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## **Wolves Land No. 2 Pick, Highest in Team History**

*See the #2 Pick in Action with Great Full- and Half-Season Ticket Deals*

**Minneapolis/St. Paul** – The Timberwolves won a top-two pick in the 2011 NBA Draft for the first time in franchise history tonight, landing the second overall pick at the NBA Draft Lottery in Secaucus, N.J. Fans can get in on the excitement and see this historic draft pick in a Wolves uniform this coming season by taking advantage of great new full- and half-season ticket deals, starting tonight and ending on draft day. The 2011 NBA Draft will be held on Thursday, June 23, at the Prudential Center in Newark, N.J.

"We're excited to have the highest draft pick in franchise history and look forward to adding a talented player to our team," said David Kahn, Timberwolves President of Basketball Operations. "The No. 2 pick is a fantastic asset to have as we look to add more talent to our young team."

Fans who took advantage of the Wolves' "Pay the Pick" promotion will now only have to pay \$2 per game for a 43-game season ticket package. Through the Timberwolves' "More" ticket sales campaign that began in March, the team has already generated more than 1,100 new season tickets holders. In response to this incredible demand, fans now have the unprecedented opportunity to join the pack with a newly created half-season ticket package. These 21-game plans include featured marquee teams from the Eastern Conference and at least one game against each Western Conference opponent. Plans are available in most price categories and start at just \$9 per game. Log on to [timberwolves.com](http://timberwolves.com) or call 612.673.1234 to purchase your package or to get more information.

The second pick in the NBA Draft has produced a number of basketball legends over the years, including Jason Kidd, Earl "The Pearl" Monroe, Gary Payton, Isaiah Thomas, Wes Unseld and Jerry West. Recently, Kevin Durant and LaMarcus Aldridge entered the NBA as No. 2 selections.

Originally slated to draft in the first position, the Timberwolves entered tonight's NBA Draft Lottery with a 21.5 percent chance of winning the second overall pick and a 25.0 percent chance of climbing into the No. 1 spot. This will be the highest in franchise history that the Timberwolves have ever drafted. Previously, Minnesota had never selected higher than third overall.

Along with the first overall pick, the Wolves also hold the first round pick of Memphis (20th). Minnesota currently does not own any second round picks in the upcoming draft.

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Earlier today, the Timberwolves launched Draft Central 2011, a comprehensive site focusing on the prospects and news leading up to the June 23 NBA Draft. Fans can follow the Wolves as they prepare for the Draft by logging on to [wolvesdraft.com](http://wolvesdraft.com). New features of the site include the Prospect Power Rankings, where fans can read detailed profiles of all the players and rank their own top-10 draft eligible players. Additionally, the site will include videos, interviews with Wolves basketball staff members and national draft experts, and numerous links to mock drafts and other draft-related coverage.

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