Math professor zeros in on Pels draft lottery chances

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Local comedian and New Orleans Pelicans superfan Chris Trew had a burning question: What are the Pelicans' chances of scoring big in the NBA Draft Lottery on May 16? See if you can keep up as Michelle Lacey, associate professor in the Department of Mathematics in the Tulane School of Science and Engineering, answers his question using the rules of probability.

“So what exactly is the probability of us winning this thing?” Trew asks in the video. Lacey responds, “Unless you can change the laws of probability, I think you are out of luck.”