

# Clemson, Alabama advance

PAUL NEWBERRY  
The Associated Press

MIAMI  
Dabo Swinney was in no mood to talk about Clemsoning. "Next question," the coach snapped. No problem. It's time to put that term to rest.

Clemson, a team once known for such inexplicable stumbles that a derisive term was coined for it, is headed to the national championship game with a still-perfect record after a 37-17 smackdown of Oklahoma in the Orange Bowl on Thursday night.

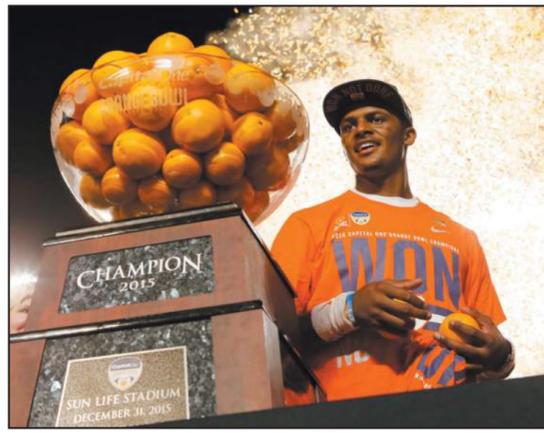
Quarterback Deshaun Watson turned in another stellar all-around performance, beating the Sooners with his arm and his legs. The defence did the rest, shutting down Baker Mayfield and Oklahoma's prolific offence even after losing star defensive end Shaq Lawson to a knee injury early in the game.

"It's been 34 years since Clemson had a chance to win a national championship," Swinney said. "I knew that we would be here. It was just a matter of when."

Clemson (14-0) dominated the second half and shut down Oklahoma's high-scoring offence that had averaged 52 points over its last seven contests. The Sooners (11-2) actually came into the game as favourites, but the Tigers showed their unblemished mark was no fluke.

"For some reason, we were the underdog in the playoffs," receiver Charone Peake said. "I was glad to see us come out and dominate."

Looking to become the first team in FBS history to finish 15-0, Clemson will face Alabama in the Jan. 11 national championship game in Glendale, Arizona. Alabama



AP PHOTO/JOE SKIPPER

Clemson quarterback Deshaun Watson poses with the Orange Bowl trophy following an NCAA college football semifinal playoff game against Oklahoma, Thursday in Miami Gardens, Fla. Clemson defeated Oklahoma 37-17.

beat Michigan State 38-0 later Thursday in the Cotton Bowl.

Watson certainly lived up to the hype of being a Heisman finalist, accounting for 332 yards and earning the offensive MVP award.

He got off to a slow start passing, but came back to complete 16-of-31 for 187 yards, including a 35-yard touchdown pass to Hunter Renfrow that gave Clemson some breathing room late in the third quarter. Watson carried the running load in the early going, finishing with 145 yards on 24 carries and scoring the Tigers' first touchdown on a 5-yard run.

## Alabama rolls

ARLINGTON, Texas  
Alabama rolled into the Cotton Bowl determined to wipe away the memories of last season's College Football Playoff flop and it was no contest.

Jake Coker played the game of his career, hooking up with Calvin Ridley for two touchdowns, as the second-ranked Crimson Tide aired it out to

beat No. 3 Michigan State 38-0 Thursday night and advance to the national championship game.

Alabama (13-1) will face No. 1 Clemson (14-0) on Jan. 11 in Arizona looking for its fourth national title in nine seasons under coach Nick Saban.

"Just got to keep the focus we had in preparation for this game," Coker said.

The Tide looked like a team with no weaknesses against overmatched Michigan State (12-2). Coker, the promising Florida State transfer who sat the bench most of last season, was nearly perfect. The senior completed 25 for 30 for a career-best 286 yards. The freshman Ridley was brilliant, streaking by defenders on deep throws and outfighting them on jump balls. He caught eight passes for 138 yards.

Jonathan Allen and the ferocious Tide defensive front sacked Connor Cook four times and allowed the Spartans only one trip into the red zone — which ended with Cyrus Jones intercepting a pass at the goal line.

# National ringette teams also in Helsinki for world championships

JOHN CHIDLEY-HILL  
The Canadian Press

## HELSINKI

Canada could leave Helsinki, Finland, with not one, but three world titles. Although most of the attention has been lavished on Canada's men's junior hockey team, the Canadian senior and junior ringette teams are also competing in Finland at their respective world championships. "Our expectations are to win, to succeed," said Jackie Gaudet, the captain of Canada's senior ringette

team, which has lost to Finland in the Sam Jacks Cup final at the past four tournaments. "It's always been Canada-Finland and they've been close for the most part in the past. You look back and you think of things you could've done better, big differences in the team.

"This year I feel we're ready to do it."

Ringette was invented in northern Ontario in 1963. It's played by women on a hockey rink with a centre, two wingers, two defenders and a goalie. Sticks are about the same length of a hockey stick, only with no blade. Instead of a puck, a ring is used.

The sticks have tapered ends, with tips designed to increase the lift and velocity of a wrist shot. Ringette sticks are reinforced to

withstand the body weight of a player because a ring carrier leans heavily on their stick to prevent opposing players from stripping them of the ring. The sticks are flexible and lightweight to bend without breaking.

Finland has won the senior world title six times, always beating a Canadian team. Canada has won the world championship twice, with Canada West and Alberta claiming the crown once each.

"I wouldn't see it as an upset or the underdogs

winning. I don't see it that way at all," said Gaudet. "They're going to be tight games. It will be a good game for fans to watch if you've never seen ringette or only seen it at the lower levels.

"People are going to be shocked at what they see, especially hockey fans."

Canada's senior team begins the international tournament on Friday against Finland. That lines up perfectly with the junior hockey team's schedule for fans visiting from Canada, as the Canadian men have the day off before their quarter-final match with Finland.

The Canadian under-21 women have already begun the tournament for the President's Trophy with five wins in a row.

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— Canadian captain Jackie Gaudet

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After Hours Special Services.....	403.526.2828

PROTECT WATER LINES FROM FREEZING

The following actions should be considered to protect your water lines.

1. Repair broken windows and ensure windows/vents are closed during the winter.
2. Insulate water pipes in unheated areas, include crawl spaces.
3. For sinks located against a non-insulated outside wall:
  - Open the vanity door to allow warm air to reach the water pipes.
  - A light bulb placed near the water pipe may generate enough heat to keep the water flowing.
  - Heat tape wrapped around the pipe may keep the pipe from freezing.
4. For Residents of mobile homes
  - check the condition of the heat tape on their water service and meter
  - protect unheated indoor water meter with an insulated box
  - water pipes should be wrapped in insulation using heat tape
  - Outside water taps and underground sprinkler systems should have the water supply shut off inside the house at the isolation valve for the tap
  - Sprinkler lines and taps should be drained/blown out
5. A thin stream of water (as thick as a pencil lead) running continuously from at least one tap will help prevent a frozen water service.
6. If you plan to be away from home over the winter period, close the main water isolation valve in your home. This is located next to your water meter.

A frozen water service, or a burst water pipe, is an inconvenience and expense that most people would like to avoid. Please take precautions to prevent this happening in your home or business.

PUBLIC NOTICE ROAD CLOSURE  
APPROVAL OF SALE OF LAND TO THE  
MEDICINE HAT TRAP CLUB  
SALE OF LAND IN THE NE 23-13-6-W4M

The municipal council of the City of the Medicine Hat gave First Reading to Bylaw 4338 on Monday, December 21, 2015, a road closure bylaw. The Land & Properties Department (L&P) is seeking approval of the sale of land in the NE 23-13-6-W4M (the "Subject Lands") to the Medicine Hat Trap Club ("MHTC"). The Subject Lands are presently leased to MHTC.

A copy of proposed Bylaw #4338 and related documents may be inspected between 8:30 am to 4:30 pm at the City Clerk Department or accessed via the 'Proposed Bylaws' section on the City's website at [www.medicinehat.ca](http://www.medicinehat.ca).

Any person claiming to be affected by the proposed bylaw will be given an opportunity to be heard by the Council prior to consideration of second and third readings of this bylaw, which will occur in City Hall Council Chambers during the course of a regularly scheduled Council meeting on January 18, 2016.

Anyone wishing to have a written submission concerning this proposed bylaw placed before the City Council must submit it to: City Clerk Department, 580 First Street S.E. Medicine Hat, Alberta T1A 8E6 by 12:00 o'clock noon, Wednesday, January 13, 2016

THIS NOTICE is provided pursuant to Section 22 of the Municipal Government Act.

Dated at the City of Medicine Hat, in the Province of Alberta, this 26 day of December, 2015.

Angela Cruickshank, City Clerk  
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FINAL

DEVELOPMENT PERMITS APPROVED  
DECEMBER 24 TO DECEMBER 31, 2015  
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

RESIDENTIAL

1795 28 Street SE	(Lot 31, Block 45, Plan 1655HS) Permit No. DP13019. Single Detached House (Rear Addition, Two covered Decks and Carport Replacement).
814 21 Street NE	(Lot 10, Block 6, Plan 7410918) Permit No. DP13008. Office Use Only. Advertising.
45 Sierra Drive SW	(Lot 15, Block 21, Plan 0312828) Permit No. DP13009. Office Use Only. Bookkeeping.
35 Henderson Court NE	(Lot 44, Block 18, Plan 9913114) Permit No. DP13010. Office With Storage on Site. Home Repair.
234 - 1535 Southview Drive SE	(Lot 140, Block -, Plan 9710858) Permit No. DP13011. Office Use Only. Landscaping.
1552 11 Avenue NE	(Lot 14, Block 4, Plan 47JK) Permit No. DP13015. Customers to Attend Site. Photography And Equipment.
368 Belfast Street SE	(Lot 18, Block 87, Plan 636M) Permit No. DP13016. Office Use Only. Health Studio/Fitness Centre (Yoga And Reiki).
203 12 Street SE	(Lot 1.2, Block 29, Plan 1132M) Permit No. DP13017. Office Use Only. Concrete Installer - Address Change.

A person claiming to be affected by a decision of the Development Officer or the Municipal Planning Commission may appeal to the Medicine Hat Subdivision and Development Appeal Board by completing and submitting to the City Clerk Department, the required Notice of Appeal form within fourteen (14) days of this publication. Notice of Appeal forms are available from the City Clerk Department, Second Floor, City Hall or on the City's website at [www.medicinehat.ca](http://www.medicinehat.ca)

**All Development Permits listed are subject to conditions. Further information on any Development Permit may be obtained from the Planning & Development Services Department, Second Floor, City Hall during normal business hours (Telephone 529-8374).**

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

December 27, 2015 - January 31, 2016

Remove all plastic bags, stands, tinsel and decorations and drop off at one of the following locations:

- Medicine Hat Mall (3292 Dunmore Rd. SE)
- Kipling Recycling Depot (240 Kipling St SE)
- Shamrock Recycling Depot (172 Altawana Drive NE)

Refer to [medicinehat.ca/eu](http://medicinehat.ca/eu), download the My-Waste App, or contact Customer Service at 403-529-8176 for more information.

2016 DOWNTOWN ANNUAL PARKING PASSES ARE NOW AVAILABLE!

PARKING LOT	LOCATION	NUMBER OF STALLS PER LOT	MONTHLY & DAILY RATES (GST included)	ANNUAL RATE (GST included) Valid January 1 thru December 31
Chokecherry	Corner of 2 Street SE & 4 Avenue SE	52 surface stalls	\$45/month	\$495
Cottonwood	Corner of 1 Street SE & 5 Avenue SE	49 surface stalls		
Linden	Across from City Hall on 1 Street SE	25 surface stalls	Monthly, daily and hourly passes not available.	
Transit Terminal Parkade	Corner of 4 Street SE & 6 Avenue SE	23 stalls 2nd Level Covered w/ Plug-ins	\$60/month	\$660
		42 stalls 2nd Level Covered No Plug-ins	\$50/month	\$550
		32 stalls 3rd Level Uncovered	\$40/month \$5/day \$1/hour	\$440

PARKING LOT INFORMATION LINE: 403.529.8318