

# Top 10 NBA rookies

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This year's NBA draft class turned heads. Teams made bold moves taking polarizing players high in lottery. As the 2018-2019 season gets underway, teams are hoping their draft picks pay off. While some rookies will fade and disappear into the G-league, others have potential to be the face of the league in the coming years. Here is a list of the 10 best rookies in this year's class:

**1. Deandre Ayton:** The Phoenix Suns took Deandre Ayton with the first overall selection in this year's draft. His size and mobility as a big man made him appealing to every team. As of now, he is the clear best player in this class. Look for Ayton to make an immediate impact and to lead this young Suns' team.



**2. Mohamed Bamba:** Bamba was taken with the sixth pick in this year's draft by the Orlando Magic. He was an impressive scorer in college, but he is best known

for his defense in the paint (And the popular song by Sheck Wes: "Mo Bamba"). His height, wingspan, and athleticism make him a great shot blocker down low. Bamba has potential to be a rock for the rebuilding Magic team.



**3. Luka Doncic:** Doncic was one of the more polarizing players in this year's draft class. The foreign-born-rookie was selected third by the Atlanta Hawks and traded to the Dallas Mavericks on draft day. Doncic dominated in Europe, and garnered attention from teams in the NBA. The question is: Can Doncic adapt to the NBA style of play? He has a high ceiling and could transform into the next great foreign player.

**4. Kevin Knox:** The New York Knicks took Kevin Knox with the ninth pick in this year's draft. The Knicks knew that Knox had tremendous upside, but he has exceeded expectations thus far. He showed flashes of greatness during the summer league. He will instantly

become an offensive weapon for the developing Knicks franchise.

**5. Marvin Bagley III:** Marvin Bagley III was selected by the Sacramento Kings with the second overall pick in the draft. He was transcendent in college during his one season at Duke University, where he was named the ACC Player of the year. Marvin Bagley III will easily take the reigns of the Kings' offense this season. It will be interesting to see if Bagley III can adjust his game to dominate in the NBA just like he did in college.



**6. Trae Young:** Young burst onto the scene last college season, scoring at a high clip and making highlight reel plays. Trae Young was drafted fifth by the Dallas Mavericks, and traded to the Atlanta Hawks for Luka Doncic. Young could turn into a great scorer in this league, but he will have to be more efficient and learn how to create space for his jump shot. He recently dropped 35 points against the Cavaliers,

and became the first rookie this season to score over 30 points in a single game.



**7. Wendell Carter Jr.:** Carter Jr. showed flashes during his one season at Duke. He was taken by the Chicago Bulls with the seventh pick. Carter teams up with an impressive center: Lauri Markkanen. If they can learn each others play styles, the Chicago big-man tandem could be one of the best in the league. If Carter can improve his outside shooting and defensive presence, he will have an impact in this league for years to come.

**8. Collin Sexton:** Sexton was selected with the eighth pick by the Cleveland Cavaliers. This summer, the Cavs lost the face of their franchise: LeBron James. With his departure, the team needs a leader. Sexton could fill this roll perfectly. His athleticism at point guard position is impressive. He will also bring high energy, which will be essential for this Cavalier's team. Once he settles into his roll, Sexton could become the face of the franchise.

**9. Jaren Jackson Jr.:** Jackson Jr. was selected fourth overall by the Memphis Grizzlies. He was highly touted coming out of college, and the Grizzlies made a wise choice by selecting him. The organization will need to give him time to mature, but he has potential to be great in the long run. His versatile play at the power forward position makes him valuable in the new NBA style of play. Jackson's outside shooting and interior defense make him a well rounded addition to the Memphis franchise.



**10. Michael Porter Jr.:** Porter Jr slid a long way in this year's draft, coming off the board at pick 14, after being a projected top 10 pick. In his one year at Missouri, Porter Jr. spent the vast majority of the season dealing with a serious back injury. If Porter Jr can avoid injuries, he could be the steal of the 2018 draft. His scoring ability is more than impressive and he could completely transform the offensive approach of the up and coming Nugget's team.

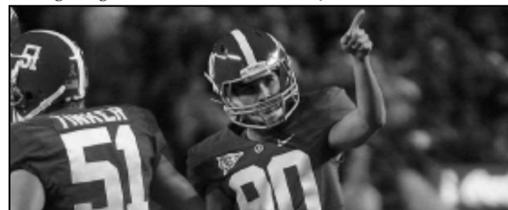
# The lost Capital

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Jeremy Shelley is a Raleigh native and was the Broughton High School kicker from 2005-2008. Jeremy was not only a star varsity football player, he also played four years of varsity soccer during his time at Broughton. Shelley was a stellar Broughton athlete, but is not as recognized as other impressive alum.

Shelley was recruited by some of the top notch division one football programs. He ended up at the university of Alabama as the backup kicker his freshman year. Shelley gradually earned the starting job as kicker.

In Shelley's first year as a place kicker, the Crimson Tide won the SEC championship. A year later, in 2010, Shelley and the Tide won the BCS National Championship. They won again in 2012, where Shelley made a BCA National Championship game record of 5 made field goals during the game. The Tide



Jeremy Shelley celebrating after a made field goal

were rolling once again in 2013, Shelley's senior year. Alabama won yet another BCS Championship, Shelley's third national title. Shelly finished his senior year with a perfect season not missing a single kick or point after touchdown (PAT) Shelley also finished his collegiate career with 172 points after touchdowns, an Alabama record.

Shelley entered the NFL draft after his senior year and went undrafted. Soon enough, he was called by the Atlanta Falcons and was picked up as a free agent. Shelley and the Falcons soon parted ways in 2013. Shelley was optimistic, still on his quest for his desired professional football position. He was on the market, and the Arizona Rattlers, of the Arena Football League called him up to offer him a position on the roster. Shelley is now 27 years old and is the place kicker for Arizona Rattlers. Shelley struggled as his first start was upon him, as of late he has helped the team to victory.

positive girl on this team. She always has a smile on her face and brings laughter to everyone. In these past two years, you have made my experience so special," junior Zoe Durland said.

"Katie, there is no one I would rather play doubles with. Your positivity always keeps me calm during our matches. Don't forget about us back at Broughton. I love you and I am going to miss you so much," junior Addie Camak said.

On October 9th six players represented Broughton in the Cap-7 tournament. Two players playing singles, sophomore Trevlyn Roberts and senior Becket Waters. The other four players played doubles, sophomore Maia Stewart and senior Meg Hardesty, and, junior Addie Camak and senior Katie Burroughs.

season 9-5, 3rd in the conference. After a recent renovation of the courts, the Lady Caps were 6-1 at home.

Senior Day was October 5th vs. Raleigh Charter. The four seniors this season were Becket Waters, Meg Hardesty, Katie Burroughs, and Lilly Roth. Parents, siblings, former coaches and administrators all came out to support the seniors. A few players gave a short speech about each of the seniors.

"Meg Hardesty is a leader, she takes charge and responsibility of any and every situation. She is a role model to every player on this team," sophomore Maia Stewart said.

"Becket, playing doubles with you this year was a great learning experience for me. You have taught me so much and helped shape me not only the player I have become but the person I am today. Your strength on the court is inspiring to me and everyone watching you," Roberts said. "Lilly Roth is the most



Senior Katie Burroughs serves the ball

# Women's tennis making a racket

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Broughton Women's tennis is a powerhouse team in the Cap-7 even with five first-year players on their roster. Handed Cardinal Gibbons their first conference loss since 2009, the Lady Caps have made their presence known. Gibbons had won 109 straight conference matches, including conferences from the past like PAC-6, Big 8 and Carolina 6. With a singles and doubles win to rally the Lady Caps against Gibbons, senior Meg Hardesty was awarded the North Carolina High School Athletic Association Performance of the Week Award.

"Beating gibbons was a huge upset and big deal for us as a team. Hearing all of the congratulations the next day from people I didn't know made me feel special because most people don't pay attention to women's tennis," sophomore Trevlyn Roberts said.

Even with the big wins, they have lost some games too. Their five losses have come from an out of conference match at Green Hope, and home matches at Enloe, at Gibbons, and two at Sanderson.

The Lady Caps are the 2nd youngest team in the Cap 7, right in front of Southeast Raleigh. Even though they do not have the most experience in the conference, they have shown that they can compete at the same level.

The Lady Caps finished the

# "Team 90" changes the culture

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Reporter

After a 2-12 campaign in last year's season, "Team 90" has a much improved record of 6-4, including three consecutive victories to kick off the fall. In the season opener, the Caps enjoyed an impressive 57 point win on the road in a shutout of non-conference opponent Apex.

Broughton carried the momentum from the opening win, in back-to-back wins, including a blowout against Athens Drive 42-7 and a 37-19 win over Cary. In the Cary game, the offensive attack was led by senior Ryan Strickland, with three rushing touchdowns in the first home game of the season.

Coach Chris Dawson says that the Athens win gave the team confidence.

"Athens was a playoff team last year that beat up on us last season, and for us to beat up on them gave us confidence," Dawson said.

Dawson attributes the early success to the execution on the defensive side of the ball. "Our defense I would point to first and foremost, they are the most improved unit on the team from last year to this year. They have scored points for us and put the offense in good positions to score whether that's blocking punts or causing a turnover. Our linebackers and defensive line have played really well," Dawson said.

Against Cary, the Caps defense forced four turnovers, including a pick-six by Ben Haugh. Dawson says that senior Brandon Codrington has made a huge impact this season.

"I think he has been the best



Courtesy of Marc Ridel

The football team lining up for the National Anthem

player on the field in the first four games of the season," Dawson said.

Codrington had seven tackles and an interception in the win against Athens and went for eight tackles, blocked a kick, and took a 76-yd kick-off return all the way for the score against Rolesville.

The Caps suffered their first loss of the season at home against Knightdale, and then fell to Rolesville in a tough overtime loss. The Caps look to improve their offensive consistency in their next games.

"It's really just a consistency thing, not a lot of big problems that need to be fixed. Executing more consistently, so we keep drives going and don't stall in the red zone," Dawson said.

The Caps bounced back from the losses with a win over Southeast at home 37-14, led by four passing touchdowns for quarterback Gordon Guest.

Against Enloe, Broughton

was defeated 19-21 in a hard fought game that was decided on the final drive. An early missed extra point followed by a failed 2-point conversion would put the Caps down early, and an interception in the red zone late in the game sealed the deal.

Broughton struggled mightily to keep up with Cardinal Gibbons on the road the next week, a final of 56-10 when it was said and done.

In the Homecoming game against Sanderson, Broughton showed out and came out on top 41-35 in a great game, which was a big win for the Caps. The passing attack was on and quarterback Gordon Guest threw four touchdowns, two to senior Jakym Clark.

Broughton looks to carry the momentum from their big Homecoming win forward in their upcoming matchup Millbrook this week and at senior day against Leesville November 9.

RIDGE MASSARELLI  
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The Broughton men's soccer team started conditioning in the heat of early August. The team is under new head coach Mike Cantrell, who looks to bring success to the soccer program.

Boasting veteran roster, the Capitals have ten seniors on the varsity team this year. Leading the Capitals on offense are seniors John White, Andrew Rossetti, and Lucas Beeson; the defense is led by Duncan Coffey and Ivey O'Brien.

So far this year, the team has an overall record of 13 wins, 7 losses, and one tie. Inside the Cap 7, the Capitals have 4 wins and 4 losses, and out of conference the Capitals have had 6 wins and 2 losses.

Despite losses, morale has remained high throughout the course of the year due to new head coach Cantrell.

"Coach Cantrell has brought a whole new energy to the team this year," senior striker Lucas Beeson said.

"By being such a young coach, he has really been able to build a strong bond with all of the guys on the team," Beeson said.

The Capitals were not slowed down by losses early in the season. The team came out strong in their first conference game, defeating the Sanderson Spartans. Rossetti scored the deciding goal of the night to make the score 1-0.

Throughout the month of October, the Caps lost to Millbrook and Gibbons. The team shined through the minor setbacks, defeating Southeast, Enloe, Leesville, Sanderson, and Millbrook in the month of October.

In a special game versus Leesville Road, the Caps won their tenth game in a double overtime thriller. Team captain Ivey O'Brien said that beating Leesville in double was a surreal feeling.

"[It was] probably our biggest win of the year because we had not beaten them in 3 years and this was our last opportunity to do it," O'Brien said.

The capitals fought all the way into double overtime against the Lions and ultimately triumphed by a score of 2-1.

The Caps ended the regular season with a 13-7 and are now headed to the state tournament.



Senior John White celebrating with the team

# Striding towards victory

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Reporter

The 2018-2019 school year kicked off and so did the cross-country season. The boy's team is led by Coach David Christian and the girls are led by Coach Ryan "Fish" Solomon. The boy's team looks to top their successful season a year ago, where the team won the Cap 7 Conference meet, and placed 3rd in the state meet. The girls team has something to prove this year after finishing 1st in the regional meet, and 6th at the state meet a year ago.

The Caps started the season with the Friday Night Lights Festival in Kernersville, North Carolina. This was an entertaining meet because the races kicked off as the sun was going down. The boys were led by JJ Malach who placed 14th overall, and Jack Rooney who placed 28th overall. For the girl's team, Anna Simmons finished first for the Capitals, and 38th overall.

The Caps went back to work, looking to raise the bar heading into The Hare and Hounds Invitational in Charlotte, NC. Zoe Kempf had

a stellar performance, and placed 9th in the Girls Open race. Anna Simmons had an equally impressive race, finishing 10th in the Girls Invitational. On the men's side Cooper Thompson, Jacob Serozi and John Grow finished 2nd, 3rd, and 4th in the Open race. In the Boys Championship race Malach beat his personal record, running an amazing 15:37 and becoming the fastest junior in the state.

On October 6th, the Caps raced in The Great American Cross Country Festival held in Cary, NC. Simmons, Emily Cornell, and Allie Brown finished 35, 36, and 37th in the Blue Invitational, utilizing the pack-attack mentality. The men were led by Michael Rooney who had a stud-like performance and finished 5th on the leaderboard. Not far behind, Scott Rostick and Edward Brinkley finished 14th and 18th.

At the end of the regular season, the Cap -7 Conference Championship took place. For the women, Simmons placed 8th overall, followed by Jordan Daniels, who finished 14th. Malach showed out once again with a stellar performance which placed him 3rd

in the varsity men's race. The Lady Caps placed 3rd at conference and the men placed 3rd as well.

Beginning postseason competition, the team headed to Greenville, NC to compete in the regional meet. In this meet, the top four women's teams and the top four men's teams advance to the state meet.

Hopes were high for the Caps, and neither the boys or girls disappointed. The boys had a stellar team performance, with Malach, J. Rooney, M. Rooney, Brinkley, and Rostick all finishing in the top-20. The boy's team finished 1st overall, giving them confidence heading into the state championship meet. The girl's team fought through adversity to finish 2nd place in a competitive field. Annabelle Atkinson finished 16th overall, and ran her season best time. Kempf and Ella Kuhn stepped up for the girl's team, both running their personal best times in a critically important meet.

The Caps finished the season with a 4th place boy's team finish and a 7th place girl's team finish at the state meet.

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# Serving up success



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## The Caps discussing game play for the next point

MAIA STEWART  
Reporter

The Broughton Varsity Volleyball team has been crushing it this season, with many wins, and only four losses against Green Hope, Millbrook, Leesville twice, and Cardinal Gibbons twice. They are nearing the end of their season, and here is a brief synopsis of what has been going down on the court.

The starters are Jade Demps and Brittany Wood playing outside hitter, Charlotte Fullbright playing middle blocker, Quincy Vanderhorst playing outside hitter/setter, Ashley Soltis playing outside hitter/right side, and Tory Schafer as libero. They had an impressive winning record of 12-6 for the regular season.

Head Coach Jim Freeman is a coach at Triangle Vol-

leyball Club, as well as being the Broughton varsity head coach.

The volleyball team, though competitive, has been having a lot of fun this season.

"I enjoy being able to practice with the talented girls on our BHS team, being led by an experienced coach, and facing tough schools in our conference," sophomore Charlotte Fullbright said.

"This team also works really hard everyday. We also clenched a win against Millbrook. It was a close game and we had to overcome some challenges, but we kept a positive attitude and our bond as a team was strengthened," Fullbright said.

To see what it was like to be a "veteran" of the Broughton Varsity Volleyball team, senior Brittany Wood had some things to say.

"Being a senior changed how I view my role on the team because I realized that I am a leader of the team, and I need to do my best to lead by example along with stepping up and motivating the rest of the team," Wood said.

This team is ready to finish out their season strong; they have lots of high hopes.

"As we finish out the season, some of my goals for the team is to make playoffs, and hopefully be able to win a state championship," Wood said.

The volleyball has been doing well this season, and made the 4A division playoffs. They beat Cornith Holders, Apex, and Ashley, but lost to the number one seed Cardinal Gibbons in the elite eight of the volleyball state championship bracket.

# Drew Brees: the bees knees

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New Orleans Saints quarterback Drew Brees passed former quarterback Peyton Manning in all-time passing yards at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome on October 8.

With just over two and a half minutes left before half-time, Drew Brees passed to wide receiver Tre'Quan Smith for a 62-yard touchdown, which broke the record.

Peyton Manning held the record for 1000 days beating Brett Favre's old record, until that Monday night. Manning posted a humorous video congratulating Brees on the accomplishment.

Other quarterbacks also remarked on Brees breaking the record.

"I think so highly of him and everything he's accomplished. He's a great player and a great leader," New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady said after the game.

Although Drew Brees is one of the oldest quarterbacks, at the age of 39, he is still doing very well with him leading the New Orleans Saints with a record of 5-1 and has a good chance of making playoffs.

Brees has been one of the most underrated players in the league for years now, but since he has broken this record, hopefully he will receive the recognition he deserves.

He is considered one of the best quarterbacks of our era and is on track to make playoffs, and maybe even the Superbowl.



Photo from Instagram

## Drew Brees celebrates after breaking record

# Record setting

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78 seconds is not a very long time. That is one quarter of the time given for class changes and roughly half the time it takes your 2018-19 student body President Mason Wasik to give the afternoon announcements. It is not a very long time, unless you're in the business of world class marathon running.

On September 16, 2018 at the Berlin Marathon, Kenyan runner Eliud Kipchoge smashed the former marathon record by more than a minute. His official time was 2:01:39. The old record set in the 2014 edition of the Berlin race was 2:02:57 by Dennis Kimetto.

The improvement does not seem very large, but it is huge over the course of a marathon. Kipchoge averaged 4 minutes and 38 seconds each mile, which is three seconds faster per mile than the pace run by Dennis Kimetto in the former record setting race. Only seven members of the Broughton track team last year ran 4:38 or faster in the one mile event. Eliud Kipchoge did it 26 times in a row.

"I lack words to describe this

day," Kipchoge said after the race.

Eliud Kipchoge now officially holds the world record in the marathon, but his time from Berlin is not his fastest marathon. He has clocked in at 2:00:25 over the distance.

This time was run as a part of Nike's "Breaking 2" project where they attempted to prove that it was possible for a human being to run a marathon in less than two hours.

The "Breaking 2" race was not run under the conditions for a legal world record attempt according to the IAAF, the International Association of Athletic Federations requirements because of rotating pacers and mobile water bottle handoffs among other reasons. This meant that at the completion of the race the fastest marathon ever run was not the world record.

The two hour barrier similar to the four minute mile has been a goal of professional runners for years. Many had speculated that Eliud Kipchoge would be the man to break the barrier. While he has come painfully close at 33 years old, his time as an elite runner may be coming to a close.

# The King gets a new kingdom

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During this NBA offseason, one of the biggest names in basketball, LeBron James, decided to leave his old team, the Cleveland Cavaliers, and join the Los Angeles Lakers. Rumors of LeBron wanting to move to LA had been surfacing for a couple years and the rumors finally turned out to be true when James signed with the team in early July.

Lebron's move to the Lakers meant he would join the likes of former Lakers; Magic Johnson, Kobe Bryant and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar.

The Lakers have a historically successful franchise, winning 16 NBA titles and five since the year 2000.

After the retirement of Kobe Bryant, the team seemed to fall off a little bit, going an abysmal 61-103 in two seasons without Bryant.

Lakers fans are hoping that LeBron James will revive the championship mindset that the franchise has always had.

The one problem facing the 2018-2019 Laker's squad is the lack of experience. Many players on the roster that are expected to take on large roles this year are early in their NBA playing careers. The team will need time to mature and grow as a collective whole.

Some people have questions as to why Lebron would make a move like this. Lebron is deciding to take a route that



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## Lebron James talks to his young teammates

has recently not been taken by many all-star caliber players. He is joining a young team, without a current star player.

Some people have questions as to why Lebron would make a move like this. Lebron is deciding to take a route that has recently not been taken by many all-star caliber players. He is joining a young team, without a current star player.

Lebron has normally had all-stars around him. He teamed up with Chris Bosh and Dwyane Wade on the Miami Heat, and Kyrie Irving and Kevin Love on the Cavaliers. In today's NBA, players have a tendency to join teams with other star players. The most prominent being the

Golden State Warriors, who signed their fifth All-Star this off-season in Demarcus Cousins. Lebron decided to join a team that is in the process of building a contender. A team with players young players Brandon Ingram, Kyle Kuzma, Lonzo Ball and Josh Hart. These are all players heading into their second or third season in the league.

The start of the season for the Lakers has not been too great, with team going 4-6 in their first 10 games. Although this isn't exactly the start that Lakers fans were hoping for, they still believe that Lebron's presence can make their team victorious again.

