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HOUSTON TEXANS HOLD FIRST PICK IN 2014 NFL DRAFT

The Houston Texans own the No. 1 pick of the 2014 National Football League Draft, which will be held on May 8-10.

The tentative order of the first round was announced today by the NFL.

The NFL Draft will kick off in primetime for the fifth consecutive year. The first round will be held on Thursday, May 8. The second and third rounds are set for Friday, May 9. Rounds four through seven will be held on Saturday, May 10.

Below is the tentative order of the first round of the 2014 Draft, subject to the results of the playoffs. The draft order is determined by the following procedures:

- (A) The winner of the Super Bowl will select last and the other Super Bowl participant next-to-last, regardless of their regular-season record.
- (B) The Championship Game participants not advancing to the Super Bowl will select 29th and 30th, according to the reverse order of their standing.
- (C) The Divisional Playoff participants not advancing to the Championship Games will select 25th through 28th, according to the reverse order of their standing.
- (D) The Wild Card participants not advancing to the Divisional Playoffs will select 21st through 24th, according to the reverse order of their standing.
- (E) Non-playoff clubs will select first through 20th, according to the reverse order of their standing.

If ties exist in any grouping except (A) above, they will be broken by strength of schedule (i.e., figuring the aggregate won-lost-tied percentage of each involved club's regular-season opponents and awarding preferential selection order to the club which faced the schedule of teams with the lowest aggregate won-lost-tied percentage).

If ties still exist after applying the strength of schedule tiebreaker, the divisional or conference tiebreakers are applied, if applicable. If the divisional or conference tiebreakers are not applicable, ties will be broken by a coin flip.

Though Baltimore and Dallas have the same strength-of-schedule, neither the divisional nor the conference tie-breaker applies; therefore, the tie for the 16th and 17th positions will be determined by a coin flip.

The tie between Carolina and San Francisco was broken by the conference tie-breaker. Since Carolina defeated San Francisco in head-to-head competition, San Francisco is given priority in the Draft order, subject to the results of the playoffs.

Clubs involved in two-club ties will alternate positions from round-to-round. In ties that involve three or more clubs, the club at the top of a tied segment in a given round will move to the bottom of the segment for the next round, while all other clubs in the segment move up one position. This rotation continues throughout the draft.

2014 FIRST ROUND DRAFT ORDER

(Does not include trades)

#	Team	Win	Loss	Tie	Winning Percentage	Strength of Schedule	Opp Win	Opp Loss	Opp Tie
1.	Houston Texans	2	14	0	.125	.559	143	113	0
2.	Washington Redskins	3	13	0	.188	.516	131	123	2
3.	Jacksonville Jaguars	4	12	0	.250	.504	129	127	0
4.	Cleveland Browns	4	12	0	.250	.516	131	123	2
5.	Oakland Raiders	4	12	0	.250	.523	134	122	0
6.	Atlanta Falcons	4	12	0	.250	.553	141	114	1
7.	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	4	12	0	.250	.574	147	109	0
8.	Minnesota Vikings	5	10	1	.344	.512	130	124	2
9.	Buffalo Bills	6	10	0	.375	.520	133	123	0
10.	Detroit Lions	7	9	0	.438	.457	115	137	4
11.	Tennessee Titans	7	9	0	.438	.504	129	127	0
12.	New York Giants	7	9	0	.438	.520	132	122	2
13.	St. Louis Rams	7	9	0	.438	.551	141	115	0
14.	Chicago Bears	8	8	0	.500	.465	117	135	4
15.	Pittsburgh Steelers	8	8	0	.500	.469	119	135	2
16.	Baltimore Ravens #	8	8	0	.500	.484	123	131	2
	Dallas Cowboys #	8	8	0	.500	.484	123	131	2
18.	New York Jets	8	8	0	.500	.488	125	131	0
19.	Miami Dolphins	8	8	0	.500	.523	134	122	0
20.	Arizona Cardinals	10	6	0	.625	.531	136	120	0
21.	Green Bay Packers*	8	7	1	.531	.453	115	139	2
22.	San Diego Chargers*	9	7	0	.563	.496	127	129	0
23.	Philadelphia Eagles*	10	6	0	.625	.453	115	139	2
24.	Kansas City Chiefs*	11	5	0	.688	.445	114	142	0
25.	Cincinnati Bengals*	11	5	0	.688	.480	122	132	2
26.	Indianapolis Colts*	11	5	0	.688	.484	124	132	0
27.	New Orleans Saints*	11	5	0	.688	.516	132	124	0
28.	New England Patriots*	12	4	0	.750	.473	121	135	0
29.	San Francisco 49ers*	12	4	0	.750	.494	126	129	1
30.	Carolina Panthers*	12	4	0	.750	.494	126	129	1
31.	Denver Broncos*	13	3	0	.813	.469	120	136	0
32.	Seattle Seahawks*	13	3	0	.813	.490	125	130	1

*- Subject to Playoffs

#- Subject to Coin Flip

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