

Running backs key in Saints-Vikings clash

The Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS
The Dalvin and Alvin show is coming to the Superdome.
And the stakes are a lot higher than the last time they shared the stage as NFL debutants three seasons ago.
Vikings running back Dalvin Cook and Saints rusher Alvin Kamara look primed to play pivotal roles when New Orleans (13-3) hosts Minnesota (10-6) on Sunday in the wild-card round of the NFC playoffs.
They are two of the most dynamic running backs in the league capable of breaking off big gains as runners or receivers.

Saints coach Sean Payton said Cook, who is returning from a shoulder injury that sidelined him the last two weeks of the regular season, has a “substantial” influence on Minnesota’s offence.
“He has extremely good balance. He’s a strong runner and has outstanding speed,” Payton said. “You watch countless 15- to 25-yard gains by him and that’s hard to do.”
Vikings coach Mike Zimmer sounds as if he could be talking about Cook when he is in fact discussing the challenge Kamara presents to Minnesota’s defence.
“He’s extremely shifty in the way he runs, but he’s a physical runner as well,” Zimmer said. “He can go the distance at any time.”

Titans try to follow in Patriots’ footsteps

The Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass.
When Tennessee GM Jon Robinson fired coach Mike Mularkey after he lost to the Patriots in the divisional round of the playoffs following the 2017 season, he leaned on his past to plot a course for the Titans’ future.
Five days later Robinson, who got his NFL start as a scout with New England from 2002-13, hired Mike Vrabel — winner of three Super Bowl rings as a linebacker with the Patriots — as his new coach.
With former Patriots cornerback Logan Ryan already on the roster, Vrabel added more players and staff with ties to New England. That group included former Patriots assistant Dean Pees as his defensive co-ordinator, 2015 Super Bowl saviour cornerback Malcolm Butler, and running back Dion Lewis.
It seemed like a transparent effort to plant seeds in Tennessee of New England coach Bill Belichick’s disci-

plined, team-first “Do your job” culture that has come to be known as “The Patriot Way.”
“Isn’t that the street the movie theatre is on?” Vrabel joked this week when asked what the moniker meant to him.
Two seasons later the efforts of Robinson and Vrabel, combined with a boost from former Miami Dolphins quarterback and Patriots’ AFC East nemesis Ryan Tannehill, have culminated in a wild-card matchup Saturday with the franchise the Titans appear to be striving to emulate.
True or not, Vrabel said the ties between the teams aren’t on his mind.
“This isn’t about my career, my eight years in New England,” said Vrabel, who coached the Titans to a 34-10 win over New England in Nashville last season. “This is about the Titans and our preparation to go up there and face a team that’s won three Super Bowls in the last five years.”

Watt, Texans return with hopes to outduel Bills Saturday

The Associated Press

HOUSTON
J.J. Watt was a rookie in the 2011 playoffs when his spectacular performance against the Cincinnati Bengals led the Houston Texans to the first post-season win in franchise history.
The spotlight will be on

Watt again on Saturday, when he’ll return to the field a little more than two months after surgery to repair a torn pectoral muscle when the Texans host the Buffalo Bills in the first round of the playoffs.
Watt intercepted a pass and scored a touchdown in the 31-10 victory over the Bengals. After sitting out since

October, it’s unclear how much impact Watt will have on this game.
Watt and the Texans will face an offence led by Josh Allen, who will make his playoff debut after finishing the regular season with 3,089 yards passing with 20 touchdowns and 510 yards rushing and nine more scores.

PUBLIC NOTICES

GAS, ELECTRIC, WIND ENERGY RATES SET FOR JANUARY

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

Natural Gas

The January natural gas commodity rate of \$2.2670 per gigajoule (GJ), down from the previous month of \$3.0460 per GJ, for all customers is based on the average of the monthly gas charges set by Alberta gas distribution (pipes) owners.

January 2020 (per GJ)	Rate per GJ
Direct Energy Regulated Services (North and South)	\$2.2590
AltaGas Utilities Inc.	\$2.2750
City of Medicine Hat Rate (based on the average)	\$2.2670

The City of Medicine Hat calculates the Monthly Reference Price based on the average of the rates approved by the Alberta Utilities Commission.

Electricity

The January electricity rate of \$0.07995 per kilowatt hour, up from the previous month of \$0.07747 per kilowatt hour, for Residential, Farm, Small and Medium Commercial, Unmetered Services and Rental Lighting, is based on the average of the rates for owners whose regulated rate tariffs are approved by the Alberta Utilities Commission under section 103(2) of the Electric Utilities Act for that calendar month as posted by the Alberta Utilities Commission on its internet page under Regulated Rate Option Regulation.

January 2020 (per kilowatt hour)	Rate per kWh
Direct Energy Regulated Services	\$0.07785
ENMAX Energy Corporation	\$0.07431
EPCOR Energy Alberta GP (Edmonton)	\$0.08449
EPCOR Energy Alberta GP (outside Edmonton)	\$0.08316
City of Medicine Hat Rate (based on the average)	\$0.07995

The City of Medicine Hat calculates the Monthly Reference Price based on the average of the rates using the four Regulated Rate Option providers approved by the Alberta Utilities Commission under section 103(2) of the Electric Utilities Act.

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 \$0.06319 per kilowatt hour.

The City of Medicine Hat also offers a fixed electric commodity price for Residential, Farm, Small and Medium Commercial customers. The fixed rate for 2020 is \$0.06800 per kilowatt hour.

The Gas Utility offers a fixed natural gas commodity price for all rate class customers. The fixed rate for 2020 is \$3.50 per 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 \$0.0030 per kilowatt hour.

For further information, please contact:

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City of Medicine Hat • 403.502.8756

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



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2020 DOWNTOWN PARKING PASSES ARE NOW AVAILABLE

Cottonwood, Linden and Transit Terminal parking passes can be purchased via cash, cheque or debit, at City Hall Cashiers on a first come first served basis. Parking Lot information line 403.529.8318

PARKING LOT LOCATION	MONTHLY RATES (GST included)	ANNUAL RATE (GST included) Passes valid Jan 1 thru Dec 31
Cottonwood Corner of 1 Street SE & 6 Avenue SE (west side)	Gravel Surface \$52/month April thru December passes not available at this time, due to conditional sale of property.	Cottonwood Annual Passes are not available for 2020 due to conditional sale of property.
Linden Across from City Hall on 1 Street SE	Monthly passes, if available, will go on sale January 28th for \$52/month.	\$566
Transit Terminal Parkade Corner of 4 Street SE & 6 Avenue SE	2nd Level Covered with Plug-ins \$69/month	\$755
	2nd Level Covered - No Plug-ins \$57/month	\$648
	3rd Level Uncovered \$52/month	\$566

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING SUBDIVISION AND DEVELOPMENT APPEAL BOARD DEVELOPMENT AT 18 1 STREET SW

TAKE NOTICE THAT the following Development Appeal will be heard by the Medicine Hat Subdivision and Development Appeal Board at a Public Hearing in City Hall Council Chambers. The Municipal Government Act requires that a hearing be scheduled within 30 days of receipt of an appeal. However, due to unforeseen circumstances we are not able to hold a hearing within this 30 day period. Therefore, we have scheduled a meeting for 12:00 noon on Friday, January 17, 2020, at which time the Board will be establishing a postponement of the hearing to 12:00 noon on **Thursday, February 6, 2020.**

APPEAL #3-2019

Location: 18 1 Street SW (Lot 1, Block A, Plan 23560)

Purpose: On November 14, 2019 Planning and Development Services approved a development permit application for a Duplex including height and front setback variances. The appellant is appealing the approval of the Development Permit.

If you wish to inspect any other documentation on file with regard to this matter, you may do so by attending at the City Clerk Department, 3rd Floor, City Hall between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday.

Written/electronic submissions, regarding the above, will be accepted and placed before the Board. All submissions will be treated as public documents and must be received by the undersigned by 4:30 pm, **Monday, January 13, 2020.** Oral Submissions are normally limited to five (5) minutes.

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CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

Recycle your real Christmas Tree anytime between **December 27, 2019 – January 31, 2020** 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 Recycle Coach App, refer to www.medicinehat.ca/eu, or contact Environmental Utilities at 403.529.8176 for more information.

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 pen) 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 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, 2020

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 403-529-8316 or culturalgrants@medicinehat.ca.