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**BENGALS QB ANDY DALTON, COLTS LB ROBERT MATHIS &
PATRIOTS K STEPHEN GOSTKOWSKI
NAMED AFC PLAYERS OF MONTH FOR OCTOBER**

Quarterback **ANDY DALTON** of the Cincinnati Bengals, linebacker **ROBERT MATHIS** of the Indianapolis Colts and kicker **STEPHEN GOSTKOWSKI** of the New England Patriots are the AFC Offensive, Defensive and Special Teams Players of the Month for October, the NFL announced today.

OFFENSE: QB ANDY DALTON, CINCINNATI BENGALS

- For the month, Dalton completed 89 of 131 passes (67.9 percent) for 1,246 yards with 11 touchdowns versus three interceptions and a 116.8 passer rating as he helped the Bengals to a 4-0 record in October.
- In October, Dalton ranked third in the NFL in passing yards (1,246) and second in the league in touchdown passes (11) and passer rating (116.8).
- Through Week 8, Dalton ranks second in the AFC in passing yards (2,249) and touchdown passes (16).
- In Week 6, Dalton earned AFC Offensive Player of the Week honors, completing 26 of 40 passes (65 percent) for 337 yards with three touchdowns versus one interception and a 105.9 passer rating in the Bengals' 27-24 overtime win at Buffalo.
- In Week 7, Dalton completed 24 of 34 passes (70.6 percent) for 372 yards with three touchdowns versus zero interceptions and a career-high 135.9 passer rating in the Bengals' 27-24 win at Detroit.
- In Week 8, Dalton threw a career-best five touchdown passes in the Bengals' 49-9 win over the New York Jets.
- In his third season from Texas Christian, this is Dalton's first career Offensive Player of the Month Award.
- He is the first Bengals' quarterback to win the award since **CARSON PALMER** in 2005 (September).

DEFENSE: LB ROBERT MATHIS, INDIANAPOLIS COLTS

- Mathis totaled 13 tackles, four sacks, one pass defensed, forced two fumbles and recorded a safety as he helped the Colts to a 2-1 record in October.
- Mathis helped the Colts defeat two previously undefeated teams in October (Seattle and Denver).
- In Week 5, Mathis posted six tackles, two sacks and forced one fumble in the Colts' 34-28 win over Seattle. He became the 30th player to record 100 career sacks since sacks became an official statistic in 1982.
- In Week 7, Mathis recorded five tackles, two sacks and forced one fumble in the Colts' 39-33 victory over Denver on *Sunday Night Football*.
- Through Week 8, Mathis leads the NFL with 11.5 sacks.
- In his 11th season from Alabama A&M, this is Mathis' third career Player of the Month Award, tied with **DWIGHT FREENEY** for the most Defensive Player of the Month awards by a Colts player. He most recently won the award in 2010 (September).

SPECIAL TEAMS: K STEPHEN GOSTKOWSKI, NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

- For the month, Gostkowski made all nine field goals he attempted.
- Gostkowski tied for third in the NFL and second in the AFC with nine field goals in October.
- He totaled 36 of the Patriots' 90 points for the month.
- Through Week 8, Gostkowski has made an NFL-best 20 field goals.
- Gostkowski ranks second in the NFL with 77 points this season (**MATT PRATER**, 79).
- Has made 15 consecutive field goals, including two from 50+ yards (53, 54).
- In his eighth season from Memphis, this is Gostkowski's second career Player of the Month Award. He previously won the award in 2008 (October).

2013 AFC PLAYERS OF THE MONTH

	<u>Offense</u>	<u>Defense</u>	<u>Special Teams</u>
September	QB Peyton Manning, Denver	LB Justin Houston, Kansas City	KR Trindon Holliday, Denver
October	QB Andy Dalton, Cincinnati	LB Robert Mathis, Indianapolis	K Stephen Gostkowski, New England