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NFL Draft 2016

This week, the NFL Draft was in session. Some teams got what they were looking for, and some didn't.

A team that was successful in this year's draft were the Jaguars. They were able to get 2 of 4 of their needed positions. The Jaguars have a pretty good offense, so they focused on their defense. The Jaguars drafted CB Jalen Ramsey, a speedy defensive player that could break up passes, redirect routes, intercept, and even sack. He was a great athlete in college, hopefully he can carry that into the NFL. The Jaguars built up their defense, which will carry them to maybe to the playoffs.

A team that didn't fare so well was Saints. They didn't get many of their needs, except for a wide receiver, Michael Thomas, from Ohio St., who will hopefully improve their offense. The Saints got players that will have a good future, just with some improving for a few seasons.

Source: [NFL](#)

Did You Know?

There have been football teams named the All-Americans, Celts, Reds, Panhandles, Triangles, Heralds, Eskimos, Yellowjackets, Colonels, Marines, Tornadoes, Maroons, Jeffersons, Gunners, Stapes and Maroons.



This is a picture of the Newark Tornadoes, the last of the teams listed to play in football.

NBA Playoffs: Round 2 Begins

The NBA Playoffs have started Round 2.

In the West, the Golden State Warriors outplayed the Houston Rockets and went on to achieve a victory of 4 games to 1. The Warriors looked like winners from the beginning since they were a No. 1 seed and they were up against a No. 8 seed. But a Curry injury let the Rockets slip a win, but 1 wasn't enough to go on. The Warriors will face the Portland Trailblazers, who defeated Clippers, 4 games to 2. This series was tighter, where the Clippers were a 4 seed and the Blazers a 5 seed. The Blazers had a stronger team, though, which led them to victory. Prediction: Warriors will win series, 4-2.

Also on the West side, the Oklahoma Thunder won the series between them and the Mavericks. The Thunder have a strong team this year, and this year, they have a good shot if they can keep their bench strong. They will face the Spurs, who beat the Grizzlies with a sweep. The Spurs are able to contend with the Warriors, the best team, but they haven't been thought of that much since the Warriors are scoring a lot. Prediction: The Spurs will win the series, 4-1.

On the Eastern side, the Cavaliers will face the Hawks. The Cavs defeated the Pistons, a team that hasn't been great in years, in a series sweep. The Cavs made the Finals last year, only to be bet by the Warriors, maybe the best team in years. This year, the Cavs can make it back if they can make their bench able to compete. The Hawks defeated the Celtics in their series. The Hawks can make a very good series if they can keep their defense strong. Prediction: The Cavaliers will win the series, 4-2.

The other Eastern series will be decided soon. Prediction: The Heat will beat the Hornets, 4-3. The Raptor will defeat the Pacers, 4-3. The Raptors and Heat will face in the 2nd Round, and the Raptor will win the series, 4-3.

Round 2 will be exciting and will be a step closer to the Finals.

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