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## **ANDREW LUCK BECOMES 15<sup>TH</sup> ORANGE BOWL VETERAN TO BE DRAFTED FIRST OVERALL IN THE NFL DRAFT**

Miami Lakes, FL ([www.orangebowl.org](http://www.orangebowl.org)) – Stanford quarterback Andrew Luck became the 15<sup>th</sup> Orange Bowl veteran to be selected with the first overall pick in the NFL Draft. Luck, the Most Outstanding Player of the 2011 Discover Orange Bowl, was selected by the Indianapolis Colts with the first pick in the 2012 NFL Draft on Thursday, April 26, 2012 at Radio City Music Hall in New York City.

Luck led Stanford to a 40-12 victory over Virginia Tech in the 2011 Discover Orange Bowl. Against the Hokies, Luck completed 18-of-23 pass attempts for 287 yards. He threw four touchdowns and one interception. Luck holds the Orange Bowl record for highest completion percentage (min. 10 attempts) having completed 78.3 percent (18-of-23) of his passes in the 2011 Discover Orange Bowl.

After throwing for 86 yards in the first half of the 2011 Discover Orange Bowl and holding a 13-12 lead at halftime, Luck threw for 201 yards in the second half and earned Most Outstanding Player honors. Touchdown passes of 41-yards, 58-yards and 38-yards to tight end Coby Fleener helped Luck and the Cardinal outscored Virginia Tech 27-0 in the second half. Fleener's 173 yards receiving (six receptions) is an Orange Bowl record for most receiving yards in a game. Fleener is a projected first or second round selection in the 2012 NFL Draft.

Including Luck, 253 players hosted by the Orange Bowl have been selected in the first round of the NFL Draft. In addition to Luck, 14 other Orange Bowl veterans have been selected with the first overall pick. Past players hosted by the Orange Bowl who were selected with the first overall pick in the NFL Draft include: Sam Bradford (2010 Draft), Carson Palmer (2003), Peyton Manning (1998), Russell Maryland (1991), Irving Fryar (1984), Billy Sims (1980), Tom Cousineau (1979), Lee Roy Selmon (1976), Tommy Nobis (1966), Tucker Frederickson (1965), Frank Sinkwich (1943), George Cafego (1940). Additionally, Brian Bosworth (1987) and Bernie Kosar (1985) were selected with the first overall pick in the supplemental draft.

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### **About the Orange Bowl**

The Orange Bowl is a 352-member, primarily-volunteer non-profit sports organization that promotes and serves the South Florida community. The Orange Bowl Festival features a year-round schedule of events culminating with the Discover Orange Bowl on January 1, 2013 and the Discover BCS National Championship on January 7, 2013. Other Orange Bowl core events include the MetroPCS Orange Bowl Basketball Classic, Orange Bowl Youth Football Alliance presented by Sports Authority, Orange Bowl International Tennis Championships, Orange Bowl Sailing Regatta Series and Orange Bowl Paddle Championships. For more information on the 2012-13 Orange Bowl Festival and its events, including promotional and volunteer opportunities through the Ambassador Program, log on to [www.orangebowl.org](http://www.orangebowl.org).

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