has had one for a couple years now.



Omar Kelly

I realize the 2019 team begins the on-field portion of their organized team activity work this week, and reinforcements are coming from this year's draftees, who just concluded rookie minicamp over the weekend.

It's still early, but has coach Brian Flores and his staff not seen the game film from last season, when the Dolphins were the second-worst team in 2018 when it came to stopping the run, allowing 2,325 rushing yards and 4.8 yards per carry?

Does Flores not remember that his former team's game plan against Miami

was to run the ball, pummeling Miami's front with New England's rushing attack, which gained 364 rushing yards and scored four rushing touchdowns in two games last season?

That wasn't an accident.

General manager Chris Grier, who is responsible for handing Flores a decent roster, has to know that following this offseason's roster purge that got rid of four defensive ends, Miami's best edge players are Charles Harris, a former first-round pick who has flirted with the bust label for two years, and Tank Carradine, an NFL journeyman who played in one game for the Oakland Raiders last season before requesting his release, which was granted.

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BRYNN ANDERSON/AP

Dolphins coach Brian Flores and general manager Chris Grier walk off the field after rookie camp practice on Friday in Davie. They are hoping to get the Dolphins back on track.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Prime-time slot for Orange Bowl

Kickoff for game at Hard Rock moved to Dec. 30 at 8 p.m.

BY CHRISTY CABRERA CHIRINOS

The Orange Bowl — the first of the college bowl games to be played at night — will remain in the prime-time spotlight this season.

The Orange Bowl Committee announced Monday that the game, set to be played at Hard Rock Stadium, has now been slated for an 8 p.m. kickoff on Monday, Dec. 30. The game had originally been scheduled to be played Wednesday, Jan. 1, in the early afternoon.

The change means the Orange Bowl will be the

only major football game played that night on national television. No other bowl game is scheduled to be played during the Dec. 30 prime-time window, an Orange Bowl statement said, and the NFL will wrap up its Monday Night Football schedule on Dec. 23 with a matchup featuring the Minnesota Vikings hosting the Green Bay Packers.

"The Capital One Orange Bowl was presented with a unique opportunity by our partners, including ESPN, Capital One, the ACC, Big Ten, SEC, Notre Dame, the Miami Dolphins and the [College Football Playoff] to play this year's game on Monday, Decem-

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