

# NBA Draft

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## Taylor Hendricks



### Q. Talk about what you'll bring to the Jazz.

TAYLOR HENDRICKS: I feel like I'll bring a lot more length to the Jazz, and my shooting ability and my defensive versatility is something I can bring to the Jazz.

### Q. You grew up in Fort Lauderdale, went to University of Central Florida. Are you prepared for the winters in Utah?

TAYLOR HENDRICKS: Yes, I am definitely prepared. I'm not really around snow too much, so it's going to be different. I'm going to have a lot of snow fights.

### Q. What was it like hearing your name called? Also, what's your first memory of the draft? If you watched it growing up as a kid, who was the first one you remember seeing get drafted?

TAYLOR HENDRICKS: Hearing my name was, like, insane. Like, it still doesn't even feel real.

I think the first person I could remember off the top of my head was watching Bam Adebayo go to the Miami Heat. I was watching his highlights from high school probably a couple hours before. I didn't even know the draft was going to come on, and then I turned on the TV, wait a few minutes and he gets drafted. I was like, what? I was just watching his highlights. That was probably the person I could think off the top of my head.

### Q. What did you know in terms of Utah's interest in you in the last few weeks? And what do you know about Will Hardy as a coach and the way they play?

TAYLOR HENDRICKS: I know the Utah Jazz, they like to play big. They like big lineups. They like moving Lauri to the 3. I feel like I could fit in that team really well because they have a lot of length, so I'm going to be right with them. My shooting ability could really help them out, as well.

### Q. At No. 6, did you think the Orlando Magic, since you were obviously a star in Orlando, did it go through your mind, hey, wait a minute? Did they speak to you during the process or did you have a feeling they would go in a different direction?

TAYLOR HENDRICKS: You never really know on draft night, but on my visit I had a great time with all the people I met with and the dinner. I mean, I love Orlando. I love the city. Love Utah, too. They want me, so I want them.

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