

Raptors still remember

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WASHINGTON

Even though the Toronto Raptors have won six consecutive regular-season games against the Washington Wizards, they remember what happened last spring all too well.

Toronto lost in four straight games to Washington in the first round of the playoffs — and the Raptors can't forget it.

DeMar DeRozan scored 21 of his season-high 35 points in the second half of the Raptors' 97-88 victory over the Wizards Friday, the kept referring to the post-season embarrassment.

"I wouldn't necessarily say it's a rivalry but more of, I was here during the playoffs and that was a bad feeling to get swept and coming back here just playing against them gives you that same reminder of what happened," he said.

DeRozan and his backcourt mate, Kyle Lowry, who had 21 points and 10 assists, did most of the damage.

The Raptors overcame a season-high 23 turnovers, taking control with an 18-4 run in the third quarter.

Road teams favoured in wild card games

BARRY WILNER

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The road to the second round of the playoffs might be, well, the road. Visiting teams are favoured in all the wild-card games.

It's an unusual dynamic that owes as much to the oddsmakers not believing in division winners Houston and Washington, plus a strong backing by the bettors (and the public in general) for the Steelers and Seahawks.

Historically, the host teams are 65-35 since 1990 in this round. The most recent time two visitors won wild-card matches was in 2013, when three did: San Diego at Cincinnati, San Francisco at Green Bay, and New Orleans at Philadelphia.

Never have all four home teams lost in the wild-card round since this format was adopted in '90. Pro Picks doesn't see it happening this year, either.

But close.

No. 3 (in AP Pro32) Kansas City

(minus 3) at No. 12 Houston, Saturday

The action opens with the hottest team in football revisiting Houston. The Chiefs won the season opener 27-20, then went into a funk they emerged from after five straight defeats with 10 consecutive wins.

KC has done it without its best offensive player, injured running back Jamaal Charles, and in part minus its best defender, LB Justin Houston, who should be available Saturday.

No. 11 Green Bay (minus 1) at No. 10 Washington, Sunday

The Packers' offence is frozen, and unless it thaws before this weekend, one of the preseason favourites to make the big game will be heading into the off-season.

While Washington might be the weakest of all the playoff teams — in the eyes of the wise guys in Las Vegas, for sure — Jay Gruden's club closed well. It went 6-2 at home and, with an offensive line protecting Kirk Cousins in a way the Packers

can't seem to do for Aaron Rodgers, the Redskins should be confident.

No. 6 Seattle (minus 5) at No. 8 Minnesota, Sunday

This line is a bit shocking because the Vikings have looked quite strong in the past month. Of course, the one major exception was that 38-7 pasting Seattle laid on them in December. The thinking is that the Seahawks have the experience and pedigree, the proven big-time performers — even Marshawn Lynch might be healthy enough to play — and something huge on their shoulder. Does the name Malcolm

Butler strike a bell?

No. 9 Pittsburgh (minus 3) at No. 7 Cincinnati, Saturday

Everything seems to point toward the Steelers in this one. They got a second life when the Jets couldn't handle the big moment with the last wild-card spot on the line. They have no fear of the Bengals, against whom the Steelers are 18-7 overall since 2004 and beat 33-20 in Cincinnati last month.



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**8 AM - 4 PM
SPECIAL SERVICES**

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| Electric Outages..... | 403.529.8260 |
| Gas Emergency..... | 403.529.8191 |
| Water & Sewer Emergency..... | 403.502.8042 |
| After Hours Special Services..... | 403.526.2828 |

GAS, ELECTRIC, WIND ENERGY RATES SET FOR JANUARY

Medicine Hat, AB – The City of Medicine Hat has set its January energy commodity rates.

Natural Gas

The January natural gas commodity rate of \$1.980 per gigajoule (GJ), down from \$2.31 in December, for all customers is based on the average of the monthly gas charges set by Alberta gas distribution (pipes) owners and Gas Alberta Inc.

| (per gigajoule) | January 2016 |
|---|----------------|
| AltaGas Utilities | \$1.644 |
| Direct Energy Regulated Services North | \$2.004 |
| Direct Energy Regulated Services South | \$2.004 |
| Gas Alberta Inc. | \$2.250 |
| City of Medicine Hat Rate (based on the average) | \$1.980 |

Electricity

The January electricity rate of \$0.0481 per kilowatt hour, down from \$0.0523 per kilowatt hour in December, for Residential, Farm, Small and Medium Commercial, Unmetered Services and Rental Lighting, is based on the average of the monthly electric energy charges set by Alberta electric distribution (wires) owners as established in accordance with the provisions of the Alberta Regulated Rate Option (RRO) Regulation (AR 262/2005) with the following exceptions:

- RRO electric energy charges set by Rural Electrification Associations (REAs) that own electric distribution systems in rural Alberta; and
- RRO electric energy charges set for customer classes described as anything other than "Residential" or "Commercial"

| January 2016 (per kilowatt hour) | Residential | Commercial (Small/Medium) |
|---|-----------------|---------------------------|
| Direct Energy Regulated – Atco Electric Area | \$0.048520 | \$0.048460 |
| Enmax – Calgary | \$0.047947 | \$0.047947 |
| Enmax – Cardston | \$0.046020 | \$0.046020 |
| Enmax – Crowsnest Pass | \$0.046020 | \$0.046020 |
| Enmax – Fort MacLeod | \$0.046020 | \$0.046020 |
| Enmax – Ponoka | \$0.047140 | \$0.047140 |
| Enmax – Red Deer | \$0.047420 | \$0.047420 |
| Epcor – Edmonton | \$0.053040 | \$0.053040 |
| Epcor – FortisAlberta | \$0.051860 | \$0.052570 |
| City of Lethbridge | \$0.045900 | \$0.045900 |
| City of Medicine Hat Rate (based on the average) | \$0.0481 | |

The January default electricity rate for Large Commercial, Industrial and Street Lighting customers is based on the monthly average Alberta Power Pool price as established and published by the Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) plus \$0.02 per kilowatt hour. The rate for December was \$0.0409 per kilowatt hour.

The Electric Utility also offers a fixed electric commodity price for Residential, Farm, Small and Medium Commercial customers. The fixed rate for 2016 is \$0.0796 per kilowatt hour.

The Gas Utility offers a fixed natural gas commodity price for all rate class customers. The fixed price for 2016 is \$5.01 per gigajoule (GJ).

Going Green Charge

Customers also have a "Going Green" surcharge on their bill. This surcharge is for renewable energy purchased for residential, farm, small and medium commercial customers.

The Going Green surcharge is calculated monthly to recover costs incurred to purchase renewable energy.

The Going Green surcharge for January is \$0.0035 per kilowatt hour.

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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.

SPECIAL EVENTS /COMPETITION ASSISTANCE GRANT APPLICATIONS

The City of Medicine Hat has funding available to groups, organizations or individuals involved in sports, recreation or leisure activities, if they have been invited to attend an event at a provincial, national or international level.

The City may also grant support to host a local sport or leisure event/project that is demonstrated to achieve a major contribution to the community in terms of citizen involvement, tourism generation, economic benefit, positive recognition and celebrating the joy of living in Medicine Hat.

APPLICATION DEADLINES:
January 31, May 31 and September 30 of each year.

Application forms are available at all recreation facilities, Parks and Recreation (Kipling Street) and on-line at www.medicinehat.ca

For more information, please call 529-8333.

CITY OF MEDICINE HAT ARTS & HERITAGE ADVISORY BOARD NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS TO THE SPECIAL CULTURAL EVENTS ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM

The program offers support for cultural events or projects filling a cultural need in the City, or for individuals, groups or organizations receiving recognition at international competitions, exhibitions, performances or events related to arts and culture.

Next Application Deadline: January 15, 2016

Applications and Guidelines are available at www.medicinehat.ca/grants or at the Esplanade (401 First Street SE, Medicine Hat).

For further information contact the Cultural Grant Administrator at 403-502-8798 or culturalgrants@medicinehat.ca.

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

DEVELOPMENT PERMITS APPROVED DECEMBER 31, 2015 TO JANUARY 6, 2016 PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

RESIDENTIAL

COMMERCIAL

| Address | Details |
|--------------------------|---|
| 1450 Trans Canada Way SE | (Lot 14, Block 1, Plan 9611940) Permit No. DP13025. Five Fascia Signs. |
| 45 Carter Crescent SE | (Lot 9, Block 2, Plan 7910917) Permit No. DP13018. Office Use Only. General Business License (Xerox Marketing Products) – Address Change. |
| 185 Somerside Road SE | (Lot 14, Block 12, Plan 1012845) Permit No. DP13020. Office Use Only. General Contractor/Project Manager – Address Change. |
| 131 Ranchview Way NE | (Lot 106, Block 13, Plan 0910426) Permit No. DP13022. Office Use Only. General Contractor/Project Manager – Address Change. |
| 121 4 Street SE | (Lot 16, Block 80, Plan 636M) Permit No. DP13026. Office Use Only. Consultant. |
| 248 Hamptons Way SE | (Lot 25, Block 2, Plan 0710821) Permit No. DP13027. Office Use Only. General Contractor/Project Manager – Address Change. |
| 27 4 Street SW | (Lot 13,14, Block 14, Plan 833M) Permit No. DP13028. Customers To Attend Site. Teaching (Music Lessons) – 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

Further information on any Development Permit may be obtained from the Planning & Development Services Department, Second Floor, City Hall during normal business hours (Telephone 403-529-8374).

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, download the My-Waste App, or contact Customer Service at 403-529-8176 for more information.