COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP



• ALABAMA vs. CLEMSON •

January 11 • 8:30 p.m. ET • Glendale, Ariz. • University of Phoenix Stadium (71,000)

LIVE TV: ESPN (Chris Fowler, play-by-play; Kirk Herbstreit, analyst; Heather Cox and Tom Rinaldi, sidelines)

LIVE RADIO: ESPN Radio (Mike Tirico, play-by-play, Todd Blackledge, analyst; Holly Rowe and Joe Schad, sidelines)

SIRIUS/XM: 80



ALABAMA CRIMSON TIDE (13-1, 7-1 SEC)

Head Coach: Nick Saban (Kent State '73)
- **Overall/Years:** 190-60-1 (.759) / 20th Season
- **Alabama/Years:** 99-18 (.846) / 9th Season
- **In Bowl Games:** 9-8 (.529) / 6-3 (.667) at Alabama

National Ranking: CFP (2); AP (2); Coaches (2)
Alabama Bowl Appearances: 63
Alabama Bowl Record: 35-24-3 (.589)
Alabama Bowl Streak: W1 [Win against Michigan State 38-0 in 2015 Cotton Bowl]
Formations: Offense - Pro Style (Multiple) • Defense - 3-4

KEY PLAYERS

RB Derrick Henry (6-3, 242, Jr., Yulee, Fla.)
Winner of the Heisman Trophy, Maxwell Award and SEC Offensive Player of the Year award... Leads the nation with 2,061 rushing yards and 25 rushing touchdowns... Second in the SEC and in the FBS with 147.2 rushing yards per game... Broke both school and conference records in rushing yards... Consensus All-American selection.

LB Reggie Ragland (6-2, 252, Sr., Madison, Ala.)
SEC Defensive Player of the Year and captain of a defense that led the nation in rushing defense, second in total defense and third in scoring defense... Leads Alabama with 97 takcles, including 6.5 for a loss and 2.5 sacks.

OL Ryan Kelly (6-5, 297, Sr., West Chester, Ohio)
Concensus All-American selection, winner of the Rimington Trophy and co-recipient of the SEC's Jacobs Blocking Trophy... Named the 2015 SEC Scholar-Athlete of the Year... Graded out at an average of 88.4 percent with five games over 90 percent... Led an offense that produced the 2015 Heisman winner in Derrick Henry.

DL A'Shawn Robinson (6-4, 312, Jr., Fort Worth, Texas)
All-American selection for a defense that leads the country with 46 sacks... Has a career-high 43 tackles this season, including 7.5 tackles for loss and 3.5 sacks... Has also produced 10 quarterback hurries, two pass breakups, a fumble recovery and one blocked PAT.

CLEMSON TIGERS (14-0, 8-0 ACC)

Head Coach: Dabo Swinney (Alabama '93)
- **Overall/Years:** 75-26 (.743) / 7th Season
- **Clemson/Years:** 75-26 (.743) / 7th Season
- **In Bowl Games:** 5-3 (.625)

National Rankings: CFP (1); AP (1); Coaches (1)
Clemson Bowl Appearances: 38
Clemson Bowl Record: 20-18 (.526)
Clemson Bowl Streak: W4 [Last: Win against Oklahoma 37-417 in 2015 Orange Bowl]

KEY PLAYERS

QB Deshaun Watson (6-2, 210, So., Gainesville, Ga.)
Named a Consensus First Team All-American... Earned All-ACC First Team and ACC Player of the Year honors... Leads the ACC in passing yards (3,699), passing touchdowns (31) and passing efficiency (155.9)... Has also rushed for 1,302 yards and 12 scores.

DL Shaq Lawson (6-3, 270, Jr., Central, S.C.)
Tabbed a Consensus First Team All-American... Named to the All-ACC First Team and finished second in ACC Defensive Player of the Year voting... Second in the ACC and third nationally with a 1.7 tackles for loss average... Stands fifth in the conference and 20th in the FBS with 0.75 sacks per game... Leads team with 10.5 total sacks.

WR Artavis Scott (5-11, 190, So., Clearwater, Fla.)
First Team All-ACC selection for the Tigers that leads the team and is fourth in the conference with 868 receiving yards... Stands first for Clemson and seventh in the ACC with 62.0 receiving yards per game... Reeled in five touchdowns this year... Averages 86.71 all-purpose yards per game.

DB Jayron Kearse (6-5, 220, Jr., Fort Myers, Fla.)
Earned First Team All-American honors from ESPN.com... Totaled 84 tackles, 6.5 tackles for loss, eight pass breakups and one interception on the season... Forced and recovered one fumble for the season, while also blocking one kick.

2015 STATISTICAL COMPARISON *( ) - SEC Ranking; [ ] - NCAA Ranking*

CATEGORY	ALABAMA	CLEMSON
SCORING OFFENSE	34.4 (5) [33]	38.4 [16]
TOTAL OFFENSE	423.8 (6) [51]	512.0 [11]
RUSHING	204.4 (3) [29]	228.6 [16]
PASSING	219.4 (5) [68]	283.4 [26]
SCORING DEFENSE	13.4 (1) [1]	20.0 [16]
TOTAL DEFENSE	256.8 (1) [2]	301.6 [6]
RUSHING	70.8 (1) [1]	124.4 [18]
PASSING	186.0 (5) [18]	177.2 [9]
TURNOVER MARGIN	+0.64 (1) [22]	-0.07 [74]

SERIES/GAME NOTES

Record: Alabama leads, 12-3
Last: Alabama, 34-10 (Aug. 30, 2008)

SERIES: Alabama and Clemson will meet for the 16th time in history and for the first time since 2008, when Alabama won 34-10 in the season opener in Atlanta... The 2008 meeting is the only matchup between the two squads since 1975... The teams first met in 1900, when Clemson won 35-0... The last victory in the series for the Tigers came to the tune of 25-0 in 1905... The two teams are tied at three wins each in neutral-site games... Alabama has won 12-straight games in the series... This marks the first time the two teams have played each other in the postseason

GAME NOTES: The Crimson Tide will be making their 63rd appearance in postseason play, while the Tigers are in a bowl game for the 39th time in their program's history... Alabama is competing for its 16th national championship, while Clemson is seeking its second title and first since 1981... Alabama is looking to claim its third title in the last five seasons and the fourth in the last seven... This marks the first time for both teams to compete in the national championship game of the College Football Playoff.