

# **NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**

ARIZONA 2016

## **College Football Playoff National Championship FINAL GAME BOOK**



**#2 Alabama  
Crimson Tide 45**



**#1 Clemson  
Tigers 40**

**Offensive Player of the Game -- O.J. Howard, tight end, Alabama**

**Defensive Player of the Game -- Eddie Jackson, defensive back, Alabama**

University of Alabama (14-1) vs. Clemson University (14-1)  
January 11, 2016

University of Phoenix Stadium • Glendale, Arizona  
Attendance: 75,765 • Start Time: 6:33 p.m. • Duration: 3:45



Scoring Summary (Final)  
 2016 CFP National Championship  
 #2 Alabama vs #1 Clemson (Jan 11, 2016 at Glendale, Ariz.)



#2 Alabama (14-1) vs. #1 Clemson (14-1)

Date: Jan 11, 2016 • Site: Glendale, Ariz. • Stadium: UOP Stadium

Attendance: 75765

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Total
#2 Alabama	7	7	7	24	45
#1 Clemson	14	0	10	16	40

Qtr	Time	Scoring Play	V-H
1st	07:55	UA - Henry,Derrick 50 yd run (Griffith,Adam kick), 3-59 0:55	7 - 0
	05:18	CU - Renfrow 31 yd pass from Watson (Huegel kick), 6-54 2:29	7 - 7
	00:00	CU - Renfrow 11 yd pass from Watson (Huegel kick), 7-73 2:17	7 - 14
2nd	09:35	UA - Henry,Derrick 1 yd run (Griffith,Adam kick), 7-42 2:23	14 - 14
3rd	12:53	UA - Howard,O.J. 53 yd pass from Coker,Jake (Griffith,Adam kick), 3-64 0:53	21 - 14
	10:10	CU - Huegel 37 yd field goal, 9-55 2:43	21 - 17
	04:48	CU - Gallman 1 yd run (Huegel kick), 9-60 3:38	21 - 24
4th	10:34	UA - Griffith,Adam 33 yd field goal, 8-64 2:33	24 - 24
	09:45	UA - Howard,O.J. 51 yd pass from Coker,Jake (Griffith,Adam kick), 2-50 0:49	31 - 24
	07:47	CU - Huegel 31 yd field goal, 6-61 1:58	31 - 27
	07:31	UA - Drake,Kenyan 95 yd kickoff return (Griffith,Adam kick)	38 - 27
	04:40	CU - A. Scott 15 yd pass from Watson (Watson rush failed), 8-75 2:51	38 - 33
	01:07	UA - Henry,Derrick 1 yd run (Griffith,Adam kick), 8-75 3:33	45 - 33
	00:12	CU - Leggett 24 yd pass from Watson (Huegel kick), 6-68 0:50	45 - 40

Kickoff time: 6:33 pm • End of Game: 10:18 pm • Total elapsed time: 3:45

Officials: Referee: Terry Leyden; Umpire: Matt Jordan; Linesman: Darryl Johnson;

Line judge: Michael Feldman; Back judge: Justin Nelson; Field judge: Jeff Yock;

Side judge: Ryan Dickson; Center judge: Jim Wharrie;

Temperature: • Wind: • Weather: Indoors



Team Statistics (Final)  
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	UA	CU
FIRST DOWNS	18	31
Rushing	6	9
Passing	11	20
Penalty	1	2
NET YARDS RUSHING	138	145
Rushing Attempts	46	38
Average Per Rush	3.0	3.8
Rushing Touchdowns	3	1
Yards Gained Rushing	179	175
Yards Lost Rushing	41	30
NET YARDS PASSING	335	405
Completions-Attempts-Int	16-25-0	30-47-1
Average Per Attempt	13.4	8.6
Average Per Completion	20.9	13.5
Passing Touchdowns	2	4
TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS	473	550
Total offense plays	71	85
Average Gain Per Play	6.7	6.5
Fumbles: Number-Lost	0-0	2-0
Penalties: Number-Yards	2-21	4-27
PUNTS-YARDS	7-297	6-265
Average Yards Per Punt	42.4	44.2
Net Yards Per Punt	39.3	38.8
Inside 20	3	2
50+ Yards	1	2
Touchbacks	0	1
Fair catch	5	0
KICKOFFS-YARDS	7-422	7-448
Average Yards Per Kickoff	60.3	64.0
Net Yards Per Kickoff	36.3	28.9
Touchbacks	4	2
Punt returns: Number-Yards-TD	1-12-0	2-22-0
Average Per Return	12.0	11.0
Kickoff returns: Number-Yds-TD	5-196-1	3-68-0
Average Per Return	39.2	22.7
Interceptions: Number-Yds-TD	1-0-0	0-0-0
Fumble Returns: Number-Yds-TD	0-0-0	0-0-0
Miscellaneous Yards	0	0
Possession Time	30:31	29:29
1st Quarter	7:57	7:03
2nd Quarter	9:35	5:25
3rd Quarter	5:24	9:36
4th Quarter	7:35	7:25
Third-Down Conversions	9 of 18	6 of 14
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 0	0 of 0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	3-3	5-5
Touchdowns	2-3	3-5
Field goals	1-3	2-5
Sacks By: Number-Yards	2-14	5-31
PAT Kicks	6-6	4-4
Field Goals	1-2	2-3
Points off turnovers	7	0



Individual Statistics (Final)  
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#2 Alabama

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Henry, Derrick	36	167	9	158	3	50	4.4
Drake, Kenyan	1	1	0	1	0	1	1.0
TEAM	1	0	1	-1	0	0	-1.0
Coker, Jake	8	11	31	-20	0	8	-2.5
<b>Totals</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>3.0</b>

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Coker, Jake	16-25-0	335	2	63	5
<b>Totals</b>	<b>16-25-0</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>5</b>

Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Ridley, Calvin	6	14	0	9
Howard, O.J.	5	208	2	63
Stewart, A.	2	63	0	38
Drake, Kenyan	2	21	0	7
Mullaney, R.	1	29	0	29
<b>Totals</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>63</b>

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Scott, JK	7	297	42.4	52	3	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>42.4</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>

Returns	Punt			Kickoff			Intercept		
	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg
Jones, Cyrus	1	12	12	0	0	0	0	0	0
Drake, Kenyan	0	0	0	5	196	95	0	0	0
Jackson, Eddie	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Field goals	Qtr	Time	Dist	Result
Griffith, Adam	1st	02:17	44 yards	Missed
Griffith, Adam	4th	10:34	33 yards	Good

Kickoffs	No.	Yards	Avg	TB	OB
Griffith, Adam	7	422	60.3	4	0

All-purpose	Run	Rcv	KR	PR	IR	Total
Drake, Kenyan	1	21	196	0	0	218
Howard, O.J.	0	208	0	0	0	208
Henry, Derrick	158	0	0	0	0	158
Stewart, A.	0	63	0	0	0	63

#1 Clemson

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Watson	20	93	20	73	0	20	3.7
Gallman	14	55	10	45	1	34	3.2
A. Scott	2	19	0	19	0	10	9.5
Brooks	1	4	0	4	0	4	4.0
McCloud	1	4	0	4	0	4	4.0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>3.8</b>

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Watson	30-47-1	405	4	39	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>30-47-1</b>	<b>405</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>2</b>

Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Renfrow	7	88	2	31
Peake	6	99	0	28
Leggett	5	78	1	24
Brooks	4	39	0	22
A. Scott	4	33	1	15
Gallman	3	61	0	39
McCloud	1	7	0	7
<b>Totals</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>405</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>39</b>

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Teasdall	6	265	44.2	57	2	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>44.2</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>

Returns	Punt			Kickoff			Intercept		
	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg
A. Scott	2	22	13	2	59	43	0	0	0
Richard	0	0	0	1	9	9	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Field goals	Qtr	Time	Dist	Result
Huegel	2nd	00:05	44 yards	Missed
Huegel	3rd	10:10	37 yards	Good
Huegel	4th	07:47	31 yards	Good

Kickoffs	No.	Yards	Avg	TB	OB
Huegel	7	448	64.0	2	0

All-purpose	Run	Rcv	KR	PR	IR	Total
A. Scott	19	33	59	22	0	133
Gallman	45	61	0	0	0	106
Peake	0	99	0	0	0	99
Renfrow	0	88	0	0	0	88

FUMBLES: #2 Alabama-None. #1 Clemson-Peake 1-0; Watson 1-0.



Defensive Statistics (Final)  
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#	#2 Alabama	Solo	Ast	Total	Sacks-Yds	TFL-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	Int-Yds	BrUp	Blks	QBH
24	Matias-Smith,G.	11	0	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10	Foster,Reuben	8	1	9	-	1.0-5	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	Jones,Cyrus	4	1	5	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
19	Ragland,Reggie	4	1	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
26	Humphrey,M.	3	2	5	-	1.0-2	-	-	-	2	-	-
29	Fitzpatrick,M.	3	1	4	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
9	Hand,Da'Shawn	3	1	4	-	2.0-6	-	-	-	-	-	-
25	Lee,Dillon	3	0	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
32	Evans,Rashaan	3	0	3	2.0-14	2.0-14	-	-	-	-	-	-
86	Robinson,A.	2	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4	Jackson,Eddie	2	1	3	-	-	-	-	1-0	-	-	-
30	Devall,Denzel	2	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
54	Tomlinson,D.	1	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
90	Reed,Jarran	1	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
57	Pettway,D.J.	1	0	1	-	1.0-1	-	-	-	2	1	-
99	Griffith,Adam	1	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
21	Smith,Maurice	1	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1B	Harrison,R.	1	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
42	Holcombe,Keith	0	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3	Sylve,Bradley	0	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals		54	12	66	2.0-14	7.0-28	1	0-0	1-0	7	1	0

#	#1 Clemson	Solo	Ast	Total	Sacks-Yds	TFL-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	Int-Yds	BrUp	Blks	QBH
15	T. Green	6	5	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
44	Goodson	10	0	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
98	Dodd	7	0	7	3.0-20	5.0-26	-	-	-	-	-	-
11	Blanks	4	0	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
48	Reader	3	1	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
90	Lawson	3	1	4	2.0-11	2.0-11	-	-	-	-	-	-
25	Tankersley	2	2	4	-	1.0-2	-	-	-	-	-	-
10	Boulware	2	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
42	Wilkins	1	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	Kearse	2	0	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	Alexander	2	0	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6	O'Daniel	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
91	A. Bryant	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
94	Watkins	1	1	2	-	1.0-1	-	-	-	-	-	-
92	Huegel	1	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
56	Pagano	1	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
33	J.D. Davis	1	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2F	Fields	0	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
23	V. Smith	0	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2A	Baker	0	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Totals		48	18	66	5.0-31	9.0-40	0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0





Drive Chart (By Quarter) (Final)  
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Team	Qtr	Drive Started			Drive Ended			Consumed	
		Spot	Time	Obtained	Spot	Time	How lost	PI - Yds	TOP
UA	1st	V21	15:00	Kickoff	V47	10:59	Punt	9 - 26	4:01
CU		H09	10:59	Punt	H35	08:50	Punt	8 - 26	2:09
UA	2nd	V41	08:50	Punt	H00	07:55	*TOUCHDOWN	3 - 59	0:55
CU		H46	07:47	Kickoff	V00	05:18	*TOUCHDOWN	6 - 54	2:29
UA		V39	05:09	Kickoff	H27	02:17	Missed FG	7 - 34	2:52
CU		H27	02:17	Missed FG	V00	00:00	*TOUCHDOWN	7 - 73	2:17
UA		V25	15:00	Kickoff	V47	12:31	Punt	4 - 22	2:29
CU		H17	12:31	Punt	H24	11:58	Interception	2 - 7	0:33
UA		H42	11:58	Interception	H00	09:35	*TOUCHDOWN	7 - 42	2:23
CU		H25	09:35	Kickoff	H33	07:55	Punt	3 - 8	1:40
UA		V10	07:55	Punt	V30	04:25	Punt	6 - 20	3:30
CU		H18	04:25	Punt	H30	01:45	Punt	7 - 12	2:40
UA	3rd	V24	01:45	Punt	V21	00:37	Punt	3 - (3)	1:08
CU		H34	00:37	Punt	V26	00:05	Missed FG	4 - 40	0:32
UA		V27	00:05	Missed FG	V39	00:00	End of half	1 - 12	0:05
CU		H23	14:55	Kickoff	H30	13:46	Punt	3 - 7	1:09
UA		V36	13:46	Punt	H00	12:53	*TOUCHDOWN	3 - 64	0:53
CU		H25	12:53	Kickoff	V20	10:10	*FIELD GOAL	9 - 55	2:43
UA		V26	10:02	Kickoff	V25	08:26	Punt	3 - (1)	1:36
CU		H40	08:26	Punt	V00	04:48	*TOUCHDOWN	9 - 60	3:38
UA		V17	04:42	Kickoff	V37	02:44	Punt	5 - 20	1:58
CU		H38	02:44	Punt	H43	00:43	Punt	6 - 5	2:01
UA	4th	V05	00:43	Punt	V12	14:48	Punt	3 - 7	0:55
CU		H50	14:48	Punt	V40	13:07	Punt	4 - 10	1:41
UA		V20	13:07	Punt	H16	10:34	*FIELD GOAL	8 - 64	2:33
UA		V50	10:34	Kickoff	H00	09:45	*TOUCHDOWN	2 - 50	0:49
CU		H25	09:45	Kickoff	V14	07:47	*FIELD GOAL	6 - 61	1:58
UA		H00	07:31	Kickoff	H00	07:31	*TOUCHDOWN	0 - 0	0:00
CU		H25	07:31	Kickoff	V00	04:40	*TOUCHDOWN	8 - 75	2:51
UA		V25	04:40	Kickoff	H00	01:07	*TOUCHDOWN	8 - 75	3:33
CU		H32	01:02	Kickoff	V00	00:12	*TOUCHDOWN	6 - 68	0:50
UA		H47	00:12	Kickoff	H48	00:00	End of half	1 - (1)	0:12



## Quickie Statistics (Final)

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	UA	CU
Score	45	40
FIRST DOWNS	18	31
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	46-138	38-145
PASSING YDS (NET)	335	405
Passes Att-Comp-Int	25-16-0	47-30-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	71-473	85-550
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	1-12	2-22
Kickoff Returns-Yards	5-196	3-68
Interception Returns-Yards	1-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	7-42.4	6-44.2
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-0
Penalties-Yards	2-21	4-27
Possession Time	30:31	29:29
Third-Down Conversions	9 of 18	6 of 14
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 0	0 of 0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	3-3	5-5

### #2 Alabama

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Henry, Derrick	36	167	9	158	3	50	4.4
Drake, Kenyan	1	1	0	1	0	1	1.0
TEAM	1	0	1	-1	0	0	-1.0
Coker, Jake	8	11	31	-20	0	8	-2.5

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Coker, Jake	16-25-0	335	2	63	5

Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Ridley, Calvin	6	14	0	9
Howard, O.J.	5	208	2	63
Stewart, A.	2	63	0	38
Drake, Kenyan	2	21	0	7

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Scott, JK	7	297	42.4	52	3	0

Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Jones, Cyrus	1	12	0	12

Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Drake, Kenyan	5	196	1	95

Tackles	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL
Matias-Smith, G.	11-0	11	0.0	0.0
Foster, Reuben	8-1	9	0.0	1.0

### #1 Clemson

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Watson	20	93	20	73	0	20	3.7
Gallman	14	55	10	45	1	34	3.2
A. Scott	2	19	0	19	0	10	9.5
Brooks	1	4	0	4	0	4	4.0

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Peake	6	99	0	28
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Brooks	4	39	0	22

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Teasdall	6	265	44.2	57	2	1

Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long
A. Scott	2	22	0	13

Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long
A. Scott	2	59	0	43
Richard	1	9	0	9

Tackles	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL
T. Green	6-5	11	0.0	0.0
Goodson	10-0	10	0.0	0.0

Qtr	Time	Scoring Play	V-H
1st	07:55	UA - Henry, Derrick 50 yd run (Griffith, Adam kick), 3-59 0:55	7 - 0
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	00:12	CU - Leggett 24 yd pass from Watson (Huegel kick), 6-68 0:50	45 - 40





## Play-by-Play Summary (1st quarter)

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*CLEM wins toss, defers; BAMA elects to rec; CLEM to kick, defend N*

1-10	UA 35	CU ball on CU35. Huegel kickoff 65 yards to the UA0, Drake,Kenyan return 21 yards to the UA21 (J.D. Davis).	
1-10	UA 21	Coker,Jake pass complete to Ridley,Calvin for no gain to the UA21 (Alexander).	
2-10	UA 21	Henry,Derrick rush for loss of 5 yards to the UA16 (Boulware), PENALTY CU offside defense (Lawson) 5 yards to the UA26, NO PLAY.	
2-5	UA 26	Henry,Derrick rush for 4 yards to the UA30 (Blanks).	
3-1	UA 30	Henry,Derrick rush for 4 yards to the UA34, 1ST DOWN UA (Goodson).	R1
1-10	UA 34	Coker,Jake pass incomplete to Ridley,Calvin.	
2-10	UA 34	Henry,Derrick rush for 1 yard to the UA35 (A. Bryant; Tankersley).	
3-9	UA 35	Coker,Jake pass complete to Ridley,Calvin for 9 yards to the UA44, 1ST DOWN UA (Goodson).	P2
1-10	UA 44	Henry,Derrick rush for 3 yards to the UA47 (Reader).	
2-7	UA 47	Coker,Jake pass complete to Drake,Kenyan for no gain to the UA47, out-of-bounds.	
3-7	UA 47	Coker,Jake pass incomplete to Mullaney,R..	
4-7	UA 47	Scott,JK punt 44 yards to the CU9, fair catch by A. Scott. <i>9 plays, 26 yards, 4:01</i>	

#1 CLEMSON drive start at 10:59.

1-10	CU 09	Watson pass complete to A. Scott for 4 yards to the CU13 (Matias-Smith,G.).	
2-6	CU 13	Gallman rush for 7 yards to the CU20, 1ST DOWN CU (Jones,Cyrus).	R1
1-10	CU 20	Watson pass incomplete to A. Scott.	
2-10	CU 20	Gallman rush for no gain to the CU20 (Matias-Smith,G.).	
3-10	CU 20	Watson pass complete to Leggett for 13 yards to the CU33, 1ST DOWN CU (Harrison,R.).	P2
1-10	CU 33	Gallman rush for 2 yards to the CU35 (Reed,Jarran).	
2-8	CU 35	Watson pass incomplete to Gallman.	
3-8	CU 35	Watson pass incomplete to Mccloud.	
4-8	CU 35	Teasdall punt 36 yards to the UA29, Jones,Cyrus return 12 yards to the UA41 (T. Green). <i>8 plays, 26 yards, 2:09</i>	

#2 ALABAMA drive start at 08:50.

1-10	UA 41	Henry,Derrick rush for 2 yards to the UA43 (Boulware).	
2-8	UA 43	Henry,Derrick rush for 7 yards to the 50 yardline (T. Green).	
3-1	UA 50	Henry,Derrick rush for 50 yards to the CU0, 1ST DOWN UA, TOUCHDOWN, clock 07:55.	R3
1-G	CU 03	Griffith,Adam kick attempt good.	

**#2 Alabama 7, #1 Clemson 0**

*3 plays, 59 yards, 1:03*

Griffith,Adam kickoff 62 yards to the CU3, A. Scott return 43 yards to the CU46 (Griffith,Adam).

#1 CLEMSON drive start at 07:47.

1-10	CU 46	Watson pass complete to Renfrow for 5 yards to the UA49 (Foster,Reuben).	
2-5	UA 49	Gallman rush for no gain to the UA49 (Fitzpatrick,M.).	
3-5	UA 49	Watson pass incomplete to Leggett, PENALTY UA pass interference (Foster,Reuben) 6 yards to the UA43, 1ST DOWN CU, NO PLAY.	X3
1-10	UA 43	Watson rush for 5 yards to the UA38.	
2-5	UA 38	Gallman rush for 1 yard to the UA37 (Devall,Denzel).	
3-4	UA 37	Watson rush for 6 yards to the UA31, 1ST DOWN CU, out-of-bounds.	R4
1-10	UA 31	Watson pass complete to Renfrow for 31 yards to the UA0, 1ST DOWN CU, TOUCHDOWN, clock 05:18.	P5
1-G	UA 03	Huegel kick attempt good.	

**#1 Clemson 7, #2 Alabama 7**

*6 plays, 54 yards, 2:38*

Huegel kickoff 65 yards to the UA0, Drake,Kenyan return 39 yards to the UA39 (Huegel).

#2 ALABAMA drive start at 05:09.

1-10	UA 39	Henry,Derrick rush for 7 yards to the UA46 (Blanks).	
2-3	UA 46	Henry,Derrick rush for no gain to the UA46 (Reader).	
3-3	UA 46	Coker,Jake pass complete to Howard,O.J. for 25 yards to the CU29, 1ST DOWN UA (T. Green).	P4
1-10	CU 29	Coker,Jake sacked for loss of 6 yards to the CU35 (Lawson).	
2-16	CU 35	Timeout #2 Alabama, clock 03:05.	
2-16	CU 35	Coker,Jake pass incomplete to Ridley,Calvin.	
3-16	CU 35	Henry,Derrick rush for 8 yards to the CU27 (A. Bryant).	
4-8	CU 27	Griffith,Adam field goal attempt from 44 MISSED - wide right, spot at CU27, clock 02:17. <i>7 plays, 34 yards, 2:52</i>	

#1 CLEMSON drive start at 02:17.

1-10	CU 27	Watson rush for 11 yards to the CU38, 1ST DOWN CU, out-of-bounds.	R6
1-10	CU 38	Gallman rush for 6 yards to the CU44 (Fitzpatrick,M.; Devall,Denzel).	
2-4	CU 44	Watson pass complete to Peake for 24 yards to the UA32, 1ST DOWN CU, out-of-bounds (Humphrey,M.).	P7
1-10	UA 32	Watson pass complete to Leggett for 20 yards to the UA12, 1ST DOWN CU (Matias-Smith,G.).	P8
1-10	UA 12	Watson rush for 1 yard to the UA11 (Ragland,Reggie).	
2-9	UA 11	Watson pass incomplete to Renfrow.	
3-9	UA 11	Watson pass complete to Renfrow for 11 yards to the UA0, 1ST DOWN CU, TOUCHDOWN, clock	P9



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00:00.  
 1-G UA 03 Huegel kick attempt good.

#1 Clemson 14, #2 Alabama 7
END OF 1st QUARTER: #1 Clemson 14, #2 Alabama 7

Quarter Summary	Score	Time Poss	1st Downs				Conversions		Rushing	Passing	Penalties
			R	P	X	T	3rd	4th			
#2 Alabama	7	07:56	2	2	0	4	4-6	0-0	11-80	4-7-0-34	1-6
#1 Clemson	14	07:04	3	5	1	9	2-3	0-0	10-39	7-11-0-108	1-5



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	UA	CU
Score	7	14
FIRST DOWNS	4	9
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	11-80	10-39
PASSING YDS (NET)	34	108
Passes Att-Comp-Int	7-4-0	11-7-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	18-114	21-147
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	1-12	0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	2-60	1-43
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	1-44.0	1-36.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	1-6	1-5
Possession Time	07:56	07:04
Third-Down Conversions	4 of 6	3 of 4
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 0	0 of 0

### #2 Alabama

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Henry, Derrick	10	86	0	86	1	50	8.6
Coker, Jake	1	0	6	-6	0	0	-6.0

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Coker, Jake	4-7-0	34	0	25	1

Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Ridley, Calvin	2	9	0	9
Howard, O.J.	1	25	0	25
Drake, Kenyan	1	0	0	0

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Scott, JK	1	44	44.0	44	1	0

Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Jones, Cyrus	1	12	0	12

Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Drake, Kenyan	2	60	0	39

Tackles	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL
Matias-Smith, G.	3-0	3	0.0	0.0
Fitzpatrick, M.	1-1	2	0.0	0.0
Devall, Denzel	1-1	2	0.0	0.0
Ragland, Reggie	1-0	1	0.0	0.0

### #1 Clemson

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Watson	4	23	0	23	0	11	5.8
Gallman	6	16	0	16	0	7	2.7

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Watson	7-11-0	108	2	31	0

Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Renfrow	3	47	2	31
Leggett	2	33	0	20
Peake	1	24	0	24
A. Scott	1	4	0	4

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Teasdall	1	36	36.0	36	0	0

Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long

Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long
A. Scott	1	43	0	43

Tackles	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL
T. Green	3-0	3	0.0	0.0
Goodson	2-0	2	0.0	0.0
Reader	2-0	2	0.0	0.0
Blanks	2-0	2	0.0	0.0

Qtr	Time	Scoring Play	V-H
1st	07:55	UA - Henry, Derrick 50 yd run (Griffith, Adam kick), 3-59 1:03	7 - 0
	05:18	CU - Renfrow 31 yd pass from Watson (Huegel kick), 6-54 2:38	7 - 7
	00:00	CU - Renfrow 11 yd pass from Watson (Huegel kick), 7-73 2:17	7 - 14



## Play-by-Play Summary (2nd quarter)

### #2 Alabama vs #1 Clemson (Jan 11, 2016 at Glendale, Ariz.)



1-G CU 35 Start of 2nd quarter, clock 15:00.  
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*7 plays, 73 yards, 2:17*

Huegel kickoff 65 yards to the UA0, touchback.

#2 ALABAMA drive start at 15:00.

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1-10	UA 25	Coker,Jake pass complete to Mullaney,R. for 29 yards to the CU46, 1ST DOWN UA (Kearse).	P5
1-10	CU 46	Henry,Derrick rush for loss of 4 yards to the 50 yardline (Dodd).	
2-14	UA 50	Coker,Jake sacked for loss of 4 yards to the UA46 (Dodd).	
3-18	UA 46	Coker,Jake pass complete to Ridley,Calvin for 1 yard to the UA47 (Alexander).	
4-17	UA 47	Scott,JK punt 36 yards to the CU17, fair catch by A. Scott.	

*4 plays, 22 yards, 2:29*

#1 CLEMSON drive start at 12:31.

1-10	CU 17	Watson rush for 7 yards to the CU24 (Foster,Reuben).	
2-3	CU 24	Watson pass intercepted by Jackson,Eddie at the CU42, Jackson,Eddie return 0 yards to the CU42.	

*2 plays, 7 yards, 0:33*

#2 ALABAMA drive start at 11:58.

1-10	CU 42	Coker,Jake pass complete to Ridley,Calvin for loss of 8 yards to the 50 yardline, Drake,Kenyan for 14 yards to the CU36.	
2-4	CU 36	Henry,Derrick rush for 12 yards to the CU24, 1ST DOWN UA (Goodson), PENALTY CU face mask (Goodson) 12 yards to the CU12, 1ST DOWN UA.	X7
1-10	CU 12	1st and 10.	
1-10	CU 12	Timeout #2 Alabama, clock 11:08.	
1-10	CU 12	Henry,Derrick rush for 3 yards to the CU9 (T. Green).	
2-7	CU 09	Coker,Jake pass incomplete to Ridley,Calvin.	
3-7	CU 09	Coker,Jake pass complete to Ridley,Calvin for 7 yards to the CU2, 1ST DOWN UA (T. Green;Watkins).	P8
1-G	CU 02	Drake,Kenyan rush for 1 yard to the CU1 (Lawson).	
2-G	CU 01	Henry,Derrick rush for 1 yard to the CU0, TOUCHDOWN, clock 09:35.	
1-G	CU 03	Griffith,Adam kick attempt good.	

#1 Clemson 14, #2 Alabama 14

*7 plays, 42 yards, 2:23*

Griffith,Adam kickoff 65 yards to the CU0, touchback.

#1 CLEMSON drive start at 09:35.

1-10	CU 25	Watson rush for 4 yards to the CU29, out-of-bounds (Matias-Smith,G.).	
2-6	CU 29	Watson rush for 2 yards to the CU31 (Ragland,Reggie).	
3-4	CU 31	Watson pass complete to Renfrow for 2 yards to the CU33.	
4-2	CU 33	Teasdall punt 57 yards to the UA10, downed.	

*3 plays, 8 yards, 1:40*

#2 ALABAMA drive start at 07:55.

1-10	UA 10	Henry,Derrick rush for 3 yards to the UA13 (Pagano).	
2-7	UA 13	Henry,Derrick rush for 6 yards to the UA19 (Goodson).	
3-1	UA 19	Henry,Derrick rush for 3 yards to the UA22, 1ST DOWN UA (Goodson).	R9
1-10	UA 22	Henry,Derrick rush for 5 yards to the UA27 (Dodd).	
2-5	UA 27	Coker,Jake sacked for loss of 5 yards to the UA22 (Lawson).	
3-10	UA 22	Coker,Jake rush for 8 yards to the UA30 (Goodson).	
4-2	UA 30	Scott,JK punt 52 yards to the CU18, fair catch by A. Scott.	

*6 plays, 20 yards, 3:30*

#1 CLEMSON drive start at 04:25.

1-10	CU 18	Brooks rush for 4 yards to the CU22 (Matias-Smith,G.).	
2-6	CU 22	Watson rush for 9 yards to the CU31, 1ST DOWN CU (Foster,Reuben).	R10
1-10	CU 31	Watson pass incomplete to Renfrow (Pettway,D.J.).	
2-10	CU 31	Watson pass complete to A. Scott for 12 yards to the CU43, 1ST DOWN CU (Matias-Smith,G.).	P11
1-10	CU 43	Watson pass complete to Brooks for 12 yards to the UA45 (Reed,Jarran), PENALTY CU ineligible downfield on pass (Gore) 5 yards to the CU38, NO PLAY.	
1-15	CU 38	Gallman rush for loss of 5 yards to the CU33 (Foster,Reuben).	
2-20	CU 33	Gallman rush for loss of 3 yards to the CU30 (Hand,Da'Shawn).	
3-23	CU 30	Watson rush for no gain to the CU30 (Evans,Rashaan).	
4-23	CU 30	Timeout #2 Alabama, clock 01:52.	
4-23	CU 30	Teasdall punt 46 yards to the UA24, out-of-bounds.	

*7 plays, 12 yards, 2:40*

#2 ALABAMA drive start at 01:45.

1-10	UA 24	Coker,Jake sacked for loss of 9 yards to the UA15 (Dodd).	
2-19	UA 15	Henry,Derrick rush for 1 yard to the UA16 (Reader).	
3-18	UA 16	Timeout #1 Clemson, clock 00:55.	
3-18	UA 16	Coker,Jake pass complete to Ridley,Calvin for 5 yards to the UA21, out-of-bounds (Blanks).	
4-13	UA 21	Scott,JK punt 45 yards to the CU34, fair catch by A. Scott.	

*3 plays, minus 3 yards, 1:08*



*Play-by-Play Summary (2nd quarter)*  
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#1 CLEMSON drive start at 00:37.

1-10	CU 34	Watson pass complete to Peake for 27 yards to the UA39, 1ST DOWN CU (Matias-Smith,G.).	P12
1-10	UA 39	Clock 00:25, Watson pass complete to Brooks for 2 yards to the UA37 (Foster,Reuben).	
2-8	UA 37	Timeout #1 Clemson, clock 00:20.	
2-8	UA 37	Watson pass complete to Brooks for 11 yards to the UA26, 1ST DOWN CU (Jones,Cyrus).	P13
1-10	UA 26	Timeout #1 Clemson, clock 00:09.	
1-10	UA 26	Huegel field goal attempt from 44 MISSED - short, spot at UA27, clock 00:05 (blocked by Pettway,D.J.).	

*4 plays, 40 yards, 0:32*

#2 ALABAMA drive start at 00:05.

1-10	UA 27	Henry,Derrick rush for 12 yards to the UA39, 1ST DOWN UA (Kearse).	R10
End of half, clock 00:00.			

*1 play, 12 yards, 0:05*

END OF 2nd QUARTER: #1 Clemson 14, #2 Alabama 14
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Quarter Summary	Score	Time Poss	1st Downs				Conversions		Rushing	Passing	Penalties
			R	P	X	T	3rd	4th			
#2 Alabama	7	09:35	3	2	1	6	2-5	0-0	15-33	5-6-0-48	0-0
#1 Clemson	0	05:25	1	3	0	4	0-2	0-0	8-18	5-7-1-54	2-17



## Quickie Statistics (Halftime)

### #2 Alabama vs #1 Clemson (Jan 11, 2016 at Glendale, Ariz.)



	UA	CU
Score	14	14
FIRST DOWNS	10	13
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	26-113	18-57
PASSING YDS (NET)	82	162
Passes Att-Comp-Int	13-9-0	18-12-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	39-195	36-219
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	1-12	0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	2-60	1-43
Interception Returns-Yards	1-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	4-44.2	3-46.3
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	1-6	3-22
Possession Time	17:31	12:29
Third-Down Conversions	6 of 11	3 of 6
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 0	0 of 0

#### #2 Alabama

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Henry, Derrick	20	132	4	128	2	50	6.4
Drake, Kenyan	1	1	0	1	0	1	1.0
Coker, Jake	5	8	24	-16	0	8	-3.2

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Coker, Jake	9-13-0	82	0	29	4

Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Ridley, Calvin	6	14	0	9
Mullaney, R.	1	29	0	29
Howard, O.J.	1	25	0	25
Drake, Kenyan	1	14	0	0

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Scott, JK	4	177	44.2	52	3	0

Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Jones, Cyrus	1	12	0	12

Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Drake, Kenyan	2	60	0	39

Tackles	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL
Matias-Smith, G.	7-0	7	0.0	0.0
Foster, Reuben	5-0	5	0.0	1.0
Jones, Cyrus	2-0	2	0.0	0.0
Ragland, Reggie	2-0	2	0.0	0.0

#### #1 Clemson

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Watson	9	45	0	45	0	11	5.0
Gallman	8	16	8	8	0	7	1.0
Brooks	1	4	0	4	0	4	4.0

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Watson	12-18-1	162	2	31	0

Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Renfrow	4	49	2	31
Peake	2	51	0	27
Leggett	2	33	0	20
A. Scott	2	16	0	12

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Teasdall	3	139	46.3	57	1	0

Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long

Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long
A. Scott	1	43	0	43

Tackles	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL
Goodson	6-0	6	0.0	0.0
T. Green	4-1	5	0.0	0.0
Dodd	4-0	4	2.0	3.0
Lawson	3-0	3	2.0	2.0

Qtr	Time	Scoring Play	V-H
1st	07:55	UA - Henry, Derrick 50 yd run (Griffith, Adam kick), 3-59 1:03	7 - 0
	05:18	CU - Renfrow 31 yd pass from Watson (Huegel kick), 6-54 2:38	7 - 7
	00:00	CU - Renfrow 11 yd pass from Watson (Huegel kick), 7-73 2:17	7 - 14
2nd	09:35	UA - Henry, Derrick 1 yd run (Griffith, Adam kick), 7-42 2:23	14 - 14



## Play-by-Play Summary (3rd quarter)

### #2 Alabama vs #1 Clemson (Jan 11, 2016 at Glendale, Ariz.)



Start of 3rd quarter, clock 15:00, UA ball on UA35.  
 Griffith,Adam kickoff 58 yards to the CU7, A. Scott return 16 yards to the CU23 (Lee,Dillon).

#1 CLEMSON drive start at 14:55.

1-10 CU 23 Gallman rush for loss of 2 yards to the CU21 (Humphrey,M.).  
 2-12 CU 21 Watson pass complete to Renfrow for 9 yards to the CU30 (Ragland,Reggie).  
 3-3 CU 30 Watson pass incomplete to Peake (Humphrey,M.).  
 4-3 CU 30 Teasdall punt 34 yards to the UA36, downed.

*3 plays, 7 yards, 1:09*

#2 ALABAMA drive start at 13:46.

1-10 UA 36 Henry,Derrick rush for 4 yards to the UA40 (Dodd).  
 2-6 UA 40 Coker,Jake pass complete to Drake,Kenyan for 7 yards to the UA47, 1ST DOWN UA, out-of-bounds. P11  
 1-10 UA 47 Coker,Jake pass complete to Howard,O.J. for 53 yards to the CU0, 1ST DOWN UA, TOUCHDOWN, clock 12:53. P12  
 1-G CU 03 Griffith,Adam kick attempt good.

**#2 Alabama 21, #1 Clemson 14**

*3 plays, 64 yards, 0:53*

Griffith,Adam kickoff 65 yards to the CU0, touchback.

#1 CLEMSON drive start at 12:53.

1-10 CU 25 A. Scott rush for 9 yards to the CU34 (Hand,Da'Shawn).  
 2-1 CU 34 Gallman rush for 4 yards to the CU38, 1ST DOWN CU (Matias-Smith,G.). R14  
 1-10 CU 38 Gallman rush for no gain to the CU38 (Fitzpatrick,M.).  
 2-10 CU 38 Watson pass complete to Brooks for 22 yards to the UA40, 1ST DOWN CU P15 (Humphrey,M.; Jackson,Eddie).  
 1-10 UA 40 Watson rush for 4 yards to the UA36 (Tomlinson,D.).  
 2-6 UA 36 Watson pass incomplete to Renfrow, PENALTY UA pass interference (Fitzpatrick,M.) 15 yards X16 to the UA21, 1ST DOWN CU, NO PLAY.  
 1-10 UA 21 Watson rush for 1 yard to the UA20 (Hand,Da'Shawn; Robinson,A.).  
 2-9 UA 20 Watson pass incomplete to Hopper (Fitzpatrick,M.).  
 3-9 UA 20 Watson pass incomplete to A. Scott (Harrison,R.).  
 4-9 UA 20 Huegel field goal attempt from 37 GOOD, clock 10:10.

**#2 Alabama 21, #1 Clemson 17**

*9 plays, 55 yards, 2:51*

Huegel kickoff 64 yards to the UA1, Drake,Kenyan return 25 yards to the UA26 (O'Daniel).

#2 ALABAMA drive start at 10:02.

1-10 UA 26 Coker,Jake sacked for loss of 7 yards to the UA19 (Dodd), PENALTY UA holding declined.  
 2-17 UA 19 Henry,Derrick rush for 2 yards to the UA21 (Lawson;T. Green).  
 3-15 UA 21 Henry,Derrick rush for 4 yards to the UA25 (Reader;T. Green), PENALTY UA holding declined.  
 4-11 UA 25 Scott,JK punt 48 yards to the CU27, A. Scott return 13 yards to the CU40 (Sylve,Bradley; Holcombe,Keith).

*3 plays, minus 1 yard, 1:36*

#1 CLEMSON drive start at 08:26.

1-10 CU 40 Watson rush for 20 yards to the UA40, 1ST DOWN CU, out-of-bounds (Jones,Cyrus). R17  
 1-10 UA 40 Watson pass complete to Leggett for 11 yards to the UA29, 1ST DOWN CU. P18  
 1-10 UA 29 Watson pass incomplete to Renfrow (Fitzpatrick,M.).  
 2-10 UA 29 PENALTY CU false start (Mccloud) 5 yards to the UA34.  
 2-15 UA 34 Watson rush for 16 yards to the UA18, 1ST DOWN CU, out-of-bounds. R19  
 1-10 UA 18 Watson pass complete to Peake for 4 yards to the UA14 (Matias-Smith,G.).  
 2-6 UA 14 Watson pass complete to Gallman for 8 yards to the UA6, 1ST DOWN CU (Humphrey,M.). P20  
 1-G UA 06 Timeout #1 Clemson, clock 05:54.  
 1-G UA 06 Watson rush for 5 yards to the UA1 (Ragland,Reggie).  
 2-G UA 01 Gallman rush for no gain to the UA1 (Robinson,A.).  
 3-G UA 01 Gallman rush for 1 yard to the UA0, TOUCHDOWN, clock 04:48.  
 1-G UA 03 Huegel kick attempt good.

**#1 Clemson 24, #2 Alabama 21**

*9 plays, 60 yards, 3:44*

Huegel kickoff 64 yards to the UA1, Drake,Kenyan return 16 yards to the UA17 (O'Daniel;V. Smith).

#2 ALABAMA drive start at 04:42.

1-10 UA 17 Henry,Derrick rush for 3 yards to the UA20 (Goodson).  
 2-7 UA 20 Coker,Jake pass complete to Howard,O.J. for 16 yards to the UA36, 1ST DOWN UA (Baker;T. Green). P13  
 1-10 UA 36 Henry,Derrick rush for 1 yard to the UA37 (Tankersley;Wilkins).  
 2-9 UA 37 Coker,Jake pass incomplete to Stewart,A..  
 3-9 UA 37 Coker,Jake pass incomplete to Mullaney,R..  
 4-9 UA 37 Scott,JK punt 34 yards to the CU29, A. Scott return 9 yards to the CU38 (Lee,Dillon).

*5 plays, 20 yards, 1:58*

#1 CLEMSON drive start at 02:44.



## Play-by-Play Summary (3rd quarter)

### #2 Alabama vs #1 Clemson (Jan 11, 2016 at Glendale, Ariz.)



1-10	CU 38	Mccloud rush for 4 yards to the CU42, out-of-bounds (Fitzpatrick,M.).	
2-6	CU 42	Watson pass incomplete to Renfrow.	
3-6	CU 42	Watson pass complete to Leggett for 10 yards to the UA48, 1ST DOWN CU (Foster,Reuben).	P21
1-10	UA 48	Watson pass complete to A. Scott for 2 yards to the UA46, out-of-bounds (Devall,Denzel).	
2-8	UA 46	Watson pass incomplete to Brooks.	
3-8	UA 46	Watson sacked for loss of 11 yards to the CU43 (Evans,Rashaan).	
4-19	CU 43	Teasdall punt 52 yards to the UA5, out-of-bounds.	
<i>6 plays, 5 yards, 2:01</i>			

#2 ALABAMA drive start at 00:43.

1-10	UA 05	Henry,Derrick rush for 5 yards to the UA10 (Tankersley).
2-5	UA 10	Henry,Derrick rush for 2 yards to the UA12 (Boulware).

END OF 3rd QUARTER: #1 Clemson 24, #2 Alabama 21
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Quarter Summary	Score	Time Poss	1st Downs				Conversions		Rushing	Passing	Penalties
			R	P	X	T	3rd	4th			
#2 Alabama	7	05:10	0	3	0	3	0-2	0-0	8-14	3-5-0-76	1-15
#1 Clemson	10	09:45	3	4	1	8	2-5	0-0	13-51	7-13-0-66	1-5





## Quickie Statistics (3rd quarter)

### #2 Alabama vs #1 Clemson (Jan 11, 2016 at Glendale, Ariz.)



	UA	CU
Score	21	24
FIRST DOWNS	13	21
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	34-127	31-108
PASSING YDS (NET)	158	228
Passes Att-Comp-Int	18-12-0	31-19-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	52-285	62-336
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	1-12	2-22
Kickoff Returns-Yards	4-101	2-59
Interception Returns-Yards	1-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	6-43.2	5-45.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	2-21	4-27
Possession Time	22:41	22:14
Third-Down Conversions	6 of 13	5 of 11
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 0	0 of 0

#### #2 Alabama

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Henry, Derrick	27	153	4	149	2	50	5.5
Drake, Kenyan	1	1	0	1	0	1	1.0
Coker, Jake	6	8	31	-23	0	8	-3.8

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Coker, Jake	12-18-0	158	1	53	5

Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Ridley, Calvin	6	14	0	9
Howard, O.J.	3	94	1	53
Drake, Kenyan	2	21	0	7
Mullaney, R.	1	29	0	29

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Scott, JK	6	259	43.2	52	3	0

Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Jones, Cyrus	1	12	0	12

Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Drake, Kenyan	4	101	0	39

Tackles	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL
Matias-Smith, G.	9-0	9	0.0	0.0
Foster, Reuben	6-0	6	0.0	1.0
Ragland, Reggie	4-0	4	0.0	0.0
Humphrey, M.	3-1	4	0.0	1.0

#### #1 Clemson

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Watson	15	91	11	80	0	20	5.3
Gallman	13	21	10	11	1	7	0.8
A. Scott	1	9	0	9	0	9	9.0
McCloud	1	4	0	4	0	4	4.0

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Watson	19-31-1	228	2	31	1

Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Renfrow	5	58	2	31
Leggett	4	54	0	20
Peake	3	55	0	27
Brooks	3	35	0	22

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Teasdall	5	225	45.0	57	2	0

Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long
A. Scott	2	22	0	13

Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long
A. Scott	2	59	0	43

Tackles	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL
T. Green	4-4	8	0.0	0.0
Goodson	7-0	7	0.0	0.0
Dodd	6-0	6	3.0	4.0
Reader	3-1	4	0.0	0.0

Qtr	Time	Scoring Play	V-H
1st	07:55	UA - Henry, Derrick 50 yd run (Griffith, Adam kick), 3-59 1:03	7 - 0
	05:18	CU - Renfrow 31 yd pass from Watson (Huegel kick), 6-54 2:38	7 - 7
	00:00	CU - Renfrow 11 yd pass from Watson (Huegel kick), 7-73 2:17	7 - 14
2nd	09:35	UA - Henry, Derrick 1 yd run (Griffith, Adam kick), 7-42 2:23	14 - 14
3rd	12:53	UA - Howard, O.J. 53 yd pass from Coker, Jake (Griffith, Adam kick), 3-64 0:53	21 - 14
	10:10	CU - Huegel 37 yd field goal, 9-55 2:51	21 - 17
	04:48	CU - Gallman 1 yd run (Huegel kick), 9-60 3:44	21 - 24



## Play-by-Play Summary (4th quarter)

### #2 Alabama vs #1 Clemson (Jan 11, 2016 at Glendale, Ariz.)



3-3 UA 12 Start of 4th quarter, clock 15:00.  
 3-3 UA 12 Coker,Jake pass incomplete to Ridley,Calvin.  
 4-3 UA 12 Scott,JK punt 38 yards to the 50 yardline, fair catch by A. Scott.  
*3 plays, 7 yards, 0:55*

#1 CLEMSON drive start at 14:48.

1-10 CU 50 A. Scott rush for 10 yards to the UA40, 1ST DOWN CU (Jackson,Eddie). R22  
 1-10 UA 40 Watson rush for loss of 2 yards to the UA42, fumble by Watson recovered by CU Watson at UA42.  
 2-12 UA 42 Watson rush for 2 yards to the UA40 (Robinson,A.).  
 3-10 UA 40 Watson pass incomplete to A. Scott (Humphrey,M.).  
 4-10 UA 40 Teasdall punt 40 yards to the UA0, touchback.  
*4 plays, 10 yards, 1:41*

#2 ALABAMA drive start at 13:07.

1-10 UA 20 Coker,Jake pass complete to Stewart,A. for 25 yards to the UA45, 1ST DOWN UA (Goodson). P14  
 1-10 UA 45 Henry,Derrick rush for 1 yard to the UA46 (Goodson).  
 2-9 UA 46 Henry,Derrick rush for loss of 2 yards to the UA44 (Tankersley).  
 3-11 UA 44 Coker,Jake pass complete to Stewart,A. for 38 yards to the CU18, 1ST DOWN UA (T. Green). P15  
 1-10 CU 18 Henry,Derrick rush for 2 yards to the CU16 (Blanks).  
 2-8 CU 16 Coker,Jake pass incomplete to Ridley,Calvin (Baker).  
 3-8 CU 16 Coker,Jake pass incomplete to Stewart,A..  
 4-8 CU 16 Griffith,Adam field goal attempt from 33 GOOD, clock 10:34.

**#1 Clemson 24, #2 Alabama 24**

*8 plays, 64 yards, 2:33*

Griffith,Adam kickoff 15 yards to the 50 yardline, on-side kick, recovered by UA Humphrey,M. on 50 yardline.

#2 ALABAMA drive start at 10:34.

1-10 UA 50 Henry,Derrick rush for loss of 1 yard to the UA49 (Watkins).  
 2-11 UA 49 Coker,Jake pass complete to Howard,O.J. for 51 yards to the CU0, 1ST DOWN UA, TOUCHDOWN, P16  
 clock 09:45.  
 1-G CU 03 Griffith,Adam kick attempt good.

**#2 Alabama 31, #1 Clemson 24**

*2 plays, 50 yards, 0:49*

Griffith,Adam kickoff 65 yards to the CU0, touchback.

#1 CLEMSON drive start at 09:45.

1-10 CU 25 Watson pass complete to Renfrow for 24 yards to the CU49, 1ST DOWN CU (Foster,Reuben). P23  
 1-10 CU 49 Gallman rush for 34 yards to the UA17, 1ST DOWN CU, out-of-bounds (Jackson,Eddie). R24  
 1-10 UA 17 Watson rush for loss of 3 yards to the UA20 (Hand,Da'Shawn).  
 2-13 UA 20 Watson pass complete to Renfrow for 6 yards to the UA14 (Foster,Reuben).  
 3-7 UA 14 Watson pass incomplete to Leggett.  
 4-7 UA 14 Huegel field goal attempt from 31 GOOD, clock 07:47.

**#2 Alabama 31, #1 Clemson 27**

*Previous play, ruled KR for TD, reviewed; confirmed*

*6 plays, 61 yards, 2:14*

Huegel kickoff 60 yards to the UA5, Drake,Kenyan return 95 yards to the CU0, TOUCHDOWN, clock 07:31.

1-G CU 03 Griffith,Adam kick attempt good.

**#2 Alabama 38, #1 Clemson 27**

*0 plays, 0 yards, 0:16*

Griffith,Adam kickoff 65 yards to the CU0, touchback.

#1 CLEMSON drive start at 07:31.

1-10 CU 25 Watson rush for loss of 1 yard to the CU24 (Pettway,D.J.).  
 2-11 CU 24 Watson pass complete to Gallman for 14 yards to the CU38, 1ST DOWN CU, out-of-bounds P25  
 (Matias-Smith,G.).  
 1-10 CU 38 Watson sacked for loss of 3 yards to the CU35 (Evans,Rashaan).  
 2-13 CU 35 Watson pass complete to Gallman for 39 yards to the UA26, 1ST DOWN CU, out-of-bounds P26  
 (Smith,Maurice).  
 1-10 UA 26 Timeout #2 Alabama, clock 05:40.  
 1-10 UA 26 Watson pass complete to Mccloud for 7 yards to the UA19 (Ragland,Reggie; Jones,Cyrus).  
 2-3 UA 19 Watson pass incomplete (Pettway,D.J.).  
 3-3 UA 19 Watson pass complete to Brooks for 4 yards to the UA15, 1ST DOWN CU P27  
 (Humphrey,M.; Foster,Reuben).  
 1-10 UA 15 Watson pass complete to A. Scott for 15 yards to the UA0, 1ST DOWN CU, TOUCHDOWN, clock P28  
 04:40.  
 1-G UA 03 Watson rush attempt failed.

**#2 Alabama 38, #1 Clemson 33**

*8 plays, 75 yards, 2:51*

Huegel kickoff 65 yards to the UA0, touchback.

#2 ALABAMA drive start at 04:40.

1-10 UA 25 Henry,Derrick rush for loss of 2 yards to the UA23 (Dodd).



## Play-by-Play Summary (4th quarter)

### #2 Alabama vs #1 Clemson (Jan 11, 2016 at Glendale, Ariz.)



2-12 UA 23 Timeout #2 Alabama, clock 04:00.  
 2-12 UA 23 Coker,Jake pass complete to Howard,O.J. for 63 yards to the CU14, 1ST DOWN UA, out-of-bounds (T. Green). P17  
 1-10 CU 14 Henry,Derrick rush for 3 yards to the CU11 (Goodson).  
 2-7 CU 11 Henry,Derrick rush for 5 yards to the CU6 (Boulware;Fields).  
 3-2 CU 06 Timeout #2 Alabama, clock 02:16.  
 3-2 CU 06 Coker,Jake rush for 3 yards to the CU3, 1ST DOWN UA. R18  
 1-G CU 03 Timeout #1 Clemson, clock 02:11.  
 1-G CU 03 Henry,Derrick rush for 2 yards to the CU1 (T. Green;Wilkins).  
 2-G CU 01 Coker,Jake rush for no gain to the CU1 (Wilkins).  
 3-G CU 01 Timeout #1 Clemson, clock 01:22.  
 3-G CU 01 Henry,Derrick rush for 1 yard to the CU0, TOUCHDOWN, clock 01:07.

*Previous play, ruled TD, reviewed: confirmed*

1-G CU 03 Griffith,Adam kick attempt good.

**#2 Alabama 45, #1 Clemson 33**

*8 plays, 75 yards, 3:38*

Griffith,Adam kickoff 42 yards to the CU23, Richard return 9 yards to the CU32 (Lee,Dillon).

#1 CLEMSON drive start at 01:02.

1-10 CU 32 Watson pass complete to Peake for 6 yards to the CU38, out-of-bounds.  
 2-4 CU 38 Clock 00:56, Watson pass complete to Peake for 28 yards to the UA34, 1ST DOWN CU P29 (Matias-Smith,G.).  
 1-10 UA 34 Clock 00:43, Watson pass incomplete to Brooks.  
 2-10 UA 34 Clock 00:37, Watson pass complete to Peake for 10 yards to the UA24, fumble forced by P30 Jones,Cyrus, fumble by Peake recovered by CU Team at UA24, 1ST DOWN CU.  
 1-10 UA 24 Clock 00:31, Watson pass incomplete.  
 2-10 UA 24 Clock 00:17, Watson pass complete to Leggett for 24 yards to the UA0, 1ST DOWN CU, P31 TOUCHDOWN, clock 00:12.  
 1-G UA 03 Huegel kick attempt good.

**#2 Alabama 45, #1 Clemson 40**

*6 plays, 68 yards, 0:50*

Huegel kickoff 12 yards to the CU47, on-side kick, recovered by UA TEAM on CU47, out-of-bounds.

1-10 CU 47 UA ball on CU47.

#2 ALABAMA drive start at 00:12.

1-10 CU 47 TEAM rush for loss of 1 yard to the CU48.  
 End of game, clock 00:00.

*1 play, minus 1 yard, 0:12*

**FINAL SCORE: #2 Alabama 45, #1 Clemson 40**

Quarter Summary	Score	Time Poss	1st Downs				Conversions		Rushing	Passing	Penalties
			R	P	X	T	3rd	4th			
#2 Alabama	24	07:24	1	4	0	5	3-5	0-0	12-11	4-7-0-177	0-0
#1 Clemson	16	07:36	2	8	0	10	1-3	0-0	7-37	11-16-0-177	0-0



Quickie Statistics (4th quarter)  
#2 Alabama vs #1 Clemson (Jan 11, 2016 at Glendale, Ariz.)



	UA	CU
Score	45	40
FIRST DOWNS	18	31
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	46-138	38-145
PASSING YDS (NET)	335	405
Passes Att-Comp-Int	25-16-0	47-30-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	71-473	85-550
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	1-12	2-22
Kickoff Returns-Yards	5-196	3-68
Interception Returns-Yards	1-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	7-42.4	6-44.2
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-0
Penalties-Yards	2-21	4-27
Possession Time	30:05	29:50
Third-Down Conversions	9 of 18	6 of 14
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 0	0 of 0

#2 Alabama

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Henry, Derrick	36	167	9	158	3	50	4.4
Drake, Kenyan	1	1	0	1	0	1	1.0
TEAM	1	0	1	-1	0	0	-1.0
Coker, Jake	8	11	31	-20	0	8	-2.5

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Coker, Jake	16-25-0	335	2	63	5

Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Ridley, Calvin	6	14	0	9
Howard, O.J.	5	208	2	63
Stewart, A.	2	63	0	38
Drake, Kenyan	2	21	0	7

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Scott, JK	7	297	42.4	52	3	0

Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Jones, Cyrus	1	12	0	12

Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Drake, Kenyan	5	196	1	95

Tackles	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL
Matias-Smith, G.	11-0	11	0.0	0.0
Foster, Reuben	8-1	9	0.0	1.0

#1 Clemson

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Watson	20	93	20	73	0	20	3.7
Gallman	14	55	10	45	1	34	3.2
A. Scott	2	19	0	19	0	10	9.5
McCloud	1	4	0	4	0	4	4.0

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Watson	30-47-1	405	4	39	2

Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Renfrow	7	88	2	31
Peake	6	99	0	28
Leggett	5	78	1	24
Brooks	4	39	0	22

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Teasdall	6	265	44.2	57	2	1

Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long
A. Scott	2	22	0	13

Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long
A. Scott	2	59	0	43
Richard	1	9	0	9

Tackles	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL
T. Green	6-5	11	0.0	0.0
Goodson	10-0	10	0.0	0.0

Qtr	Time	Scoring Play	V-H
1st	07:55	UA - Henry, Derrick 50 yd run (Griffith, Adam kick), 3-59 1:03	7 - 0
	05:18	CU - Renfrow 31 yd pass from Watson (Huegel kick), 6-54 2:38	7 - 7
	00:00	CU - Renfrow 11 yd pass from Watson (Huegel kick), 7-73 2:17	7 - 14
2nd	09:35	UA - Henry, Derrick 1 yd run (Griffith, Adam kick), 7-42 2:23	14 - 14
3rd	12:53	UA - Howard, O.J. 53 yd pass from Coker, Jake (Griffith, Adam kick), 3-64 0:53	21 - 14
	10:10	CU - Huegel 37 yd field goal, 9-55 2:51	21 - 17
	04:48	CU - Gallman 1 yd run (Huegel kick), 9-60 3:44	21 - 24
4th	10:34	UA - Griffith, Adam 33 yd field goal, 8-64 2:33	24 - 24
	09:45	UA - Howard, O.J. 51 yd pass from Coker, Jake (Griffith, Adam kick), 2-50 0:49	31 - 24
	07:47	CU - Huegel 31 yd field goal, 6-61 2:14	31 - 27
	07:31	UA - Drake, Kenyan 95 yd kickoff return (Griffith, Adam kick)	38 - 27
	04:40	CU - A. Scott 15 yd pass from Watson (Watson rush failed), 8-75 2:51	38 - 33
	01:07	UA - Henry, Derrick 1 yd run (Griffith, Adam kick), 8-75 3:38	45 - 33
	00:12	CU - Leggett 24 yd pass from Watson (Huegel kick), 6-68 0:50	45 - 40



Participation Report (Final)  
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#2 Alabama

Pos	##	OFFENSE
LT	74	Robinson, Cam
LG	71	Pierschbacher
C	70	Kelly, Ryan
RG	50	Taylor, A.
RT	76	Jackson, D.
TE	88	Howard, O.J.
QB	14	Coker, Jake
RB	2	Henry, Derrick
WR	13	Stewart, A.
WR	3A	Ridley, Calvin
WR	16	Mullaney, R.

Pos	##	DEFENSE
DL	86	Robinson, A.
DL	93	Allen, Jonathan
DL	90	Reed, Jarran
JACK	30	Devall, Denzel
CB	29	Fitzpatrick, M.
MIKE	19	Ragland, Reggie
WILL	10	Foster, Reuben
CB	5	Jones, Cyrus
CB	26	Humphrey, M.
SS	4	Jackson, Eddie
FS	24	Matias-Smith, G.

#1 Clemson

Pos	##	OFFENSE
LT	75	Hyatt
LG	78	E. Mac Lain
C	57	Guillermo
RG	55	Crowder
RT	73	Gore
TE	16	Leggett
WR	13	Renfrow
QB	4	Watson
RB	9	Gallman
WR	3	A. Scott
WR	19	Peake

Pos	##	DEFENSE
DE	98	Dodd
DT	94	Watkins
DT	48	Reader
DE	90	Lawson
SLB	11	Blanks
MLB	44	Goodson
WLB	10	Boulware
CB	2	Alexander
SS	1	Kearse
FS	15	T. Green
CB	25	Tankersley

#2 Alabama: 1B-Harrison, R., 3-Sylve, Bradley, 9B-Payne, Daron, 9A-Scarborough, Bo, 9-Hand, Da'Shawn, 15-Scott, JK, 17-Drake, Kenyan, 18-Bateman, Cooper, 20-Hamilton, S., 21-Smith, Maurice, 22-Anderson, Ryan, 25-Lee, Dillon, 32-Evans, Rashaan, 33-Gore, Derrick, 34-Harris, Damien, 42-Holcombe, Keith, 46-Nysewander, M., 47-Miller, C., 54-Tomlinson, D., 55-Mazza, Cole, 56-Williams, Tim, 57-Pettway, D.J., 58-Greene, Brandon, 75-Bozeman, B., 81-Kief, Derek, 84-Hentges, Hale, 94-Ball, Dakota, 95-Lake, Darren, 99-Griffith, Adam.

#1 Clemson: 1T-Thompson, 2F-Fields, 2A-Baker, 3J-Joseph, 4W-G. Williams, 5F-Falcinelli, 5-Hopper, 6-O'Daniel, 8-Cain, 8R-Ryan, 17-Gibson, 18-J. Johnson, 21-Davidson, 23-V. Smith, 24-Brooks, 27-Fuller, 29-Edmond, 30-J. Williams, 31-Carter, 32-Teasdall, 33-J.D. Davis, 34-Mccloud, 37-Ju. Davis, 40-Byers, 42-Wilkins, 49-Yeargin, 51-Hearn, 56-Pagano, 69-Morris, 76-J. Brown, 80-Richard, 81-Seckinger, 84-Ca. Smith, 87-Greenlee, 91-A. Bryant, 92-Huegel.



# 2016 CFP NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME / POSTGAME NOTES

Alabama Crimson Tide 45, Clemson Tigers 40

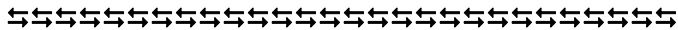
University of Phoenix, Glendale, Ariz. (January 11, 2016)

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## MISCELLANEOUS STATISTICS



	CLEMSON	ALABAMA
FINAL SCORE.....	40	45
Time Spent in the Lead (Tied 24:54).....	20:01	15:05
Total Plays-Yards.....	85-550	71-473
20+/10+/5+.....	11/23/37	8/11/23
Gained Yards.....	55	48
Zero/Minus.....	22/8	13/10
Plus Territory: Plays-Yards.....	34-195	24-88
Drives With Plays in Plus Territory.....	8 of 15	8 of 15
First Down Plays/Yards.....	41/269	29/140
Average on First Down.....	6.6	4.8
First Half.....	7.3 (17-124)	3.5 (15-52)
Second Half.....	6.0 (24-145)	6.3 (14-88)
Rushes/Average.....	23/5.0	20/2.5
Passes/Average (includes sacks).....	18/8.6	9/10.1
Times Gained: 20+/10+/5+.....	6/10/18	3/4/8
Times Gained: 2-/0/Neg.....	17/6/6	15/2/7
Second Down Efficiency.....	14-30	6-24
First Half.....	5-13	2-13
Second Half.....	9-17	4-11
Yards Gained.....	245	167
Third Down Efficiency.....	6-14	9-18
Rushing.....	2-3	5-7
Passing.....	4-11	4-11
Average Yards To Go (All).....	7.5	7.6
Average Yards To Go (Conversions).....	5.5	4.0
Yards Gained.....	36	166
3rd & 5 or less.....	3-5	5-6
3rd & 6 or more.....	3-9	4-12
Fourth Down Efficiency (Yards).....	0-0 (0)	0-0 (0)
Total Possessions/Average FP.....	15/C29	16/A30
First Half.....	7/C25	8/A31
Second Half.....	8/C36	8/A29
Drives Started Inside/At Own 20.....	3 (3/0)	4 (3/1)
Drives Started In Plus Territory.....	1 (0 pts)	3 (14 pts)
Three Plays & Out.....	3	3
Opponent Turnovers (Pts).....	0 (0)	1 (7)
*Red Zone (pts).....	5-5 (26)	3-3 (17)
Plays-Yards.....	16-52	13-26
Third Down Efficiency.....	2-4	3-4
Fourth Down Efficiency.....	0-0	0-0
Yards by Quarter: 1st.....	147	114
2nd.....	72	81
3rd.....	117	90
4th.....	214	188



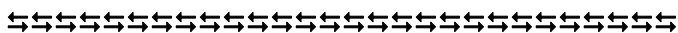
### CFP NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYERS OF THE GAME

**Offensive: #88 O.J. Howard, Jr., Alabama**

5-208, 2 TD (receiving)

**Defensive: #4 Eddie Jackson, Jr., Alabama**

(5 tackles— 3 UT/2 AT; 1 interceptions)



**ATTENDANCE** Tonight's attendance of 75,765 brought the final count to 1,796,498 for the 2015-16 bowl season (43,817 average for 41 games. This topped last year's figure of 1,730,524 for 39 games (44,372 per; average was lower this year as two new bowls drew a combined 38,961).

**ONE-LINER QUICKIES** The attendance of 75,765 was the third-most this bowl season (Rose 94,268; Cotton 82,812) ... Clemson came in ranked No. 1 across the board; No. 1 teams are now 30-23-3 in 56 games when lined up across from No. 2 ... Clemson won the coin toss (chose to defer); the winner of the toss is now 0-2 in CFP title games ... *Game time weather:* 53 degrees, cloudy, 45 percent humidity, winds at 6 mph (but it obviously didn't matter with the roof closed) ... Tonight's commercials totaled 51 minutes in length, including 5:40 combined for the quarter breaks ... Alabama is now 72-10 this decade (the top mark), Clemson is 62-19 (11th) ...

Alabama earned 334 of its 473 yards on just eight plays (one rush of 50 and passes of 25, 29, 53, 25, 38, 51 and 63). That's 70.6 percent of its yards on 11.3 percent of its plays ... Clemson recorded five sacks before Alabama made its first (final minute and-a-half of the third quarter) ... CU finished with five, 'Bama with two ...

Of the 56 match-ups featuring the No. 1 and No. 2 teams, this was the **second-highest** scoring affair (85 points); first was the 1996 Fiesta Bowl, where #1 Nebraska blasted No. 2 Florida, 62-24 (86 points, a Bowl Alliance match-up) ... Tonight marked the first time both scored 40; No. 1 has scored 40 seven times, No. 2 has done it four times ... In the 16 BCS Championship games and two CFP title games, the winning team has led at halftime 15 times, trailed once (2014), and now two games that were tied including tonight; the team that scored first is now 10-8.

**In Arizona:** This was Clemson's first game in the state of Arizona, while Alabama is now 1-1; the Tigers are now 1-1 in the Mountain Time Zone, Alabama is 4-1 (all games for both in the postseason).

**ALABAMA-CLEMSON SERIES** Alabama now leads the series 13-3, winning the 13 all in a row after Clemson captured the first three. Prior to tonight, in the previous games, this was the first time both schools scored over 14 points. Clemson is now 122-171-14 against members of the SEC, while Alabama is 81-35-4 versus current members of the ACC.

**CONFERENCE UPDATE** The SEC finished 9-2 this postseason, the nine wins setting an NCAA record (old mark: seven by the SEC in 2007, 2013 and 2014). Its current member schools are now 262-226-13 in bowls. The ACC finished 4-6 this bowl season and is 198-196-6 overall. (The NCAA counts all CPF scores and statistics in its bowl records).

- Alabama is now 35-25-3 in bowl games, Clemson is 20-19.
- The SEC now holds a 2-1 lead in Nos. 1 vs. 2 games between the conferences.

**LUCKY NUMBER ... 14** Alabama joined Clemson this season as the eighth and ninth teams in FBS/I-A modern history to win 14 games in a single season (six won 15 or 16 prior to 1900). The list (\*—denotes national champion):

1996	Brigham Young	14-1	2013	*Florida State	14-0
2002	*Ohio State	14-0	2014	*Ohio State	14-1
2009	*Alabama	14-0	2015	*Alabama	14-1
2009	Boise State	14-0	2015	Clemson	14-1
2010	*Auburn	14-0			

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# 2016 CFP NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME / POSTGAME NOTES

Alabama Crimson Tide 45, Clemson Tigers 40

University of Phoenix, Glendale, Ariz. (January 11, 2016)

### CFP PLAYOFF GAME RECORDS

(includes only significant ones from the six games to date)

- Clemson QB Deshaun Watson established new CFP records for pass attempts (47), pass completions (30), passing yards (405) and passing touchdowns (4).
- Watson also broke the CFP record for total offense with 478 yards (405 pass, 73 rush; previous record was 400).
- The 208 receiving yards by Alabama WR OJ Howard is the most by any player in a CFP game (previous high was 169).
- The 95-yard kickoff return for a touchdown by Alabama's Kenyon Drake in the fourth quarter marked the first KO return for a TD in any of the six CFP games in its history. Drake set a new CFP record for kickoff return yards with 196 on five returns.
- Clemson DE Kevin Dodd set a new CFP record with three sacks tonight (previous record two).
- The 5-point scoring differential made it the closest game in CFP history (previous: Ohio State 42, Alabama 35, 2014).
- The 40 combined points in the fourth quarter made it the highest scoring quarter in CFP history.

No NCAA bowl records set.

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**BAMA-BOOMS** The Tide's 24 fourth-quarter points were the most ever scored in both the fourth quarter of a Nos. 1 vs. 2 game, as well in a comeback. Florida State scored 21 two years ago in rallying to beat Auburn, 34-21.

- Alabama, with four national titles in a seven-year span, joins Notre Dame as the only other school to win that many in a 7-year period (the Irish won four between 1943 and 1949).

**COKER-IFFIC** Alabama's Jake Coker might be the two-game MVP for the playoffs: he completed 41-of-55 for 621 yards with 4 TDs and no interceptions. That works to an NCAA passer rating of **193.39**; his rating tonight was 202.96.

**HALFTIME TELLTALE** In the 26 games since the 1968 season, when the Associated Press poll was taken after the bowls, the team that has led at halftime in a game where the winner would be crowned the national champion remains **20-2** (five games have now been tied).

- The teams committing more turnovers in these game are now just **3-21** (three even).
- The teams leading after three quarters are now **21-5** (one was tied).

**TONIGHT'S UA PUNCH vs CU COUNTER PUNCH** Alabama came in ranked No. 2 in the nation in total defense (256.8 yards per game), while Clemson was No. 11 in total offense (512.0 per).

**Winner:** Clemson. The Tigers had 219 yards by halftime and 214 alone in the fourth quarter on their way to a season-high 550 yards put in the books against the Tide. Alabama last surrendered over 500 yards in last year's national semifinal in the Sugar Bowl (537).

**TONIGHT'S UA PUNCH vs CU COUNTER PUNCH II** Alabama came in ranked No. 1 against the run in the NCAA (70.8 yards and 2.3 per attempt); Clemson was No. 28 nationally in rushing (228.6), averaging 5.0 yards per try.

**Winner:** Draw. Clemson rushed for 145 yards and 3.8 yards per carry, but gained 54 of those yards on two plays; otherwise the numbers drop to 91 and 2.5.

**HENRY IS A FIRST** Alabama's Derrick Henry, with 158 yards rushing tonight, finished the year with 2,219 yards and finished as the nation's rusher leader. He is the first player to lead the country and rushing since **Charles White** did so for USC in 1978 (he rushed for 1,859 yards for the 12-1 Trojans, who won a split-national championship with ... Alabama).

**WHO HELD SERVE?** Clemson (**47.6**) and Alabama (**49.1**) ranked 2-3 on a list of seven schools who did not allow their opponent to complete 50 percent of their passes over the course of the season.

**Result:** Neither. Coker completed 64.0 percent of his passes for Alabama; Watson completed 63.8 for Clemson.

**RUSHING ANALYSIS** An in-depth look at the top rushers for each team this season coming into the game:

Player, Team	Att	Yds	Avg.	Long	TD	FD	20+	10+	5+	0	Neg.
Henry, ALA	36	158	4.4	50t	3	5	1	3	10	1	4
Gallman, CLEM	14	45	3.2	34	1	3	1	1	3	4	3
*Watson, CLEM	18	87	4.8	20	0	5	1	3	8	1	3

Player, Team	Left Hash	Middle	Right Hash
Henry, ALA	5-36	21-44	10-78
Gallman, CLEM	4- 6	8-35	2- 4
*Watson, CLEM	8-69	7-11	3- 7

\*—sacks not included

**PASSING ANALYSIS** An analysis of where each starting quarterback threw the ball and the result:

Player, Team	OUTSIDE LEFT HASH			CENTER			OUTSIDE RIGHT HASH		
	A-C-I	Yds	TD	A-C-I	Yds	TD	A-C-I	Yds	TD
Watson, CLEM	14-11-0	109	0	19-11-0	189	3	14-8-1	127	1
Coker, ALA	11- 7-0	127	1	4- 3-0	22	0	10-6-0	186	1

### HEISMAN TROPHY WINNERS IN NAT'L CHAMP GAMES

Player, School	Heisman Season	Game Result / Stats
O.J. Simpson, USC	1968	L 28-171, 1 TD rush; 8-85 receiving
Herschel Walker, Georgia	1982	L 28-103, 1 TD rush
Vinnie Testeverde, Miami	1986	L 50-26-5, 285, 0 TD; 9-(10) rush
Gino Torretta, Miami	1992	L 56-24-3, 278, 0 TD; 5-1 rush
Charlie Ward, Florida State	1993	w 43-24-0, 286, 0 TD; 8-(-3) rush
*Chris Weinke, Florida State	2000	L 51-25-2, 274, 0 TD; 4-7 rush
*Eric Crouch, Nebraska	2001	L 15-5-1, 62, 0 TD; 22-114 rush
*Jason White, Oklahoma	2003	L 37-13-2, 102, 0 TD; 7-(-46) rush
*Matt Leinhardt, USC	2004	w 35-18-0, 332, 5 TD; 2-(-11) rush
*Reggie Bush, USC (vacated)	2005	L 13-82, 1 TD rush; 6-95, 0 TD rec
*Troy Smith, Ohio State	2006	L 14-4-1, 35, 0 TD; 10-(-29) rush
*Sam Bradford, Oklahoma	2008	L 41-26-2, 256, 2 TD; 2-(-18) rush
*Mark Ingram, Alabama	2009	w 22-116, 2 TD
*Cam Newton, Auburn	2010	w 34-20-1, 265, 2 TD; 22-64 rush
*Jameis Winston, Florida State	2013	w 35-20-0, 237, 2 TD; 11-26 rush
#Marcus Mariota, Oregon	2014	L 37-24-1, 333, 2 TD; 10-39 rush
#Derrick Henry, Alabama	2015	w 36-158, 3 TD rush

(\*—BCS Championship Game; #—CFP Championship Game)

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### TOP 10 POSTSEASON PERFORMANCES (2015)

**O.J. Howard** posted the second-most receiving yards (208) this postseason, while **Deshaun Watson** recorded the sixth-most passing yards (405). The final offensive top 10 leaders (there were 39 100-yard rushing and 31 receiving games this postseason):

#### RUSHING LEADERS (all 100-yard games; 39)

Player, School	Att	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long
Johnny Jefferson, Baylor	23	<b>299</b>	13.0	3	80t
Devine Redding, Indiana	35	<b>227</b>	6.5	1	39
Lamar Jackson, Louisville	22	<b>226</b>	10.3	2	61t
Jamauri Bogan, Western Michigan	19	<b>215</b>	11.3	4	62t
Leonard Fournette, LSU	29	<b>212</b>	7.3	4	43t
Favian Upshaw, Georgia Southern	12	<b>199</b>	16.6	4	80t
James Butler, Nevada	24	<b>189</b>	7.9	2	77t
Alex Collins, Arkansas	23	<b>185</b>	8.0	3	36
Myles Gaskin, Washington	26	<b>181</b>	7.0	4	86t
Christian McCaffrey, Stanford	18	<b>172</b>	9.6	0	30

#### PASSING LEADERS (all 300-yard games; 24)

Player, School	Att-Com-Int	Yards	Pct.	Avg.	TD	Rating
Skyler Howard, West Virginia	51-28-2	<b>532</b>	54.9	10.4	5	167.0
Jared Goff, California	37-25-0	<b>467</b>	67.6	12.6	6	227.1
Brandon Doughty, W. Kentucky	44-32-2	<b>461</b>	72.7	10.5	3	174.1
Jeff Driskel, Louisiana Tech	38-26-0	<b>458</b>	68.4	12.1	3	195.7
Mike Bercovici, Arizona State	52-29-0	<b>418</b>	55.8	8.0	4	148.7
Deshaun Watson, Clemson	47-30-1	<b>405</b>	63.8	8.6	4	160.0
Sean Maguire, Florida State	44-22-4	<b>392</b>	50.0	8.9	2	121.7
Nate Sudfield, Indiana	51-28-2	<b>389</b>	54.9	7.6	3	130.5
Dak Prescott, Mississippi State	42-25-1	<b>380</b>	59.5	9.0	4	162.2
Brett Rypien, Boise State	40-29-1	<b>377</b>	72.5	9.4	3	171.4

#### RECEIVING LEADERS (all 100-yard games; 31)

Player, School	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long
Isaiah Ford, Virginia Tech	*12	<b>227</b>	18.9	1	75t
O.J. Howard, Alabama	5	<b>208</b>	41.6	2	63
Travis Rudolph, Florida State	7	<b>201</b>	28.7	1	65t
Michael Thomas, Southern Miss	9	<b>190</b>	21.1	2	56t
Corey Davis, Western Michigan	8	<b>183</b>	22.9	1	80t
Cayleb Jones, Arizona	4	<b>182</b>	45.5	1	78t
Josh Reynolds, Texas A & M	11	<b>177</b>	16.1	0	36
Trent Taylor, Louisiana Tech	10	<b>149</b>	14.9	1	45
Devin Lucien, Arizona State	9	<b>144</b>	16.0	1	29
Bryce Treggs, California	4	<b>143</b>	35.8	1	55

**POSTSEASON TIDBITS** Of the 41 postseason games this season—17—were decided by one score (8 points or less). Five games, including tonight, saw both teams score at least **40** points ... **The return of the running game?** In the 2014-15 bowl season, 21 players ran for 100 or more yards; this year, that number jumped to 39.

#### FIRST QUARTER NOTES

- Clemson scored two first quarter touchdowns; Alabama had allowed one all year (by Tennessee) coming in. The Tide had also allowed just 19 first quarter points prior to Clemson's 14.
- Alabama gained **114** yards in the quarter, **96** coming on third down plays.
- **Average on first down for the quarter:** Clemson **8.5** (85 yards on 10 plays), Alabama **1.0** (6 on 6).
- Alabama extended its nation's-best streak in scoring in its 118th consecutive first half (101-16 record in previous 117).

- Both teams extended two of the nation's longest overall scoring streaks, Alabama to **198** in a row and Clemson to **169**.

#### SECOND QUARTER NOTES

- **Average on first down for the quarter:** Clemson averaged 5.6 (39 on seven plays); Alabama 5.1 (46 on nine plays).

#### FIRST HALF NOTES

- Clemson recorded **four** first half sacks; Alabama came in allowing just **20** all season.
- Clemson gained **217** first half yards; Alabama allows 256.8 per game; the Tide allowed over 300 just four times all year (high: 433 by Ole Miss).

In fact, Oregon ran **35** of the first **45** plays in the second half, and possessed the ball for **17:21** to Oregon's **2:55**.

#### FINAL CONFERENCE RECORDS

League ('15 bowl teams)	W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp	vs. P5
SEC (10)	9	2	.818	411	239	8-2
Pac-12 (10)	6	4	.600	377	312	2-4
Conference USA (5)	3	2	.600	170	162	0-1
Big Ten (10)	5	5	.500	246	295	4-5
Mountain West (8)	4	4	.500	269	204	0-2
Sun Belt (4)	2	2	.500	133	130	0-0
Big 12 (7)	3	4	.429	226	307	3-4
Mid-American (7)	3	4	.429	177	234	0-1
Atlantic Coast (9)	4	6	.400	335	378	3-4
American Athletic (8)	2	6	.250	213	273	2-2
Independents (2)	0	2	.000	56	79	0-2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>.500</b>	<b>2613</b>	<b>2613</b>	<b>22-27</b>

**LOOKING AHEAD** For the 2016 season, the **Fiesta** and **Peach** bowls will serve as the semifinal games (on New Year's Eve), with the title game to be hosted by **Tampa, Fla.**, at Raymond James Stadium on Monday, January 9 ... Both participants tonight open the 2016 season on Saturday, September 3: **Clemson** will play at Auburn, while **Alabama** will square off against USC in Arlington, Texas.



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## **ALABAMA FOOTBALL**

### **POSTGAME NOTES – ALABAMA VS. CLEMSON (CFP NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP)**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2016 • UNIVERSITY OF PHOENIX STADIUM • GLENDALE, ARIZONA**

**GAME CAPTAINS:** Alabama’s captains for the 2016 College Football Playoff National Championship Game against Clemson were seniors Jake Coker, Ryan Kelly and Reggie Ragland, along with junior Derrick Henry. The Tigers won the opening toss and elected to defer to the second half, with the Crimson Tide receiving the ball to start tonight’s contest.

**SERIES HISTORY:** Tonight’s game marked the 16<sup>th</sup> meeting between Alabama and Clemson in the history of the two programs. With the win, the Crimson Tide owns a 13-3 advantage in the series. The Tigers won the initial matchup in 1900, 35-0, and proceeded to shut out the Tide in the next two meetings. The Crimson Tide has won the last 13 meetings, including seven by shutout.

**ALABAMA EARNS 16<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP:** The 45-40 victory over Clemson gave second-ranked Crimson Tide its 16<sup>th</sup> national championship. Alabama has won or claimed national championships in 1925, 1926, 1930, 1934, 1941, 1961, 1965, 1966, 1973, 1978, 1979, 1992, 2009, 2011, 2012 and 2015. The combined record of the 16 national championship teams is 184-9-2.

**NICK SABAN EARNS FIFTH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP:** With the win over Clemson, Alabama head coach Nick Saban earned the fifth national championship of his head coaching career. Saban’s five titles ties former Alabama head coach Paul “Bear” Bryant for the NCAA lead as the only two coaches in history to claim five total titles (as determined by the Associated Press). Bryant won six national titles as head coach of the Crimson Tide from 1958-82, including the Coaches Poll.

**BEATING THE BEST:** Since 2007, Alabama owns a 40-13 (.755) mark against the Associated Press top 25, including a 22-7 (.759) record against AP top-10 teams following the win over No. 1 Clemson in the College Football Player National Championship Game. This season, the Tide faced eight teams ranked in the AP preseason poll, the most ranked opponents of any team in the nation. In 2015, the Crimson Tide faced nine opponents ranked at game time and went 8-1 in those contests. Alabama finished 5-2 in 2014 against opponents ranked in the AP top 25 after going 3-2 in 2013 and 5-1 in 2012. The Tide held a 4-1 mark vs. top-25 teams in 2011 and went 5-3 against the AP top 25 in 2010.

**CHAMPIONSHIP SUCCESS:** With the win over Clemson, Alabama head coach Nick Saban has won his last eight “championship” games with wins over Florida (2009), Georgia (2012), Missouri (2014) and Florida (2015) in the SEC Championship Game and victories over Texas (2009), LSU (2011), Notre Dame (2012) and Clemson (2015) in national championship contests. Overall, Saban is 11-1 in those games at Alabama and LSU with six SEC titles and five national titles.

**DOME SWEET DOME:** With the win inside University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale, Ariz., the Crimson Tide is 21-7-1 (.741) in domed stadiums, including an 12-2 mark since 2009 and 13-4 during head coach Nick Saban’s tenure. Alabama opened the 2015 season in an indoor venue, defeating Wisconsin, 35-17, in the AdvoCare Classic at AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Texas, before defeating Florida inside the Georgia Dome in Atlanta to claim the program’s 25<sup>th</sup> SEC title, and the 38-0 win over Michigan State to advance to the national championship game. The Tide had three appearances in domes in 2014, including the season opener against West Virginia and the SEC Championship versus Missouri - both of which were in Atlanta - and the

season finale against Ohio State in the Allstate Sugar Bowl inside the Mercedes-Benz Superdome in New Orleans.

**NEUTRAL SITES:** With the win over Clemson in Glendale, Ariz., Alabama is 80-48-4 (.621) in neutral site contests. The list includes all Alabama-Auburn games not played on campus, including Legion Field from 1948-88. UA kicked off the 2015 season in Arlington, Texas, for the AdvoCare Classic against Wisconsin, defeated Florida in Atlanta, Ga., for the 2015 SEC Championship Game, and earned a 38-0 shutout win over Michigan State at AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Texas, for the Cotton Bowl Classic. The Tide played three neutral site games a season ago, opening the year with a 33-23 win over West Virginia in the Chick-fil-A Kickoff Game in Atlanta. In the postseason, UA claimed an SEC Championship with its 42-13 win over Missouri in Atlanta, and then ended the year with a 42-35 loss to Ohio State in the Sugar Bowl. The Crimson Tide is 15-4 in neutral site games during head coach Nick Saban's tenure at Alabama.

**SABAN IN NEUTRAL SITE CONTESTS:** With the win over Clemson in the 2016 CFP National Championship Game, Nick Saban owns a 22-10 (.688) overall mark in games played at a neutral site, including regular season and postseason games. While at Alabama, he has put together a 17-5 (.773) mark in neutral site contests. He owned a 0-3 mark to start his career at Michigan State before improving upon that mark with a 5-2 record while at LSU.

**5-3 UNDER SABAN WHEN TIED AT THE HALF:** Alabama entered halftime tied up with Clemson, 14-14, before going on to a 45-40 victory. Under head coach Nick Saban, the Crimson Tide is 5-3 when tied at halftime. The Crimson Tide's five wins under Saban when tied at the halfway point were: at LSU in 2008 (27-21), at Auburn in 2009 (26-21), against Tennessee in 2011 (37-6), versus the Volunteers this season (19-14) and Monday night's 45-40 win over Clemson.

**ALABAMA'S TV RECORD:** Alabama's win over Clemson in the College Football Playoff National Championship with a 239-131-4 (.644) all-time record in 374 televised games (not including pay-per-view, tape-delayed or closed circuit telecasts).

### **DEFENSIVE NOTES**

**JACKSON EARNS DEFENSIVE MVP HONORS:** Junior strong safety Eddie Jackson earned Defensive Player of the Game honors in the CFP National Championship Game victory over Clemson. Jackson's performance (three tackles and a key interception) capped off a season in which he excelled at his new position. Formerly a cornerback, Jackson was moved to safety starting in 2015. Since the move, he collected a team-leading six interceptions, eclipsing his previous career total of two through 18 games. Jackson added 230 yards on the picks, including two touchdowns for scores against Georgia on a 51-yard return for six and at Texas A&M on Oct. 17 for 93 yards. His 230 yards on six picks this season are a UA record for return yards in a season. The previous high was 163 by Hootie Ingram in 1952 on 10 interceptions. Jackson ranked second in the nation in return yards, and tied for the national lead in returns for touchdowns along with teammate Minkah Fitzpatrick. This season, Jackson has notched 46 tackles, while adding two pass breakups and one forced fumble as well as a fumble recovery.

**FORCING TURNOVERS:** Against Clemson, Alabama won the turnover margin by a 1-0 margin (+1). In the 12 games since losing the turnover battle, 5-0 (-5), and falling to Ole Miss, Alabama has turned the tide in regards to turnovers. Since the loss to Ole Miss, the Tide is plus-12 in turnovers, having forced 22 total - 17 interceptions, 5 fumbles - in those 12 games. The Crimson Tide forced 27 turnovers in 2015, which led the SEC. Alabama's 19 interceptions on the season led the SEC, while the team's 442 return yards led the nation while the four pick-sixes ranked second in the NCAA.

**2015 DEFENSE MOVES UP SEASON SACKS LIST:** The Alabama defense recorded two sacks in the win over Clemson to extend the 2015 season total to 49. The 49 sacks is the third-most in Alabama history. The next in line is 50 by the 1992 squad with the Alabama all-time mark being 60 by the 1988 team.

## **OFFENSIVE NOTES**

**HOWARD EARNS OFFENSIVE MVP HONORS:** Crimson Tide tight end O.J. Howard set an Alabama single-game record for receiving yards by a tight end in a game with 208 yards and 2 touchdowns on 5 catches against Clemson in the CFP National Championship Game. Howard's yardage also is the most by any Alabama player in a bowl game (old record: 178 by Ray Perkins vs. Nebraska in the 1967 Sugar Bowl). Howard's 53-yard touchdown catch in the third quarter matched his career-long reception. His two touchdowns in the game set a new single-game career best as well. Howard entered the Clemson game with 33 catches for 394 yards without a touchdown this season.

**RECORD-BREAKING NIGHT FOR HENRY:** Heisman Trophy-winning running back Derrick Henry capped his monumental 2015-16 season in impressive form in the 45-40 win over Clemson, rushing for 158 yards and three touchdowns against the Tigers. It was Henry's 10th 100-yard rushing performance of the 2015 season, which would be a school record. The record of nine in a season was set by Mark Ingram in 2009 and matched by Trent Richardson in 2011 and Henry this year. It marked the 16th 100-yard rushing performance of Henry's career, also setting a school record. The record of 15 was set by Bobby Humphrey (1985-88), matched by Shaun Alexander (1996-99), T.J. Yeldon (2012-14) and Henry. Henry's ended the night with 3,591 rushing yards for his career and 2,219 yards for the season. Henry broke the school career rushing yards record on a 2-yard run with 9:30 left in the third quarter. That broke the record of 3,565 yards by Shaun Alexander (1996-99). His three rushing touchdowns ties the school career mark of 42 (Mark Ingram, 2008-10) and extended his season record to 28. The 36 rushing attempts by Henry set a new record for an Alabama player and his 158 yards is fourth-best in a bowl game by a Tide player. Henry's three touchdowns rushing ties the Alabama bowl record (Shaun Alexander vs. Michigan, 2000 Orange Bowl).

**COKER SETS CAREER-HIGH FOR PASSING YARDS:** Quarterback Jake Coker threw for a career-best 335 yards and two touchdowns in the CFP National Championship Game victory over Clemson. Coker did not throw an interception in the game while setting a single-game career-best for passing yardage in the win. Coker completed 16-of-25 pass attempts against the Tigers, including plays of 61 and 53 and 51 yards to tight end O.J. Howard, a 38-yarder to wide receiver ArDarius Stewart on a crucial play in the fourth period, and a 29-yarder to wide receiver Richard Mullaney early in the game.

**DERRICK HENRY VS. RANKED TEAMS:** Derrick Henry had an incredible 2015 season, but his play against the nine ranked opponents Alabama faced – No. 20 Wisconsin, No. 15 Ole Miss, No. 8 Georgia, No. 9 Texas A&M, No. 4 LSU, No. 20 Mississippi State, No. 18 Florida, No. 3 Michigan State and No. 1 Clemson – was truly remarkable. Henry rushed for 166.6 yards per game (1,499 yards) against ranked teams, with eight of the nine games over 125 yards and three over 200 yards (236 at A&M; 210 vs. LSU; 204 at Mississippi State). He has 255 carries against ranked teams for a 5.88 yards per carry average and 18 touchdowns.

**HENRY REACHING THE END ZONE CONSISTENTLY:** Derrick Henry's three touchdowns runs in the 2016 College Football Playoff National Championship moved his consecutive games with a touchdown streak 20, currently the longest active streak in the nation, and the longest by an SEC player in the past 20 years (eclipsing Tim Tebow's streak of 14 games from 2006-07). The streak is also the longest in Alabama history, with the previous high being 10 by Terry Davis across the 1971 and 1972 seasons from Nov. 6, 1971-Oct. 21, 1972. The last time Henry failed to notch a score was in the LSU game on Nov. 8, 2014. His plunge into the end zone set his season total at 28, a Southeastern Conference record, passing the total of 23 that was previously shared by Tim Tebow (Florida), Tre Mason (Auburn).

**MORE HENRY RECORDS:** Derrick Henry rushed for 2,219 yards (396 carries) and 28 touchdowns through 15 games to claim the Southeastern Conference record for yards in a season and Alabama single-season record in both yards and scores. The SEC record was previously held by Herschel Walker of Georgia, who rushed for 1,891 yards on 385 carries in the 1981 season. Both UA totals were owned by Trent Richardson in 2011, when Richardson collected 21 touchdowns and 1,679 yards on 283 carries. Henry is currently averaging 147.2 yards per game and 1.8 scores per contest. Henry owns the Southeastern Conference record for scores in a season, eclipsing the previous total of 23 that was shared by Tim Tebow (Florida) and Tre Mason (Auburn). Henry's 75-yard performance in Arlington made him the 25th back in NCAA history to rush for 2,000 or more yards in a single season.

**HENRY PASSING THE CENTURY MARK:** Derrick Henry finished the 2016 College Football Playoff National Championship Game with 158 yards, the 16th time in his career, and marked his 10th 100-plus game this season. The 10 this season is the most in Crimson Tide history, passing Trent Richardson (2011) and Mark Ingram (2009) who shared the previous record of nine 100-yard games in a single season in UA history. His 16 career games is also an Alabama all-time mark the all-time mark, passing the previous high which was held by Shaun Alexander (1996-99) and Bobby Humphrey (1985-88). Henry amassed 189 yards against Florida in the SEC Championship a week after collecting a career-high 279 yards on 46 carries against rival Auburn to close out the regular season. He rushed for 210 yards against LSU on Nov. 4, and notched 143 yards against Tennessee a week after going for a career-high 236 yards at Texas A&M. Prior to A&M, Henry rushed for 148 at Georgia on Oct. 3. He went for 127 against Ole Miss and 147 yards with three touchdowns against Wisconsin to open the 2015 campaign. Henry had a 141-yard performance against Missouri in the 2014 SEC Championship Game. He also went for 111 on 20 carries with a score against Florida in 2014 and 113 on 17 carries with a touchdown against West Virginia in that same year. As a freshman in 2013, Henry produced a Sugar Bowl game against Oklahoma that saw the first-year back go for 100 yards on eight attempts with a touchdown, while also collecting 111 yards on six carries with a score against Arkansas in 2013.

**FIRST HALF POINTS:** With Derrick Henry's 50-yard touchdown run on Alabama's second offensive drive of the 2016 College Football Playoff National Championship, the Crimson Tide has scored in the first half of its last 118 games, the longest streak in the nation. The last time UA failed to score in the first half was on Sept. 29, 2007, when Alabama and Florida State headed into halftime in a scoreless tie. The Seminoles won that game, 21-14.

**SCORING STREAK CONTINUES:** With Derrick Henry's touchdown run from 50 yards out on the Crimson Tide's second offensive drive of tonight's College Football Playoff National Championship, Alabama has now scored in 198 consecutive games – the longest streak in program history.

#### **SPECIAL TEAMS NOTES**

**ALABAMA RECOVERS ONSIDE KICK:** With Alabama and Clemson tied in the fourth quarter, the Crimson Tide kicked an onside kick in the air with Marlon Humphrey making the catch to recover the ball for Alabama. The successful onside kick was Alabama's second of the season. The Crimson Tide also recovered an onside kick when Tony Brown hauled in the Adam Griffith kick against Ole Miss this season.

**GRIFFITH CAPS SOLID SEASON:** Junior placekicker Adam Griffith made one of two field goals against Clemson. For the season, Griffith made 23 of his 31 field goal attempts for a success rate of 74.2 percent. He missed his first four attempts to begin the year, but followed that by making eight straight before a blocked kick at Mississippi State (Nov. 14). Griffith was perfect on 62 attempts in 2015. Griffith's 131 points rank him second on the team for scoring behind only Derrick Henry.

**Clemson vs. Alabama**  
**College Football Playoff National Championship**  
**Postgame Clemson Notes**

TEAM

- Clemson finished the season with 14 wins, a school record.
- The Tigers' 17-game winning streak was snapped Monday. It was the school's longest in history (eclipsing the previous best by two games).
- Monday's game was the first the Tigers did not win after leading going into the fourth quarter since the 2010 season. Clemson was a perfect 50-0 since 2011 under that scenario heading into the National Championship Game.
- Clemson is now 13-5 against the top 20 winningest programs in FBS history since 2011.
- The Tigers' senior class finished their careers with a 46-8 overall record.
- Clemson's offensive line allowed just two sacks Monday to the nation's No. 1 sack team entering the game in Alabama, who had 50 entering the championship game.

INDIVIDUAL

- Deshaun Watson made history by becoming the first FBS player ever with over 4,000 passing yards and 1,000 rushing yards in a season.
- Watson threw four touchdown passes to give him 35 for the season. His total was second in Clemson single-season history only to Tajh Boyd's 36 in 2012.
- Watson posted a career-high 478 yards of total offense Monday. He broke his own personal mark of 473, set earlier this season in a road win over Syracuse.
- Watson had 405 passing yards, his first 400-plus yard game since the Boston College game on October 17. It was the second-highest total of his career.
- Watson finished the 2015 season with a school-record 5,209 yards of total offense.
- Hunter Renfrow scored two touchdowns, giving the freshman five for the season.
- Renfrow had a career-high seven catches in the game.
- Jordan Leggett caught his eighth touchdown pass of the season, matching him with Dwayne Allen (2011) and Brandon Ford (2012) for Clemson's single-season record by a tight end.
- Kevin Dodd recorded career highs for both sacks (3) and tackles for loss (5).
- Dodd pushed his final season tally to 23.5 tackles for loss, the ninth-best single season mark in Clemson history.
- Dodd also finished with 12 sacks, placing him in a tie for sixth in a single season in Clemson history with Vic Beasley (2014).
- Shaq Lawson produced two sacks in the first half, making his final season count at 12.5 It tied him with Gaines Adams (2006) for the fourth-most sacks in a season in Clemson history.
- Lawson finished his junior campaign with 25.5 tackles for loss, sixth-best single season in school history.
- Dodd and Lawson became the first duo in Clemson history to both post at least 20 tackles for loss in the same season.
- Andy Teasdall had a season-long 57-yard punt in the second quarter. He also had his only touchback of the season in the third quarter.

# College Football Playoff National Championship Alabama vs Clemson

Monday, January 11, 2016



## Nick Saban O.J. Howard Eddie Jackson Alabama Crimson Tide

Alabama - 45, Clemson - 40

NICK SABAN: Well, I'd just like to reiterate once again how proud I am of our team, everybody involved in the team, the players, number one. This was really about doing the best we could to help them have a chance to be successful and have an experience of winning a championship. I think the coaching staff did a great job of helping these guys, and the commitment that these guys made early in the season after the Ole Miss loss, to do all the things that they needed to do to be the kind of team that we could be, I can't say enough about.

This team, I really wanted to do the best that I could do for this team, probably as much as any team that I've ever coached, because I really did want them to have the opportunity to win this game. You've got to give Clemson's team a lot of credit. They've got a great football team. Their quarterback is a fabulous player. Their team played hard.

You know, I would like to congratulate them on the great season that they had.

We didn't always play pretty in this game. It probably wasn't one of our best games when it just comes to flat execution. But when it comes to competing and making plays when we needed to make them, it was probably as good as it gets. I think that's the kind of competitors that win championships, and that's probably why we're sitting here.

I think special teams was huge in this game tonight, kickoff return for a touchdown, onside kick, probably changed the momentum of the game when it was 21-21, and I just think our players took advantage of every opportunity that they had, and never been prouder of any group of guys in my life.

**Q. Nick, I wanted to ask you first of all about the**

**onside kick. Whose idea was it on the sideline to go ahead and execute that? And secondly, Marlon Humphrey told me after the game that he drops a lot of those in practice. In fact he said he dropped one in the walk-through. Were you surprised that he caught it?**

NICK SABAN: No, I have all the confidence in the world in Marlon. I think these guys see what happens in practice. But the way we line up on kickoffs with squeeze formation and try to corner kick the ball, when a team squeezes the formation like that, we call it pop kick. I thought we had it in the game any time we wanted to do it. I made the decision to do it because the score was 21-21 and we were tired on defense and weren't doing a great job of getting them stopped, and I felt like if we didn't do something or take a chance to change the momentum of the game that we wouldn't have a chance to win.

Getting that onside kick, I think, did change the momentum of the game. We scored on the big play two plays later, and then we had a kickoff return for a touchdown, too, which was huge. So special teams was really big for us in this game.

**Q. What were the moments like before and after the game with Kirby? Did you say anything to him? Did he say anything to you? Was it emotional?**

NICK SABAN: Well, Kirby has been with us for a long time and done a really, really good job. We certainly wish him the very best. I know this has been a difficult time for him to do the right thing relative to our players who have worked so hard to help him have the success that he has, that we all have, and he did a wonderful job. He really did. And I can't tell you how much I appreciate what he did for our players so that they'd have an opportunity to have this experience.

**Q. I know you mentioned the other day you don't like to think about legacies and looking back, but now with five national titles, no coach has won more. That's how many Bear won. Any reflection on where you stand in history?**

NICK SABAN: You know, I really haven't thought about it. After somebody asked me that question the other day, the first thing that came to my mind was my first game at Michigan State when we played Nebraska, when Tom Osborne was the coach, and we got beat like 56-7, and I had been in the NFL for four years, and

I'm saying, we may never win a game as a college coach. And I remember running across the field and Tom Osborne, I think they won the National Championship the year before and maybe that year, too, he said, you're not as bad as you think. So that's the first thing that comes to my mind.

So I learned a lesson that day, and you know, as long as you do this, it's always about your next play. It's always about the next game. So I've never really ever thought too much about all that. I have a tremendous amount of appreciation for all the players who have played for us, came to our school, bought into our program, did the things that they needed to do to have a chance to experience a championship, whether it was at LSU or the four at Alabama.

That's where most of my appreciation lies is with the players.

**Q. From that day against Nebraska, the game has changed dramatically, particularly strategically. You have innovated along with that, but it seems like you have kept a core system in how you recruit, who you recruit, how you coach players, how you relate to players. Why do you believe that's remaining so successful even as so much around the game has changed?**

NICK SABAN: Well, you know, my college coach had the same philosophy, and I felt like the things that he did to help me be successful, and I'm talking about Don James, because he taught us a lot of lessons of life, and we want these guys to succeed first of all as people, make the right choices and decisions, the best choices and decisions, have the right thoughts, habits and priorities that help them make those right decisions so they can take advantage of their gifts, first of all, as people. Be more successful in life for having been involved in the program, and all the people in our organization, that's what they work to try to help them do. We want them to all develop a career off the field so that they graduate from school and have a better opportunity to be successful in life, and we have one of the highest graduation rates in the country, and the best in our conference.

And we want to help them develop as football players, and there's a lot of lessons that you can learn on work ethic, overcoming adversity, perseverance, consistency in performance, all kinds of things that come with the games that these guys play.

And I think those things can all be beneficial to help them be more successful in life, and well, as I want to see every guy have an outstanding career.

Sometimes people criticize us and say we're all like

business. But I'm going to tell you what, there were more players in the locker room that played for us at Alabama at this game today than I'll bet you anybody has ever had at a game, and that's because they had a great experience at Alabama. They're great ambassadors for the program. We have a tremendous amount of respect for them, and I think they sort of respect the things that they learned.

But we are trying to create value for players so that they can have a better chance to be successful. That's always going to come first to me.

**Q. Could you talk about what went into getting O.J. Howard more involved today in this game and even in the semifinal game?**

NICK SABAN: Well, O.J., quite honestly, should have been more involved all year long. Sometimes he was open and we didn't get him the ball, but I think the last two games have been breakout games for him in terms of what he's capable of and what he can do. I would say it's bad coaching on my part that he didn't have the opportunity to do that all year long, because he is really a good athlete, and he's improved tremendously as a player this year. He's improved his blocking.

There were times when as Jake was developing we were protecting sort of what we did, and I think that that affected O.J. maybe a little bit in terms of what his production was, but I can tell you that there was not one time that he ever complained about it and not one time did he ever not go out there and do exactly what the coach asked him to do, even when he wasn't catching a lot of passes or scoring a lot of touchdowns.

**Q. A couple of your assistants said one reason you made the call of the onside kick was that you wouldn't care if anybody said if it failed. I'm curious if you consider it a gutsy call and is it a call you would have made as a younger head coach?**

NICK SABAN: Look, I felt pretty good about our chances of getting the onside kick because Griff kicks it well. We did it in practice most of the time. And I didn't think it was -- I had confidence in the players. I trusted them, that they would go out and execute it and do it.

I mean, if we didn't get it, they'd have got the ball on the 45 or 50-yard line, so it's not really like it would have been the end of the world, but it was worth the risk I felt. But it was calculated on the fact that I thought we could execute it and the way they lined up, it was available to us. And it was something that I knew that we would use in this game if we needed to.

**Q. Nick, we spoke with Kenyan Drake earlier about how he had so much perseverance to fight through injuries and setbacks. How nice was it to see him**

### **play in this game?**

NICK SABAN: Well, Kenyan has been through a lot and we thought he would have a tremendous breakout season. When the season started, I didn't know who would be more productive, Derrick Henry or Kenyan Drake. I thought they both would be. Kenyan fought, whether it was hamstrings or all kinds of injuries, then he got a little frustrated and put a lot of pressure on himself, and got him settled down and that and he started to be productive, and as soon as he started to be productive he broke his arm so he missed a couple of games. But he's really done a great job for us all year in whatever his role has been. I always like to see guys that are seniors who have been great contributors in the program do something special that's going to be a great memory to them, and that kickoff return was really something special.

### **Q. Nick, the three BCS championship games you coached in here at Alabama, mostly you guys were in control in the fourth quarter. Obviously this one was a dogfight going into it and throughout you had to deal with a quarterback like Deshaun Watson. How hard was this National Championship?**

NICK SABAN: It was tough. It really was. I think offensively we did a nice job of -- we knew it would be a little big-little I call it in this game. They do a lot of pressuring, stunt linebackers. We knew that sometimes that they would give us some negative plays. I wasn't happy about the sacks. But I also knew that we would be able to make some big plays against them because of the way they played, and I think that was really big in this game.

We felt like we had to win special teams in this game. We thought, to be honest with you, that we could do a better job against their quarterback than what we did. He did a fantastic job in the game. We didn't cover as well as we're capable of, and we weren't able to handle him up front with our rushers, and I think they had 80-some plays, and we got tired probably in the second quarter, and once that happened, it was even worse.

You know, we like to play more man-to-man, but when you play against such an athletic quarterback and you're playing man-to-man, nobody is looking at the quarterback so that makes it tough, and when we did play zone tonight we didn't do a very good job, we didn't tackle very well, break on the ball like we needed to. He extended some plays and made some big plays, but the guy is a fantastic player.

I think when you play players like this, the whole team has to win. It's not just the defense stopping him, it's the offense doing what they need to do, making plays on special teams that you need to make.

And that's what we were able to do in this game, and didn't control him as well as we'd like, and obviously we thought that we could, at least in the end, milk the clock so they wouldn't score again, but 12 seconds onside kick, it was over.

### **Q. Nick, did John Plott and some of your friends and your agent were joking about 24 hours, that this is going to be gone in 24 hours and you're going to go recruiting. When exactly will you turn the page and get out on the road and start recruiting and try to do it all over again?**

NICK SABAN: We start school on Wednesday, so we have a meeting with the seniors at 2:00, and a meeting with the rest of the players that are coming back at 3:00. Not that we're really going to start planning any strategy for next season already, but this has been long, 15 games for college football players. And I noticed that we did not have the same juice in this game that we had in the last game against Michigan State.

I think we were really locked in in the Michigan State game. We really practiced well for that game. And I think the players struggled to maintain that, even though they were playing for a National Championship. It's a long time for young players who aren't used to playing this many games to sort of maintain that.

We had some difficult times practicing the way we felt like we needed to practice for this game, and I told the players, I said, look, hard practice, easy game. Easy practice, hard game. I told all the big guys, if you don't rush and run to the ball every time and what we're doing in practice, you're going to die in the game, because this is the kind of game we've got to play. So they got 40 points.

### **Q. Nick, going back to the onside kick one more time, what exactly was it that you saw because Lane said that you had seen something in the first half that made you decide to do it in the second half?**

NICK SABAN: Look, we have fakes in every -- we have a fake field goal, we have a fake when we punt, we have an onside kick, a surprise onside kick. So basically we have someone assigned in the press box who's saying, did they line up like we thought they would. Did they have the play that we want in any of these circumstances.

So we saw that we had that the first time they lined up. They deferred, all right, we received, but the first time that we kicked off, after Derrick's touchdown, we said, okay, we've got that. If we want to try that, we think we have a good chance because of the spacing on the



field that's available to us. So it worked.

But let me say this: You don't look like the type that would do it to me, but if we wouldn't have got that, y'all would be killing me now.

**Q. Eddie and O. J., two questions: The onside kick is called, what does it do to your sideline, especially when you get it, and second, Nick was asked about his legacy. Where do you put him on the list of great coaches?**

O.J. HOWARD: I think the onside kick was a big momentum swing for our team. Like Coach said earlier. It got the sideline energized, everybody was pumped up and we went down and scored on the next drive, so it was a big momentum swing for us.

As far as coach's legacy. He's one of the greatest coaches of all times in my opinion, in a lot of guys' opinion, also. Just to be able to play for him is truly a great accomplishment, a blessing, and I think Coach Saban is going to go down as one of the greatest of all time.

EDDIE JACKSON: I have to agree with O.J., the onside kick was big. We recovered the ball and took the momentum back. As far as Coach Saban goes, I put my trust in Coach Saban 100 percent. I wouldn't want to be no other place and play for no other coach than Coach Saban. He's a great coach, he's a great mentor and he always leads us in the right direction.

**Q. O. J., what went through your head when you heard your coach say that you should have been playing more all season long, and the second part of that question is how difficult was it to have that patience?**

O.J. HOWARD: You know, it makes me think about coming back and playing and making plays next season for Coach. It'll get me more involved in the offense. As far as that goes, you can't get frustrated when you're not getting the ball. I know how that works, you get frustrated you start messing up plays and then you're getting other guys hurt. If you're missing a block, you're definitely not going to get the ball if you're pouting about it. You've just got to be a good team player and play hard every down, so that's what I continued to do.

**Q. O. J., it had been a little while since you caught a touchdown pass. What were you thinking when you got into the end zone?**

O.J. HOWARD: Initially it felt like a dream and I tried to tell everybody to wake me up because I thought it wasn't real. It was just a great feeling to get in the end zone again.

**Q. O. J., how gratifying is it after the way the season has gone for you to end it the way it has ended?**

O.J. HOWARD: This is what we stood up and said at the beginning of the season. We wanted to come out and win a National Championship this season and our team fought hard for that, and I'm just so proud of our team, and no team deserved this more than we do.

Personally, I'm just excited. We got a National Championship win. Our team won the NCAA championship. I just feel great as an individual. I scored a touchdown tonight. I feel good about that, of course, but if we wouldn't have won the game, that touchdown wouldn't mean anything to me.

**Q. O. J., a lot of people wrote off Jake Coker when he didn't win the starting job last year. It's very unique that he came in and won a National Championship this year and won the starting job. Your thoughts on his progression as a player.**

O.J. HOWARD: So proud of Jake. After the Ole Miss loss is when we saw Jake step up the most. He started becoming a leader, and he started showing determination on the field. He was running the ball and not sliding like a normal quarterback would. He was showing grit. Jake won the whole team over after the loss to Ole Miss. He came in. He didn't start that game, came in and finished the game for us, put us back in the game, gave us a chance to win, and after that game we went undefeated and it was all because of Jake and the rest of the team, but Jake really improved as a quarterback over the last two years.

**Q. Eddie, take me through the interception in the second quarter and how much you guys needed that to spring momentum because it felt like Clemson was starting to get some things going there.**

EDDIE JACKSON: I mean, it was huge. Our front seven, they gave a great push, and man Geno, they did a little pick route, so I seen that happen, so I just tried to run to the man when he did the wheel, and I was able to make a play.

**Q. This table is not big enough for the stars of the game for Alabama. You needed every one of those big plays from every one of the guys. It was a team effort. Do you want to give a shout out to some of your teammates?**

O.J. HOWARD: Derrick Henry could be up here where I am. Derrick played a great game like he's been doing for us all season. Our receivers stepped up and made big plays. Our defense they held on and made plays when we needed the most. Special teams, can't thank them enough, six touchdowns this season, tied for the most in the FBS. Special teams also has been special

for us, just an overall great team effort.

**Q. O. J., on your big plays you were wide open. What did you see on both of those big ones that you had?**

O.J. HOWARD: The first touchdown, it was a stork and go block. No guy was over the top, no safety was over the top. I kind of knew that one was going to be open. The second one was just the exact same play from last week against Michigan State. This time I took the middle of the field, nobody was in the middle and it was wide open. Just a great play call by Coach Kiffin. We know those guys play a lot of cover one and cover two, so we took advantage of it.

**Q. Lane Kiffin told me that you have a big decision to make. He'll support you either way. What's it going to be?**

O.J. HOWARD: Like Coach said, Wednesday we have a meeting. I'm pretty sure my parents will come up there with me and coach and sit down and we'll think hard on it, but at the end of the day, I'll make the right decision.



## 2016 CFP NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME / POSTGAME FIELD QUOTES

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### **Alabama**

#### **Head coach Nick Saban (to ESPN)**

"It was a tough game. I give Clemson's players a lot of credit. They're a really good team. It was a big challenge for us. I am so proud of our players, the way they competed, especially in the second half. We didn't seem to have the juice we had against Michigan State, but they fought and fought, and battled, and battled. Obviously we didn't play great on defense in the end but the onside kick was huge; it was a great kick by Grif. I think it changed the momentum of the game, and the guys finished. "

#### **On the on-side kick call:**

"We weren't playing very well on defense and it was a tie game and I thought we needed to do something that was going to change the momentum. That certainly did and then the kickoff return was big too so special teams was what did it for us."

#### **On O.J. Howard's performance:**

"We were trying to get the ball to him more and more and more and he certainly made some big plays tonight and he's a great player for us and a weapon for us."

#### **On team's achievement:**

"This is my—I hate to say—favorite team, because I love 'em all, but these guys have come so far and done so much. Their will, their spirit, to compete and do the kind of things they needed to do to be the kind of team they could be, I'm happy for them. This is all about winning a game for them. It's great for our fans, it's great for the state of Alabama, but I wanted to win this game for these guys, man. "

#### **PK Adam Griffith**

#### **On when Alabama practiced the on-side kick:**

"We practice that once a week. I was real confident in it. It was one of the best ones, that's for sure."

#### **On how the on-side kick was called for:**

"The score was close. Coach Saban called for it, and I went out there and did it. There was nothing to it, really."

#### **QB Jake Coker (to ESPN):**

"This is something I've dreamed of since I was little, and the fact that this team was able to overcome what we've overcome...just get here and do it...it's awesome, man!"

"I think we learned a lot from last year and we came in and weren't prepared for a team like Ohio State, we knew Clemson was gonna be, as they showed tonight, one hell of a competitor and we came in prepared and got the job done."

#### **On his brother Patrick:**

"I love you Pat—love you more than you can imagine. You have inspired me this whole way."

**RB Derrick Henry (to ESPN):**

“We worked so hard to get here and all we had to do was finish. We’ve been through a lot of ups and downs and had to finish as a team—let’s go out here and get a win.

“You said the key word: being patient. I knew I had a chance to make plays with the plays we called during practice and I that’s what I did tonight.”

**On Saban:**

“He’s gonna be excited for us, he’s gonna be dancing and we’re gonna have a good time the rest of the night.”

**RB Kenyan Drake (to ESPN):**

“Just great all-around team play—from offense to defense, special teams, everybody came together as one and that really speaks for how our team finished this entire year and I’m just happy to say we’re national champions.”

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## Dabo Swinney Deshaun Watson Eric Mac Lain

### Clemson Tigers

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DABO SWINNEY: Well, first of all, just what a year. What a year. I'm incredibly proud of our team. Obviously we wanted to win the game and we came up a little short, but I think that at least the nation saw tonight why we've been so successful. They saw the heart of our team. This is a team that just has incredible will to win and heart, and I think they gave us everything that they had. They competed. We out-gained them. I thought we physically matched up great with these guys. Really proud of that.

But championship football is a game of a few plays, and that's really what this one came down to, just a few plays.

Give them credit for that. I want to congratulate Alabama. Obviously they've been a great champion, and again, it was a slugfest out there, and I thought that they -- obviously the couple of special teams plays were huge momentum plays, but again, I'm just proud of our team because they kept playing, kept fighting all the way to the end.

But it's just truly a few plays that make the difference, but for us, you know, this is a great experience for our team against a team that represents the best, and really happy for Coach Saban. Four National Championships, I mean, that's an incredible accomplishment. It's really hard to win one, and to have won four. For them, they had a lot of adversity in the game, too. We really, I thought, hurt them in a lot of areas, but again, they hung in there and made those few plays.

But for us and our team, first time in 34 years to have an opportunity to play for the National Championship, seven years ago when I got this job, from day one I said that we would win a National Championship again. It was just a matter of when. And we've just got to go

to work and build our program, and that's what we've done.

I just can't say enough about our seniors. These guys have changed Clemson forever. They finished in the top 10 three out of their four years, won a bunch of games, set all kind of records at Clemson, and again, tonight came up a little short, but give Alabama credit for that.

But there's no doubt that we will be back. It won't be 34 years before we're going to be back, I promise you that.

Our team is built to sustain success. We've got the right ingredients from a toughness standpoint, talent standpoint, and then just, again, the will to win and the culture that we have in our program.

We'll learn from this, we'll grow from it, and I appreciate our fans. I thought that the crowd was amazing tonight. I really, really appreciate our fans. My heart breaks for them, too, because, like I said, it's been a long time since we've stood on top of the mountain, but we're not quite there, but we can see it, and we'll get there.

But really love my team. We'll go back to work on Thursday and kind of regroup and get ready for 2016.

With that, I'll take your questions.

#### **Q. Dabo, first of all, congratulations on an outstanding season. On the onside kick, what were you so hot about on the sideline?**

DABO SWINNEY: Well, we had the same play against South Carolina last year, and we caught the ball and they took it away from us, said that we didn't have an opportunity, didn't give them -- no matter what, they have to have an opportunity to catch the ball. I was just arguing the call that went against us. That was really it.

Hey, great play by them. It was a great kick. First of all, he put it right in a good spot, and their kid did a great job of going and getting it. It was a huge play. But then we followed it up with a bust for a touchdown. So it was a combination of mistakes. It was one thing to give up that play but that doesn't mean you don't go out and do your job on another play. But it was a huge

momentum play, but we overcame it. We came back and put ourselves in a good position there, and again, we missed the tackle on the tight end out there in great position, just don't make the play. Had a few miscues like that. Had a great situation on offense a couple times and missed a throw to Renfrow. We had a snap issue. But we just had some little miscues like that. But again, give them credit, they took advantage of all those opportunities and they created their own opportunity, as well. That was a huge, huge play in the game because I felt like we had all the momentum and were getting ready to get the ball back. We were confident in where we were, and it was a huge play.

**Q. After the Orange Bowl, you said there was no question in your mind that the guy next to you is the best player in the country. I assume today validates that in your mind?**

DABO SWINNEY: No question. No doubt about it. That's an easy answer for me. He's special. He really is. Like I say, we out-gained them. We had 550 yards of offense. Really pleased with how he played. That's one of the things Coach Saban was talking to me about after the game. This guy, he's special. Again, he's got great toughness, great heart, a great mind for the game, and just made some huge plays all the way to the end. What a great throw and catch by he and Leggett at the last touchdown there.

But I'm glad he's on our team. Glad he'll be back next year. Where is this thing next year? Is it in Tampa? Is that where it's at? We'll see if we can reload and go do it again.

**Q. Dabo, what did you see on the breakdowns in coverage in the secondary that allowed Howard in particular to get open so often?**

DABO SWINNEY: Yeah, well, we just had three busts. We just had three critical errors where we just didn't do our job.

**Q. Just talk about how special this season has been. I know you guys wanted to finish it off, but one more time about the run -- 14 consecutive wins, 17 consecutive wins, and then just coming up a few points short.**

DABO SWINNEY: Yeah, well, you can't let one game define you, and I think that's -- right now all of our hearts are broken. We really wanted, obviously, to win this game and to be 15-0. Last year's national champion was 14-1. This year's national champion is 14-1. We stand toe to toe with everybody in the country. This program doesn't take a backseat to anybody. We can play with anybody. We can beat anybody, and that's a fact.

It's not just this season. This goes back for a long time

now. We've won 20 something out of the last 20 something. We've been very consistent. But this year was special. It really was, because a lot of people -- we're the third-youngest team in the country. We played 28 freshmen, and a lot of people, I think, didn't think we would be very good this year. We had five new linemen, four new starters in the defensive line, new kicker, punter, snapper, holder, lost Mike Williams in the first game, and yet we're 14-1 and I guess we finished No. 2. I guess that's how it works.

We had a great season, and it's something that I think it was kind of the next step for us, you know, to get to the -- we needed to win our league again, and we did that. We wanted to get into the College Football Playoff, and we did that. We won it, won our playoff game, earned ourselves an opportunity to compete for the National Championship against the best team in the country in Alabama and had a chance to win it, just came up short.

I think we can take great confidence from this season. There's a lot of things we can learn, and that's what we've got to do with this.

I think win or lose, you have to continue to grow and challenge yourself to get better, and that's what we'll do. We'll go back to work and challenge ourselves and have a great off-season, great spring, finish up recruiting. We've got a bunch of guys coming back next year, and we'll have a chance to have another heck of a team.

**Q. Deshaun, if somebody would have told you before the game that you would have the offensive numbers as a team that you had, yards, points, the whole bit, would you have expected to win this game? Would you have thought there was any way you could have lost this game?**

DESHAUN WATSON: Not really. I mean, going into this game, I was expecting to win. I thought we should have won. But like Coach Swinney said, there was a few plays that we didn't really capitalize on, and I missed some throws, we dropped some balls, and just had some missed miscues. Just some little things like that is going to really force yourself in a hole, and it's hard to beat a team like Alabama if you make those mistakes.

**Q. Eric, fifth-year senior, just what did this season mean to you, and going through this with these guys one last time?**

ERIC MAC LAIN: It was pretty special. Obviously at the offensive line that was the question mark of the season, per se, so to do that with those bunch of slappies it was pretty fun to see them grow as players and men. Great to see this guy make great strides.

Really looking forward to watching them as their careers unfold, and Clemson is going to be very special.

**Q. Deshaun, are you going to be able to kind of put aside the loss and just kind of reflect on the performance you had and a performance that showed a lot of people out there who you really are and how you can play this game?**

DESHAUN WATSON: Not at all. At the end of the day, I wanted the W. All the stats doesn't really matter to me. I just wanted to get the win and do something that we haven't done in 34 years. But at the end of the day, I love my teammates, love my brothers, and you'll see us in Tampa next year, so...

**Q. I just wanted to ask you guys what the locker room was like after the game.**

ERIC MAC LAIN: Obviously pretty sad. At the end of the season comes a conclusion and not the way that you wanted to. A couple of tears here and there, but I think ultimately guys were happy to be here. I think that we gave it our all. Obviously we left it all out there. I don't know if there was too much more you could have asked from them. Kudos to Alabama for being the better team tonight, but I'm very confident that Clemson will be okay.

**Q. Deshaun, where do you most need to improve heading into next season?**

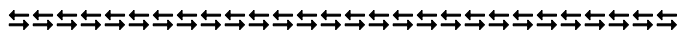
ERIC MAC LAIN: Nowhere.

DESHAUN WATSON: I mean, just my whole game. I mean, it will really start when we get back to school, start watching this film, fix some of the mistakes I made, and just getting back rolling. Putting on some weight, getting in the weight room some more, and taking that next step in my game and level. I talked to Derrick Henry after the game, and we're going to try to link up after the off-season and learn from him and just really build that relationship. He's the Heisman winner, national champion, so I'm trying to do the same thing and just learn from guys that have been there and done it.

### MISCELLANEOUS STATISTICS



	CLEMSON	ALABAMA
HALFTIME SCORE.....	14	14
Time Spent in the Lead ( <i>Tied 21:58</i> ).....	5:25	2:37
Total Plays-Yards.....	36-219	39-195
Plus Territory: Plays-Yards.....	11-82	13-74
Drives With Plays in Plus Territory.....	3 of 7	4 of 8
First Down Plays/Yards.....	17/124	15/52
Average on First Down.....	7.3	3.5
Rushes/Average.....	9/3.9	9/3.6
Passes/Average ( <i>includes sacks</i> ).....	8/11.1	6/3.3
Second Down Efficiency.....	5-13	2-13
Yards Gained.....	63	23
Third Down Efficiency.....	3-6	6-11
Rushing.....	1-2	3-4
Passing.....	2-4	3-7
Average Yards To Go (All).....	9.7	8.3
Average Yards To Go (Conversions).....	7.7	3.7
Yards Gained.....	32	120
3rd & 5 or less.....	1-2	4-4
3rd & 6 or more.....	2-8	2-7
Fourth Down Efficiency (Yards).....	0-0 (0)	0-0 (0)
Total Possessions/Average FP.....	7/C25	8/A31
Drives Started Inside/At Own 20.....	3 (3/0)	1 (1/0)
Drives Started In Plus Territory.....	0 (0 pts)	1 (7 pts)
Three Plays & Out.....	2	1
Opponent Turnovers (Pts).....	0 (0)	1 (7)
*Red Zone (pts).....	1-1 (7)	1-1 (7)
Plays-Yards.....	3-12	4-12
Third Down Efficiency.....	1-1	1-1
Fourth Down Efficiency.....	0-0	0-0
Yards by Quarter: 1st.....	147	114
2nd.....	72	81



### FIRST QUARTER NOTES

- Clemson scored two first quarter touchdowns; Alabama had allowed one all year (by Tennessee) coming in. The Tide had also allowed just 19 first quarter points prior to Clemson's 14.
- Alabama gained **114** yards in the quarter, **96** coming on third down plays.
- **Average on first down for the quarter:** Clemson **8.5** (85 yards on 10 plays), Alabama **1.0** (6 on 6).
- Alabama extended its nation's-best streak in scoring in its 118th consecutive first half (101-16 record in previous 117).
- Both teams extended two of the nation's longest overall scoring streaks, Alabama to **198** in a row and Clemson to **169**.

### SECOND QUARTER NOTES

- **Average on first down for the quarter:** Clemson averaged 5.6 (39 on seven plays); Alabama 5.1 (46 on nine plays).

### FIRST HALF NOTES

- Clemson recorded **four** first half sacks; Alabama came in allowing just **20** all season.
- Clemson gained **217** first half yards; Alabama allows 256.8 per game; the Tide allowed over 300 just four times all year (high: 433 by Ole Miss).
- Alabama **TB Derrick Henry** (20-128, 2 TD) now has 2,189 on the season ... with at least one half to go.

**NEW YORK, NEW YORK** The Empire State Building was illuminated this evening in the colors of **Clemson** and **Alabama** to celebrate the 2016 College Football Playoff Championship. The world-famous tower lights split the building, with the North/South sides of the building lit in Clemson University **orange** and **purple** and East/West sides in University of Alabama **crimson** and **white**.

**WWII VET / FACEBOOK CELEBRITY TO BE HONORED** At the third quarter break, 95-year old **Larry Rumback** will be participating in the CFP's military tribute. From Oakley, Kansas (northwest part of the state), he served in the Army Air Force from 1942-45 and is one of last surviving veterans of World War II. He was stationed in England and a member of the 489th Bomb Group flying B17 and B24 bomber missions over Germany. A recent Facebook post about Larry's service went viral amassing over 300,000 shares and over 30 million "Likes" from all over the world.

<https://www.facebook.com/drumback/posts/10207021190180521>

**TURF NOTES** As most know, the field at UOP Stadium is on a large "tray" and can be moved outdoors to be in the sunshine and then returned indoors for games. The grass, installed by Evergreen Turf (the stadium's field vendor), was grown in Stanfield, Ariz.; it's Tiffway 419 with a rye overseed. It took 24 hours to remove the old field and three days to install the new turf, and the detailed painting started while the field was being installed and was finished Sunday.

- Incidentally, tonight's game is being played under **Advanced LED Sports Lighting**. The venue features Eaton's latest lighting technology from its Ephesus Lighting business.

### HALFTIME QUOTES FROM THE FIELD

#### CLEMSON HEAD COACH DABO SWINNEY

Well, they're playing their tails off right now, both teams. That's the way it ought to be, we had the one mistake; kinda made the wrong throw and they capitalized on that. Really, really frustrated with how the clock was handled there. That's very disappointing...cost me a time out. But hey, it's a tie ballgame and we'll get in here and see if we can play a little better in the second half and find a way to win it."

#### ALABAMA HEAD COACH NICK SABAN

"Well, we can't take negative plays. Jake has to throw the ball, throw the check-down. Every time we have a negative play, it stops the drive. We gotta do a better job on their quarterback because he's really hurt us with the scramble plays, extending plays, and running the football, so that's probably the difference in the game right now, those two things right there."

*From interviews with ESPN.*



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*“We can’t take the negative plays on offense. That’s killing us. It’s stopping every drive. We are giving up too many sacks. The quarterback has to get rid of the ball. You can’t hold the ball and try to make a play every time. Throw the check down, do what we have to do, but don’t take negative plays. For their quarterback, we’ve got to do a better job of affecting him and containing him in the pocket. We can’t let him extend plays like he has because that’s when they made a lot of big plays.”* – **Alabama Head Coach Nick Saban**

**NOTES**

**GAME CAPTAINS:** Alabama’s captains for the 2016 College Football Playoff National Championship Game against Clemson are seniors Jake Coker, Ryan Kelly and Reggie Ragland, along with junior Derrick Henry. The Tigers won the opening toss and elected to defer to the second half, with the Crimson Tide receiving the ball to start tonight’s contest.

**FORMER CRIMSON TIDE PLAYERS IN ATTENDANCE:** The Alabama sideline is full of former members of the Crimson Tide who are either active in the NFL, or played in the league, including: Amari Cooper, Landon Collins, Marcell Dareus, D.J. Fluker, Mark Ingram, Rashad Johnson, Julio Jones, C.J. Mosley, DeMeco Ryans, Ed Stinson, Carson Tinker, Shaun Alexander, Barrett Jones and DeAndrew White. Ingram, the Crimson Tide’s first Heisman Trophy winner and currently with the New Orleans Saints

**HENRY REACHING THE END ZONE CONSISTENTLY:** Derrick Henry’s 50-yard touchdown run on the second offensive drive of tonight’s 2016 College Football Playoff National Championship moved his consecutive games with a touchdown streak 20, currently the longest active streak in the nation, and the longest by an SEC player in the past 20 years (eclipsing Tim Tebow’s streak of 14 games from 2006-07). The streak is also the longest in Alabama history, with the previous high being 10 by Terry Davis across the 1971 and 1972 seasons from Nov. 6, 1971-Oct. 21, 1972. The last time Henry failed to notch a score was in the LSU game on Nov. 8, 2014. His plunge into the end zone set his season total at 24, breaking the Southeastern Conference record, passing the total of 23 that was previously shared by Tim Tebow (Florida), Tre Mason (Auburn).

**HENRY PASSING THE CENTURY MARK:** Derrick Henry enters halftime of tonight’s game with 128 yards, the 16th time in his career, and marked his 10th 100-plus game this season. The 10 this season is the most in Crimson Tide history, passing Trent Richardson (2011) and Mark Ingram (2009) who shared the previous record of nine 100-yard games in a single season in UA history. His 16 career games is also an Alabama all-time mark the all-time mark, passing the previous high which was held by Shaun Alexander (1996-99) and Bobby Humphrey (1985-88).

**FIRST HALF POINTS:** With Derrick Henry’s 50-yard touchdown run on Alabama’s second offensive drive of the 2016 College Football Playoff National Championship, the Crimson Tide has scored in the first half of its last 118 games, the longest streak in the nation. The last time UA failed to score in the first half was on Sept. 29, 2007, when Alabama and Florida State headed into halftime in a scoreless tie. The Seminoles won that game, 21-14.

**SCORING STREAK CONTINUES:** With Derrick Henry’s touchdown run from 50 yards out on the Crimson Tide’s second offensive drive of tonight’s College Football Playoff National Championship, Alabama has now scored in 198 consecutive games – the longest streak in program history.

**4-3 UNDER SABAN WHEN TIED AT THE HALF:** Alabama goes to halftime tied up with Clemson, 14-14. Under head coach Nick Saban, the Crimson Tide is 4-3 when tied at halftime. The Crimson Tide's four wins under Saban when tied at the halfway point were: at LSU in 2008 (27-21), at Auburn in 2009 (26-21), against Tennessee in 2011 (37-6) and also versus the Volunteers this season (19-14).

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