

Brady's status in the air

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FOXBOROUGH, Mass. Tom Brady is staying mum on his status for the AFC championship game after suffering a right hand injury earlier in the week.

Brady said a bit contentiously only "We'll see" on Friday when asked whether he would play in Sunday's conference title game against Jacksonville.

The quarterback wore red gloves and responded to several other questions about how much he practiced or how he sustained the injury by saying "I'm not talking about that."

Brady is listed as questionable for Sunday after being a limited participant in practice Friday. He was also limited on Wednesday. He sat out practice Thursday, but wore a glove on his injured hand during the stretching

period open to reporters. He usually only wears a glove on his non-throwing hand.

One thing Brady was clear about was the test he expects from a Jaguars unit ranked second in the NFL in total and scoring defence.

"It's a very unique challenge," Brady said. "I think their front three, their linebackers, are very instinctive and very fast. And great cover guys in the secondary. Ball-hawking defence. They strip it off you, they sack you. ... So they're a good defence."

Brady appeared on the Patriots' weekly injury report several times during the latter half of this season with injuries to both his Achilles tendon and his left shoulder. The four-time Super Bowl MVP has never missed a playoff start during his 18-year career.

"Tom always tends to show up in big games. This is a big game," receiver Danny

Amendola said. "(He's) super tough. The toughest. He's a warrior, he's a competitor and there's really only one reason why he's here, and that's to play football."

Jacksonville is preparing like Brady will be in the huddle as usual Sunday. Jaguars defensive tackle Marcell Dareus said typical methods of rattling a quarterback don't apply when it comes to him.

"You can hit Brady, but hitting him isn't what's going to get to him. It's constantly being that gnat in his face. He just hates that gnat just always around," said Dareus, who might be more familiar than any Jacksonville player with Brady, having spent six-plus seasons with the Bills.

"You sack him he's going to get up and just keep rolling. He's that competitive spirit, like, 'OK, you got me. Now I'm

fixing to go throw this touch-down the next play. Forty yards. You happy about that sack? But there you go.' That's just his mentality. I like it. I love playing against the guy."

He's phenomenal to watch."

If for some reason Brady can't go — no, the Earth won't stop rotating on its axis and New England still would show up to play — the Patriots would look to backup Brian Hoyer. His last playoff start was the antithesis of a Brady performance. For Houston in its 2015 AFC wildcard matchup with Kansas City, Hoyer completed 15 of 34 passes for 136 yards, with no touchdowns and five turnovers (four interceptions) in a 30-0 loss.

Hoyer, a former Patriot, was acquired in midseason when the Patriots traded Jimmy Garoppolo to San Francisco.



Tom Brady



Jaguars don't fear Patriots

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FOXBOROUGH, Mass. The week started with a little trash talk from the underdog. The rest of it was dominated by speculation about a certain 40-year-old quarterback's injured throwing hand.

Plenty of intrigue for when the Jaguars and Patriots meet in Sunday's AFC championship game?

New England (14-3), the defending Super Bowl champion, is favoured heading into its seventh straight conference title game. But the polished veneer it normally displays at this time of year is showing flecks of imperfection after Tom Brady injured his right hand during practice.

The injury kept Brady limited in workouts to begin the week and caused him to sit out practice entirely on Thursday.

Brady has never missed a playoff start during his 18-year career that includes four Super Bowl MVP honours. He said a bit contentiously only "We'll see" on Friday when asked if he would play Sunday.

He wore red gloves and responded to other questions about the hand's status by saying "I'm not talking about that."

The Patriots' top-ranked offence will need another signature performance from Brady against the Jaguars' second-ranked defence.

Jacksonville (12-6), trying to earn a trip to its first Super Bowl, has scored eight defensive touchdowns this season, three more than any other team. That's the most defensive touchdowns in a season by one team since the 2012 Bears.



Eagles safety Jenkins made sure team knew they can win without Wentz

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Shortly after franchise quarterback Carson Wentz left the field with a torn ACL, Malcolm Jenkins gathered his teammates following a comeback win that clinched a division title. He gave an emotional speech, imploring them to believe they can win the Super Bowl without the guy who got them to that point.

The Philadelphia Eagles are two wins away from their goal. First up is the NFC championship game Sunday against the Minnesota Vikings.

"Carson being out of this, that sucks," Jenkins told the team in the locker room after a 43-35 win at the Los Angeles Rams on Dec. 10. "But dig this, we set this up for whoever (is) in this room, that's who we ride with, man. We said, 'we all we got, we all we need.' Believe that... We got bigger goals ... championships and that's it."

Wentz is the franchise quarterback and a leader by example. Jenkins, the two-time Pro Bowl safety, is the in-your-face leader. He's the first one to address the group after coach Doug

Pederson gives his post-game speech.

"He's embraced it and guys look forward to it," Pederson said. "He's got a lot of profound messages. He speaks from the heart and he speaks truth. So that's been a positive."

Jenkins says he always has a purpose when he speaks.

"I kind of try to analyze the situation of where we are as a team, do a little bit of reflection, but make sure that it's not just an emotional response to keep everybody in perspective," he said. "A lot of times I'm talking to myself to be most honest."

As the underdog Eagles (14-3) prepare to host the Vikings (14-3), Jenkins reflected on his inspirational message following Wentz's injury.

"Knowing that the media was getting ready to come in right after and those seeds of doubt, words of doubt were getting ready to come. I wanted to make sure there was a message of confidence and perspective before they had to actually address the media," Jenkins said. "Obviously, we all hurt for Carson. It's a huge blow to the team, but in no way does it change our goals. No way does it change our demeanour. Nothing's changed, and that was kind of the message."



PUBLIC NOTICES

DEVELOPMENT PERMITS APPROVED JANUARY 11 TO JANUARY 17, 2018 PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

RESIDENTIAL	
46 KING CANYON PLACE SE	(Lot 6, Block 2, Plan 0812525) DP14226. Single Detached House.
COMMERCIAL	
1001 POLICE POINT DRIVE NE	(Lot, Block, Plan) DP14230. Community Centres (Addition).
HOME OCCUPATION	
413 3 STREET NW	(Lot 27, Block 6, Plan 726M) DP14227. Office Use With Storage on Site. Online Sales.
605 SOMERSIDE VIEW SE	(Lot 12, Block 13, Plan 1411496) DP14228. Office Use Only. Delivery Service. - Address Change.
51 SMEATON AVENUE SE	(Lot 1, Block 19, Plan 8211253) DP14229. Office Use With Storage on Site. Service.
18 REDWOOD CRESCENT SE	(Lot 23, Block 41, Plan 8811296) DP14233. Office Use With Storage on Site. Catering.
2324 PORTER PLACE SE	(Lot 7, Block 5, Plan 731636) DP14234. Office Use With Storage on Site. Photography & Equipment.

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 twenty-one (21) days of this publication. Notice of Appeal forms are available from the City Clerk Department, Third Floor, City Hall or on the City's website at 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 403.529.8374).

8AM - 4PM SPECIAL SERVICES

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



PROTECT WATER LINES FROM FREEZING

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

- Repair broken windows and ensure windows/vents are closed during the winter.
- Insulate water pipes in unheated areas, including crawl spaces.
- 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.
- Residents of mobile homes should check the condition of the heat tape on their water service and water meter.
- Protect unheated indoor water meter with an insulated box and 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.
- 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.
- If you plan to be away from home over the winter period, close the main water isolation valve located next to the water meter in your home. You should leave the heat on in your home and have someone check inside your home daily while you're away.

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

For more information, refer to www.medicinehat.ca/eu or contact Environmental Utilities at 403.529.8176.

CITY OF MEDICINE HAT 2016-2017 FUNDS AWARDED

GRANT PROGRAM	FUNDING
Alberta Community Partnership ^{AC}	\$ 200,000
Alberta Community Resiliency Program	\$ 6,456,180
Disaster Recovery Program	\$ 716,628
Emergency Management Preparedness Program	\$ 3,000
Family and Community Support Services Program	\$ 1,599,135
Gas Tax Fund ^{GT}	\$ 3,397,490
Grants in Place of Taxes	\$ 1,030,696
Green Transit Incentives Program	\$ 5,138,038
Municipal Policing Assistance Grant	\$ 1,008,288
Municipal Sustainability Initiative - Capital Funding	\$ 13,761,429
Municipal Sustainability Initiative - Operating Funding	\$ 418,612
Police Officers Grant Program	\$ 400,000
Small Communities Fund ^{SC}	\$ 1,189,622
Summer Temporary Employment Program	\$ 33,190
911 Grant Program	\$ 352,193
TOTAL	\$ 35,704,501

AC The City of Medicine Hat was the managing partner of the Regional Solid Waste Study partnership with the Town of Redcliff and Cypress County.

GT The Gas Tax Fund is a federal program administered by Alberta on behalf of Canada.

SC The Small Communities Fund amount consists of 50% federal and 50% provincial funding contributions.

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

Recycle your real Christmas Tree anytime between **December 27, 2017 - January 31, 2018** by dropping it off at one of the following convenient drop off locations:

- 240 Kipling Street SE - Kipling Street Recycling Depot
- 172 Altawana Drive NE - Shamrock Recycling Depot
- 3292 Dunmore Rd SE - Southwest corner of the Medicine Hat Mall parking lot

Please **remove all** plastic bags, stands, tinsel and decorations. Download the MyWaste App, refer to www.medicinehat.ca/eu, or contact Environmental Utilities at 403.529.8176 for more information.