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## **CHARGERS QB PHILIP RIVERS, BILLS DE MARIO WILLIAMS & BRONCOS PR-WR TRINDON HOLLIDAY NAMED AFC PLAYERS OF WEEK 2**

Quarterback **PHILIP RIVERS** of the San Diego Chargers, defensive end **MARIO WILLIAMS** of the Buffalo Bills and punt returner-wide receiver **TRINDON HOLLIDAY** of the Denver Broncos are the AFC 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 PHILIP RIVERS, SAN DIEGO CHARGERS**

- Rivers completed 36 of 47 passes (76.6 percent) for 419 yards with three touchdowns and zero interceptions and a 124.3 passer rating in the Chargers' 33-30 win at Philadelphia.
- With 1:51 remaining in the fourth quarter, Rivers led the Chargers on a nine-play, 51-yard drive, resulting in a game-winning 46-yard field goal by kicker **NICK NOVAK**.
- Registered his fourth-career game with 400+ passing yards. His 419 yards were an AFC-best and the third-most in the NFL in Week 2.
- His 124.3 passer rating ranked first in the AFC and second in the NFL in Week 2.
- Posted his 14th career game with at least three touchdowns and zero interceptions. The Chargers are 12-2 in such games.
- In his 10th season from North Carolina State, this is Rivers' fourth Offensive Player of the Week award. He most recently won the award in 2008 (Week 15).

### **DEFENSE: DE MARIO WILLIAMS, BUFFALO BILLS**

- Williams totaled six tackles and a career-best 4.5 sacks in the Bills' 24-23 win over the Carolina Panthers.
- Williams' 4.5 sacks surpassed **CORNELIUS BENNETT** (four in 1987) and Pro Football Hall of Famer **BRUCE SMITH** (four in 1990 and 1994) for the most sacks by a Bill in a single game since 1982.
- Registered 3.5 of his 4.5 sacks on third down.
- Williams' 4.5 sacks are the most in an NFL game since November 19, 2012 (**ALDON SMITH**, 5.5).
- In his eighth season from North Carolina State, this is Williams' third career Defensive Player of the Week Award. He most recently won the award in 2007 (Week 15) with the Houston Texans.
- He is the first Bills defensive end to win the award since 2006 (**AARON SCHOBEL**, Week 14).

### **SPECIAL TEAMS: PR-WR TRINDON HOLLIDAY, DENVER BRONCOS**

- Holliday returned four punts for 121 yards (30.3 average), including an 81-yard touchdown in the Broncos' 41-23 win at the New York Giants.
- Holliday is the first player this season to register a punt return-touchdown.
- Since 2012, Holliday has totaled three kick-return touchdowns (two punt return, one kickoff return), tied for the best in the NFL.
- In his fourth season from Louisiana State, this is Holliday's second Special Teams Player of the Week Award. He previously won the award in 2012 (Week 9).

## **2013 AFC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK**

	<b><u>Offense</u></b>	<b><u>Defense</u></b>	<b><u>Special Teams</u></b>
<b>Wk 1</b>	QB Peyton Manning, Denver	LB Justin Houston, Kansas City	K Nick Folk, New York Jets
<b>Wk 2</b>	QB Philip Rivers, San Diego	DE Mario Williams, Buffalo	PR-WR Trindon Holliday, Denver

#### Other nominees for AFC Offensive Player of Week 2:

- Baltimore quarterback **JOE FLACCO**, who completed 22 of 33 passes (66.7 percent) for 211 yards with one touchdown versus zero interceptions and a 94.4 passer rating in the Ravens' 14-6 win over Cleveland.
- Buffalo wide receiver **STEVIE JOHNSON**, who had eight receptions for 111 receiving yards (13.9 average) with one touchdown reception.
- Buffalo rookie quarterback **EJ MANUEL**, who completed 27 of 39 passes (69.2 percent) for 296 yards with one touchdown and an 89.3 passer rating.
- Oakland running back **DARREN MC FADDEN**, who rushed for 129 yards on 19 carries (6.8 average) in the Raiders' 19-9 win over Jacksonville.
- Kansas City quarterback **ALEX SMITH**, who passed for 223 yards with two touchdowns versus zero interceptions and a 95 passer rating. Smith also rushed for 57 yards.
- Miami quarterback **RYAN TANNEHILL**, who completed 23 of 34 passes (67.6 percent) for 319 yards with one touchdown versus zero interceptions and a 107.4 passer rating in the Dolphins' 24-20 win at Indianapolis.
- Miami wide receiver **MIKE WALLACE**, who had nine receptions for 115 yards (12.8 average) with one touchdown.

#### Other nominees for AFC Defensive Player of Week 2:

- Houston linebacker **BRIAN CUSHING**, who had 11 tackles and two sacks in the Texans' 30-24 overtime win over Tennessee.
- Kansas City nose tackle **DONTARI POE**, who had four tackles and two sacks in the Chiefs' 17-16 win over Dallas.
- Baltimore linebacker **DARYL SMITH**, who totaled 11 tackles, 1.5 sacks and two passes defended.
- New England cornerback **AQIB TALIB**, who posted two tackles, two interceptions and a forced fumble.
- Denver linebacker **DANNY TREVATHAN**, who had 10 tackles and one sack.
- San Diego linebacker **REGGIE WALKER**, who registered five tackles.
- Miami linebacker **PHILIP WHEELER**, who posted 12 tackles with one sack and two passes defended.

#### Other nominees for AFC Special Teams Player of Week 2:

- Cleveland kicker **BILLY CUNDIFF**, who made two field goals (21, 51) in the Browns' 14-6 loss at Baltimore.
- Baltimore punt returner-wide receiver **TANDON DOSS**, who returned four punts for 43 yards (14.3 average).
- Oakland kicker **SEBASTIAN JANIKOWSKI**, who made four-of-five field goals (46, 30, 29, 29).
- Houston punter **SHANE LECHLER**, who punted seven times for 338 yards (48.3 average), including one punt inside the 20-yard line.
- San Diego kicker **NICK NOVAK**, who made all four field goals (49, 44, 33, 46).