

Nicholas the Dolphin Predicts College Football Playoff National Champs

Rescued dolphin at Clearwater Marine Aquarium adorably predicts No. 3 Clemson Tigers will win

CLEARWATER, FL (Jan. 10, 2020) – Today, Nicholas the rescued dolphin at Clearwater Marine Aquarium (CMA), predicted the No. 3 Clemson Tigers will beat the No. 1 LSU Tigers when they face off Monday, January 13th at 8:00 p.m. EST. Nick is famous for his accurate predictions of sporting events. In 2017 Nicholas correctly chose Clemson to beat Alabama and again in 2018 when he chose Alabama to beat Georgia.

- Today was the fourth time Nick picked the College Football Playoff National Championship winner. Nicholas is currently 8 for 14 in his <u>predictions.</u>
- How it worked: Nicholas is presented with a choice during his normal enrichment activities. For this prediction,
 Nicholas was presented with the choice between a LSU Tigers or a Clemson Tigers football. Today he chose the
 Clemson Tigers football!

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Nicholas is a rescued bottlenose dolphin that was found stranded with severe sunburns. He was orphaned and unable to learn necessary survival skills as a calf, therefore he became a permanent resident at Clearwater Marine Aquarium. Making unbelievable sports predictions is just one of Nick's many talents he has demonstrated and a special part of his animal enrichment.

Clearwater Marine Aquarium encourages all college football fans to visit for half priced admission when wearing their favorite college football team's logo apparel during CMA's Tail-Gate Week. This offer runs through Monday, Jan. 13, 2020.

About Clearwater Marine Aquarium:

Clearwater Marine Aquarium (CMA) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit working marine rescue center dedicated to inspiring the human spirit through leadership in education, research, rescue, rehabilitation and release. CMA is home to rescued dolphins, sea turtles, river otters, stingrays, nurse sharks and more. Winter the dolphin's story of survival, after an injury that caused her to lose her tail, has impacted millions of people around the world. Major motion picture *Dolphin Tale* (2011) features Winter's story and its sequel *Dolphin Tale* 2 (2014) features the incredible story of Hope, a young resident dolphin of CMA. Through Clearwater Marine Aquarium Research Institute, CMA conducts important global research focused on protecting manatees, right whales and sea turtles. The mission and potential to change people's lives differentiates Clearwater Marine Aquarium from any other aquarium in the world.

WE BELIEVE in preserving our environment while inspiring the human spirit through leadership in the rescue, rehabilitation, and release of marine life, environmental education, research and conservation.

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