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SAINTS QB DREW BREES, REDSKINS CB DE ANGELO HALL & CARDINALS PR-CB PATRICK PETERSON NAMED NFC PLAYERS OF WEEK 12

Quarterback **DREW BREES** of the New Orleans Saints, cornerback **DE ANGELO HALL** of the Washington Redskins and punt returner-cornerback **PATRICK PETERSON** of the Arizona Cardinals are the NFC Offensive, Defensive and Special Teams Players of the Week for games played the 12th week of the 2011 season (November 24, 27-28), the NFL announced today.

OFFENSE: QB DREW BREES, NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

- Brees completed 24 of 38 passes (63.2 percent) for 363 yards with four touchdowns and no interceptions for a 129.6 passer rating in the Saints' 49-24 win over the New York Giants. He added a rushing touchdown and is the first player in NFL history to complete at least 60 percent of his passes, throw for 350 yards with four touchdowns and no interceptions and rush for a TD in a single game.
- He led a Saints offense that racked up 577 total yards and New Orleans became the first team this season with four TD drives of at least 80 yards (88, 80, 80, 80).
- Brees now has 27 career games with at least 350 passing yards, tying Pro Football Hall of Famer **DAN MARINO** for the most in league annals. Brees has six such games this season, tied with **TOM BRADY** (2007) for the single-season mark.
- Brees leads the NFL with 3,689 passing yards, the most through the first 11 games of a season in NFL history.
- In his 11th season from Purdue, this is Brees' 14th career Player of the Week Award and second this season (Week 7).
- Since joining the Saints in 2006, Brees has won 12 Player of the Week Awards, the most in franchise history.

DEFENSE: CB DE ANGELO HALL, WASHINGTON REDSKINS

- Hall had an interception, six passes defensed and five tackles in the Redskins' 23-17 win at Seattle.
- He sealed the victory with an interception at the Seattle 38-yard line with just under a minute to go in the game.
- His six passes defensed were a career-high for the eight-year veteran. His previous single-game best was four passes defensed, which he has done four times. The last time he had four passes defensed in a game was October 24, 2010 against Chicago when Hall tied an NFL record with four interceptions.
- The Washington defense held Seattle to 250 total net yards and Hall led a secondary that allowed just 126 net passing yards. The Redskins' defense allowed only 3.9 yards per pass play.
- In his eighth year from Virginia Tech, this is Hall's second career Player of the Week Award (Week 7, 2010).
- He is the third Redskins cornerback to be named NFC Defensive Player of the Week multiple times, joining Pro Football Hall of Famer **DARRELL GREEN** (five times) and **CHAMP BAILEY** (two).

SPECIAL TEAMS: PR-CB PATRICK PETERSON, ARIZONA CARDINALS

- Peterson had an 80-yard punt-return touchdown in the Cardinals' 23-20 win at St. Louis. He is the first player in NFL history with four punt-return touchdowns of at least 80 yards in a single season.
- His four punt-return touchdowns are tied for the most in a single season with Pro Football Hall of Famer **JACK CHRISTIANSEN** (1951), **RICK UPCHURCH** (1976) and **DEVIN HESTER** (2007). Peterson and Christiansen are the only rookies to accomplish the feat and the only players in NFL history to score four punt-return touchdowns in their first 11 career games.
- Only six players in NFL history have four 80+ punt-return touchdowns in their entire career and Peterson has accomplished the feat in just 31 returns.
- The game also was the first in NFL history in which each team had an 80+ yard punt-return touchdown (St. Louis' **NICK MILLER**, 88 yards and Peterson, 80).
- In his rookie season from LSU, this is Peterson's second career Player of the Week Award (Week 9).
- Peterson is the first Cardinals return specialist to be named Special Teams Player of the Week multiple times.
- He is the first Cardinals player to be honored twice in a season since **KURT WARNER** in 2009 (Offense, Weeks 9 and 13).

2011 NFC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

	<u>Offense</u>	<u>Defense</u>	<u>Special Teams</u>
Wk 1	QB Aaron Rodgers, Green Bay	LB Brian Urlacher, Chicago	KR-PR Ted Ginn Jr., San Francisco
Wk 2	QB Tony Romo, Dallas	S Roman Harper, New Orleans	K Jason Hanson, Detroit
Wk 3	QB Eli Manning, N.Y. Giants	CB Ronde Barber, Tampa Bay	K Dan Bailey, Dallas
Wk 4	QB Aaron Rodgers, Green Bay	LB Brian Orakpo, Washington	PR-KR Devin Hester, Chicago
Wk 5	RB Adrian Peterson, Minnesota	LB Patrick Willis, San Francisco	K Mason Crosby, Green Bay
Wk 6	RB Ahmad Bradshaw, N.Y. Giants	S Kurt Coleman, Philadelphia	KR-PR-WR Devin Hester, Chicago
Wk 7	QB Drew Brees, New Orleans	LB Lance Briggs, Chicago	K Mason Crosby, Green Bay
Wk 8	RB LeSean McCoy, Philadelphia	DE Cliff Avril, Detroit	DE Robert Quinn, St. Louis
Wk 9	QB Aaron Rodgers, Green Bay	LB Mathias Kiwanuka, N.Y. Giants	PR-CB Patrick Peterson, Arizona
Wk 10	WR Larry Fitzgerald, Arizona	S Roman Harper, New Orleans	PR Devin Hester, Chicago
Wk 11	RB Kevin Smith, Detroit	DE Chris Clemons, Seattle	KR Kealoha Pilares, Carolina
Wk 12	QB Drew Brees, New Orleans	CB DeAngelo Hall, Washington	PR-CB Patrick Peterson, Arizona

Other nominees for NFC Offensive Player of Week 12:

- Washington quarterback **REX GROSSMAN**, who passed for 314 yards and two touchdowns.
- Dallas wide receiver **LAURENT ROBINSON**, who had seven catches for 79 yards and two touchdowns in the Cowboys' 20-19 win over Miami.
- Green Bay quarterback **AARON RODGERS**, who completed 22 of 33 passes (66.7 percent) for 307 yards with two touchdowns and no interceptions for a 116.6 passer rating in the Packers' 27-15 win at Detroit.
- Atlanta quarterback **MATT RYAN**, who completed 27 of 34 passes (79.4 percent) for 262 yards with three touchdowns and no interceptions for a 128.2 passer rating in the Falcons' 24-14 win over Minnesota.
- Atlanta wide receiver **RODDY WHITE**, who had 10 catches for 120 yards and a touchdown.
- Arizona running back **BEANIE WELLS**, who rushed for a franchise-record 228 yards and a touchdown.

Other nominees for NFC Defensive Player of Week 12:

- Arizona rookie linebacker **SAM ACHO**, who had two sacks, a forced fumble, a fumble recovery and three tackles.
- Minnesota linebacker **CHAD GREENWAY**, who had 16 tackles in the Vikings' 24-14 loss at Atlanta.
- Green Bay linebacker **CLAY MATTHEWS**, who had an interception, four tackles and two passes defensed.
- Dallas linebacker **ANTHONY SPENCER**, who had eight tackles, including two for a loss.
- Tampa Bay cornerback **AQIB TALIB**, who had a 27-yard interception-return touchdown, a forced fumble and three tackles in the Buccaneers' 23-17 loss at Tennessee.

Other nominees for NFC Special Teams Player of Week 12:

- Dallas rookie kicker **DAN BAILEY**, who converted both field-goal attempts, including the game-winner from 28 yards as time expired. He has connected on 26 consecutive field goals and has four game-winning field goals this season.
- Minnesota wide receiver-kick returner **PERCY HARVIN**, who had a 104-yard kickoff return and added eight catches for 95 yards and a touchdown.