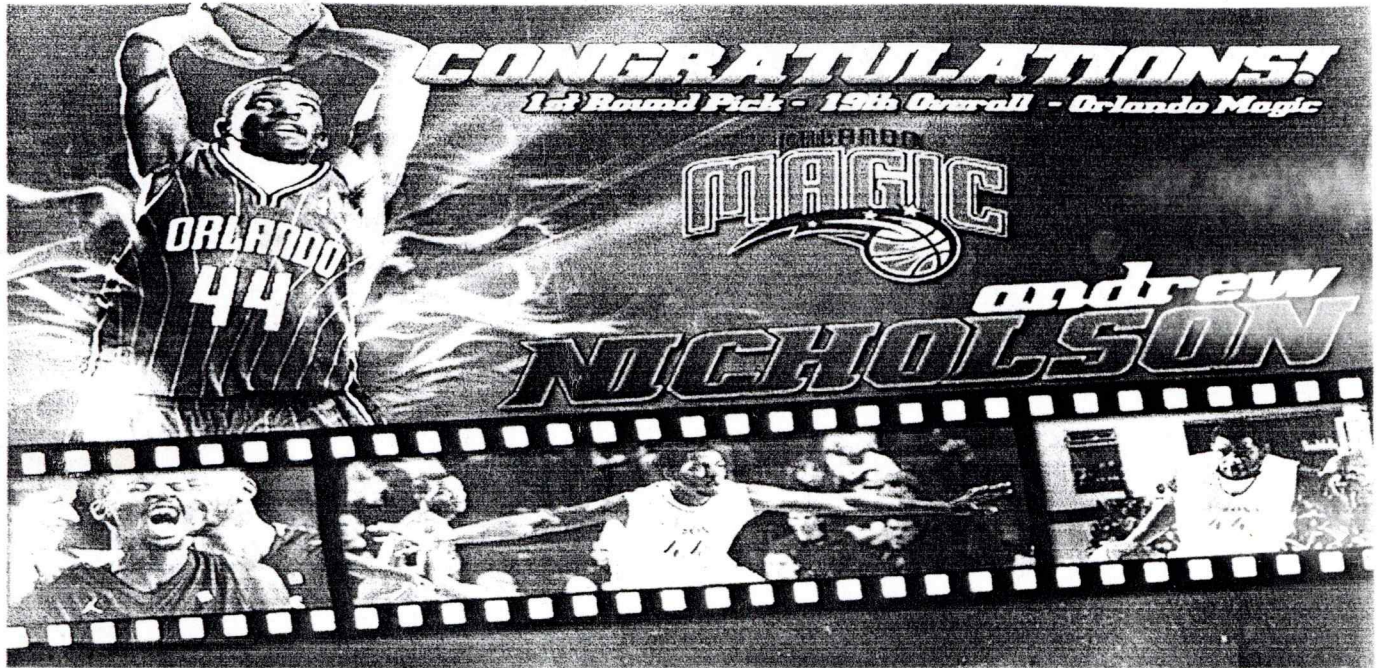


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Orlando Magic Statement on Nicholson

Nicholson Social Media Draft Recap

Pre-Draft Interviews With Shannon Shepherd

NEWARK, N.J. – Former St. Bonaventure star Andrew Nicholson was selected by the Orlando Magic with the 19th pick in the 2012 NBA Draft Thursday night at the Prudential Center.

With his selection, Nicholson becomes the 33rd Bonaventure player to be drafted into the NBA, and the first since Barry Mungar was selected in the Fourth Round in 1986. He also becomes the fourth Bona First-Round pick, and first since Bob Lanier was selected with the first overall pick by the Detroit Pistons in 1970.

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Nicholson will be the first Bona basketball player to appear for an NBA team since J.R. Bremer (undrafted free agent) took the court for the Golden State Warriors during the 2003-04 season.

Nicholson becomes the first player from the Atlantic 10 Conference selected in the 2012 NBA Draft, with Tu Holloway of Xavier expected to be taken sometime in the Second Round, along with Temple forward Michael Eric.

In this shortened season, the Orlando Magic finished 37-29, which was good for 6th in the Eastern Conference. Orlando was eliminated from the playoffs by the Indiana Pacers in five games.

Nicholson is the first St. Bonaventure player ever to be selected by Orlando. Nicholson will join forces with former Atlantic 10 player of the year and National Player of the Year Jameer Nelson formerly of Saint Joseph's. He joins former Richmond standout Justin Harper and most notably Nicholson will team up with NBA superstar Dwight Howard.

The Mississauga, Ontario native becomes the seventh player coached by Mark Schmidt to be drafted into the NBA. He joins a list that includes former 18th overall pick, NBA All-Rookie Second Team selection and two-time NBA champion James Posey, as well as former Oscar Robertson Trophy recipient, 18th overall pick and two-time NBA All-Star David West. Both were coached by Schmidt at Xavier.

He also becomes the sixth player drafted out of the A-10 since 2009. That list includes: Justin Harper of Richmond (2011 Round 2, Pick 32), Lavoy Allen of Temple (2011 Round 2, Pick 50), Jordan Crawford of Xavier (2010 Round 1, Pick 27), Derrick Brown of Xavier (2009 Round 2, Pick 40) and Ahmad Nivins of Saint Joseph's (2009 Round 2, Pick 56).

On July 1, Butler and VCU will join the A-10. Those two schools have had a combined four players drafted since 2009. That list includes: Shelvin Mack of Butler (2011 Round 2, Pick 34), Gordon Hayward of Butler (2010 Round 1, Pick 9), Larry Sanders of VCU (2010 Round 1, Pick 15) and Eric Maynor of VCU (2009 Round 1, Pick 20).

"Nicholson brought St. Bonaventure back" said Rece Davis of ESPN. "He is the best big man out of St. Bonaventure since Caswell Cyrus." said Jay Bilas. Mike Francesa said earlier in the evening that "Andrew Nicholson is a legitimate player."

Nicholson stormed through the final month of the 2012 regular season to garner A-10 Player of the Year and Associated Press All-American honors. He powered St. Bonaventure to its first A-10 Championship title – earning a nod for Most Outstanding Player along the way – after posting 26 points, 14 rebounds and eight blocks in a title-game win over Xavier that sent SBU to the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 2000.

Nicholson ended one of the all-time great careers in Bona basketball ranked second in program history in points (2,103), field-goal percentage (57.5) and blocked shots (244), while sitting fourth in total rebounds (887) in 123 games and 75 straight starts to end his career. He ranks as the only player in the history of the league to earn four straight Player of the Week awards, averaging 25.3 points and 11.5 rebounds over the final eight league games of the season.

Continue to check into [GoBonnies.com](http://GoBonnies.com) for more post-Draft coverage of Nicholson.



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# MAGIC SELECT ANDREW NICHOLSON IN THE 2012 NBA DRAFT

Orlando, FL – The Orlando Magic selected forward **Andrew Nicholson** in the first round (19<sup>th</sup> overall) of the 2012 NBA Draft.

Nicholson (6'9", 250, 12/8/89) appeared in 123 career games at St. Bonaventure University, averaging 17.1 ppg., 7.2 rpg. and 1.98 blkpg. in 29.9 minpg. and shot .575 (809-1,407) from the field during his collegiate career. He earned All-Atlantic 10 Conference honors all four seasons and was named the Atlantic 10 Player of the Year as a senior in 2011-12. Nicholson also earned All-American honors by *The Associated Press* in 2011-12. Nicholson led the Bonnies in scoring, rebounding and blocked shots for three straight seasons (2009-12).

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Nicholson ranks second all-time in school history in scoring (2,103 points), second in blocked shots (244), second in field goal percentage and fourth in rebounds (887).

As a senior (2011-12), Nicholson played in 32 games, averaging 18.5 ppg., 8.4 rpg., 1.0 apg. and 2.0 blkpg. in 30.1 minpg. He scored in double figures 29 times. Nicholson grabbed a career-best 23 rebounds (along with 21 points) against Duquesne, and led the Bonnies to the NCAA Tournament.

During his junior year (2010-11), Nicholson appeared in 31 games, averaging 20.8 ppg., 7.3 rpg. and 1.5 blkpg. in 33.8 minpg. He scored in double figures 30 times, including a career-high 44 points against Ohio University.

As a sophomore (2009-10), Nicholson appeared in 30 games, averaging 16.4 ppg., 7.1 rpg. and 1.8 blkpg. in 30.2 minpg. During his freshman season (2008-09), he averaged 12.5 ppg., 6.0 rpg. and a team-high 2.7 blkpg. in 25.1 minpg.

Nicholson, son of Fabian and Colmaleen, graduated with a degree in physics from St. Bonaventure.

### **ABOUT THE ORLANDO MAGIC**

Orlando's NBA franchise since 1989, the Magic's mission is to be world champions on and off the court, delivering legendary moments every step of the way. On the court, Orlando has won five division championships (1995, 1996, 2008, 2009, 2010), had seven 50-plus win seasons, and won the Eastern Conference title in 1995 and 2009. Off the court, on an annual basis, the Orlando Magic gives more than \$2 million to the local community by way of sponsorships of events, donated tickets, autographed merchandise, scholarships and grants. Orlando Magic community relations programs impact an estimated 75,000 kids each year, while a Magic staff-wide initiative provides more than 6,000 volunteer hours annually. In addition, over the last 22 years more than \$17 million has been distributed to local non-profit community organizations via the Orlando Magic Youth Fund (OMYF-MFF), a McCormick Foundation Fund since 1994, which serves at-risk youth. Ticket highlights for the 2012-13 season in the Amway Center, named *SportsBusiness Journal's* 2012 Sports Facility of the Year, include: 2,500 seats priced \$20 or less, 8,000 seats priced \$40 or less and 10,000 seats priced \$50 or under. For ticket information log on to [www.orlandomagic.com](http://www.orlandomagic.com) or call 407-89-MAGIC.

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Bonnies Drafted Year Round, Pick Team  
Ken Murray 1950 4, 41 Chicago Stags  
Fred Duite 1951 3, 28 Rochester Royals  
Leo Corkery 1952 4, 43 Fort Wayne Pistons  
Billy Kenville 1953 3, 25 Syracuse Nationals  
Mike Bodnar " " 5, 43 Fort Wayne Pistons  
Bob Sassone " " 10, 82 Philadelphia Warriors  
Bill Edwards " " 11, 92 Rochester Royals  
Mal Duffy 1955 5, 39 Syracuse Nationals  
Brendan McCann 1957 1, 5 New York Knicks  
Sam Stith 1960 8, 56 Cincinnati Royals  
Tom Stith 1961 1, 2 New York Knicks  
Whitey Martin " " 2, 10 New York Knicks  
Bob McCully 1962 4, 30 Syracuse Nationals  
Fred Crawford 1964 4, 26 New York Knicks  
Bob Barnek 1965 8, 65 Philadelphia Warriors  
George Carter 1967 8, 81 Detroit Pistons  
Bill Butler 1968 9, 116 Boston Celtics  
Jim Satalin 1969 9, 115 Milwaukee Bucks  
Bob Lanier 1970 1, 1 Detroit Pistons  
Greg Gary 1971 4, 59 San Francisco Warriors  
Matt Gantt 1972 4, 59 Phoenix Suns  
Paul Hoffman " " 15, 189 Buffalo Braves  
Carl Jackson 1973 8, 122 Buffalo Braves  
Glen Price 1974 8, 135 Buffalo Braves  
Bob Rozyczko 1976 9, 153 Buffalo Braves  
Essie Hollis 1977 2, 44 New Orleans Jazz  
Glen Hagan 1978 2, 43 Philadelphia 76ers  
Greg Sanders " " 8, 162 New York Knicks  
Tim Waterman 1979 7, 141 Atlanta Hawks  
Earl Belcher 1981 4, 87 San Antonio Spurs  
Mark Jones 1983 4, 82 New York Knicks  
Barry Mungar 1986 4, 82 Washington Bullets

Two former St. Bonaventure players have gone undrafted but later signed free-agent contracts:

Bonnies Undrafted Free Agents Year Team  
David Vanterpool 2001 New Jersey Nets  
J.R. Bremer 2002 Boston Celtics

A look at where some media outlets are predicting Nicholson to be selected in the First Round:

Mock Drafts (as of June 28, 3 p.m.)

NBADraftInsider.com – (21) Boston Celtics

CBSSports.com (Jeff Goodman) – (23) Atlanta Hawks

CBSSports.com (Matt Moore) – (23) Atlanta Hawks

DraftExpress.com – (22) Boston Celtics

NBADraft.net – (19) Orlando Magic

SI.com (Sam Amick) – (21) Boston Celtics

Examiner.com – (19) Orlando Magic

NBA.com (Scott Howard-Cooper) – (23) Atlanta Hawks

SlamOnline.com – (22) Boston Celtics

MyNBAdraft.com – (22) Boston Celtics

ESPN.com – (22) Boston Celtics

BleacherReport.com – (21) Boston Celtics

NBA Teams Nicholson Has Worked Out For

Atlanta Hawks

Philadelphia 76ers

Denver Nuggets

Indiana Pacers

Miami Heat

Orlando Magic

Phoenix Suns

Houston Rockets

Boston Celtics

Chicago Bulls

Oklahoma City Thunder

Cleveland Cavaliers

## St. Bonaventure Athletic Department Announces NBA Draft Plans

### Nicholson NBA Draft Packet

ST. BONAVENTURE, N.Y. – With the NBA Draft set for Thursday night in Newark, N.J., the St. Bonaventure Department of Athletics has announced its plans as former SBU standout Andrew Nicholson is projected to be a First-Round pick.

#### The Basics

What: 2012 NBA Draft

When: Thursday, June 28 – 7:30 PM (ESPN coverage starts at 7 p.m. with a Draft Preview Special)

Where: Prudential Center – Newark, N.J.

TV: ESPN

#### Ticket Information

Tickets to the NBA Draft are still available through Ticketmaster by clicking [here](#). If possible, fans are encouraged to purchase tickets in either Section 20 or 21.

#### Pre-Draft Gathering

5-7 PM

Brick City Bar and Grill

Newark, N.J.

Open to all Bonaventure alumni and fans, this informal social will lead into the NBA Draft at the Prudential Center. Attendees will have the opportunity to meet the coach of the 2012 Atlantic 10 champions, Mark Schmidt, ESPN.com's National Coach of the Year, Jim Crowley, and Athletics Director Steve Watson. There is no cost to attend and registration is not required.

#### Local Watch Spots

Those looking to watch the NBA Draft in the local Allegany/Olean area are encouraged to visit one of St. Bonaventure's corporate sponsors: Randy's Up The River, Fat Heads, Applebee's, Beef 'n' Barrel, Angees or Bartlett Country Club.

#### Internet Coverage

Nicholson will not be at the Draft, but GoBonnies.com will have comprehensive coverage from both inside Nicholson's private Toronto gathering and the NBA Draft at the Prudential Center.

Beginning at 6:45 p.m., a special pre-show live from Nicholson's gathering with host Shannon Shepherd will air on UStream by clicking [here](http://www.ustream.tv/channel/nicholsontest) (<http://www.ustream.tv/channel/nicholsontest>). Shepherd will interview Nicholson, in addition to other former teammates and coaches expected



to be in attendance. The show will be archived and available to watch following the Draft. Fans wishing to ask questions in advance may submit them using the @Go\_Bonnies Twitter handle.

Following Nicholson being selected, log on to GoBonnies.com Thursday night and Friday for complete reaction, including videos, a Twitter recap and the traditional release, among more.

#### Follow And Interact On Twitter

Fans are encouraged to follow all the action from both Nicholson's gathering in Toronto and the NBA Draft on Twitter via @Go\_Bonnies. They are also encouraged to get involved by using the hashtag #ANDraft and #Bonnies, and by tweeting pictures to @Go\_Bonnies of their own draft parties.

#### AndrewNicholson44.com

For a complete capsule of Nicholson's career, don't forget to check out AndrewNicholson44.com. This one-stop website provides media clippings, stats, videos, photos, biography information and more on St. Bonaventure's first Associated Press All-American since Bob Lanier.

#### Nicholson In Brief

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#### St. Bonaventure NBA Draft Picks

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