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<http://twitter.com/nfl345>**PACKERS QB AARON RODGERS, SEAHAWKS CB RICHARD SHERMAN & BEARS KR-PR DEVIN HESTER NAMED NFC PLAYERS OF WEEK 2**

Quarterback **AARON RODGERS** of the Green Bay Packers, cornerback **RICHARD SHERMAN** of the Seattle Seahawks and kick returner-punt returner **DEVIN HESTER** of the Chicago Bears are the NFC Offensive, Defensive and Special Teams Players of the Week for games played the second week of the 2013 season (September 12, 15-16), the NFL announced today.

OFFENSE: QB AARON RODGERS, GREEN BAY PACKERS

- Rodgers completed 34 of 42 passes (81 percent) for 480 yards with four touchdowns and no interceptions for a 146 passer rating in the Packers' 38-20 win over Washington. His 480 yards tied the single-game club record.
- He joined Pro Football Hall of Famer **Y.A. TITTLE** (October 28, 1962) as the only quarterbacks in NFL history to throw for at least 480 yards and four touchdowns without an interception in a single game.
- The Packers are the first team in NFL history with a 450-yard passer (Rodgers) and 125-yard rusher (**JAMES STARKS**) in the same game.
- The performance was Rodgers' third career 400-yard game. No other Packer has more than one.
- Rodgers has thrown at least three touchdown passes in five consecutive games for the second time in his career. Only he, **TOM BRADY** and **PEYTON MANNING** have a pair of such streaks.
- In his ninth season from California, this is Rodgers' eighth career Player of the Week Award. He won the award twice last season (Weeks 4 and 6).
- Since Week 13, 2010, Rodgers' eight Player of the Week Awards are the most in the NFL during that span.
- Rodgers has the second-most Player of the Week Awards in franchise history, trailing **BRETT FAVRE** (12).

DEFENSE: CB RICHARD SHERMAN, SEATTLE SEAHAWKS

- Sherman had an interception (28 yards) and two tackles in the Seahawks' 29-3 win over San Francisco.
- He was part of a defensive unit that allowed just 207 total yards, including 107 net passing yards. The Seahawks forced five turnovers, including three interceptions.
- Sherman helped contain 49ers wide receiver Anquan Boldin (13 catches, 208 yards, TD in Week 1), who was held to one catch for seven yards. The one catch did not come against Sherman.
- He has recorded an interception in five consecutive home games. In those five contests, Sherman has six interceptions, two TDs (blocked field goal return and interception return), a forced fumble and a fumble recovery.
- In his third year from Stanford, this is Sherman's second career Player of the Week Award (Week 10, 2012).
- Since Week 10, 2012, he is the only player to be named Defensive Player of the Week twice.
- He joins **ROBERT BLACKMON** and **KEN LUCAS** as the only Seattle cornerbacks to be honored twice.

SPECIAL TEAMS: KR-PR DEVIN HESTER, CHICAGO BEARS

- Hester had a franchise-record 249 kickoff-return yards in the Bears' 31-30 win over Minnesota. He returned five kickoffs (76, 80, 20, 31 and 42 yards) and averaged 49.8 yards per return.
- His 249 kickoff-return yards are the third-most in NFL history in a game for a player who had five kickoff returns or fewer.
- On his five kickoff returns, Hester set the Bears up with an average starting field position of the Chicago 45-yard line. His 76-yard return gave the Bears starting field position at Minnesota's 32-yard line and his 80-yard return set Chicago up at the Vikings' 23-yard line.
- In his eighth season from Miami, this is Hester's 13th career Player of the Week Award. He was last honored in Week 10, 2011.
- Hester's 13 career Special Teams Player of the Week Awards are the most ever by a return specialist and tied for the most ever among all players with **JOHN CARNEY** and **ADAM VINATIERI**.
- His 13 total Player of the Week Awards are the most in franchise history.

2013 NFC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

	<u>Offense</u>	<u>Defense</u>	<u>Special Teams</u>
Wk 1	WR Anquan Boldin, San Francisco	DE Robert Quinn, St. Louis	WR-PR Dwayne Harris, Dallas
Wk 2	QB Aaron Rodgers, Green Bay	CB Richard Sherman, Seattle	KR-PR Devin Hester, Chicago

Other nominees for NFC Offensive Player of Week 2 as submitted by NFC clubs:

- Chicago tight end **MARTELLUS BENNETT**, who had seven catches for 76 yards and two touchdowns, including a game-winning 16-yard TD with 10 seconds remaining in the game.
- Dallas wide receiver **DEZ BRYANT**, who had nine catches for 141 yards and a touchdown in the Cowboys' 17-16 loss at Kansas City.
- New Orleans tight end **JIMMY GRAHAM**, who had 10 catches for 179 yards and a touchdown in the Saints' 16-14 win at Tampa Bay.
- Philadelphia wide receiver **DE SEAN JACKSON**, who had nine catches for 193 yards and a touchdown in the Eagles' 33-30 loss to San Diego.
- Atlanta wide receiver **JULIO JONES**, who had 11 catches for 182 yards and a touchdown in the Falcons' 31-24 win over St. Louis.
- Seattle running back **MARSHAWN LYNCH**, who rushed for 98 yards with two touchdowns and had three catches for 37 yards and a TD.
- Atlanta quarterback **MATT RYAN**, who completed 33 of 43 passes (76.7 percent) for 374 yards with two touchdowns and no interceptions for a 117.8 passer rating.
- Philadelphia quarterback **MICHAEL VICK**, who completed 23 of 36 passes (63.9 percent) for 428 yards with two touchdowns and no interceptions for a 123.4 passer rating. He also rushed for 23 yards and a touchdown.

Other nominees for NFC Defensive Player of Week 2 as submitted by NFC clubs:

- Chicago cornerback **TIM JENNINGS**, who returned an interception 44 yards for a touchdown and finished with four tackles and two passes defended.
- Minnesota defensive end **BRIAN ROBISON**, who returned a fumble 61 yards for a touchdown and had two tackles.
- Atlanta defensive end **OSI UMENYIORA**, who returned an interception 68 yards for a touchdown and had two passes defended.

Other nominees for NFC Special Teams Player of Week 2 as submitted by NFC clubs:

- Dallas kicker **DAN BAILEY**, who scored 10 points and converted all three field-goal attempts and one PAT.
- Arizona kicker **JAY FEELY**, who scored 13 points and converted all four field-goal attempts and one PAT in the Cardinals' 25-21 win over Detroit.
- New Orleans kicker **GARRETT HARTLEY**, who converted three of his four field-goal attempts, including the game-winner as time expired.
- Minnesota rookie wide receiver-kick returner **CORDARRELLE PATTERSON**, who returned a kickoff 105 yards for a touchdown and finished with 149 yards on three returns (49.7 average).