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(Col.)-Avalanche Win Draft Lottery



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TORONTO (AP) - The Colorado Avalanche have won the NHL draft lottery.

The Florida Panthers own the second pick for June's draft, while the Tampa Bay Lightning have the third selection.

Colorado had an 18.8 percent chance of winning Monday's lottery after finishing the regular season with a 16-25-7 record, worst in the Western Conference.

The Panthers, who finished last in the NHL with a 15-27-6 mark, had the best odds of winning the lottery at 25 percent but had to settle for the No. 2 pick.

Portland Winterhawks defenseman Seth Jones is the No. 1 ranked North American skater according to the NHL Central Scouting Bureau.

Jones is the son of former NBA player Popeye Jones.

The lottery adopted a different format this year, with all of the 14 non-playoff teams having a shot at the first overall pick. The remaining 13 squads will be slotted in reverse order of their regular-season points.

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