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**PACKERS RB EDDIE LACY & CARDINALS S TYRANN MATHIEU
NAMED NFL ROOKIES OF MONTH FOR OCTOBER**

Running back **EDDIE LACY** of the Green Bay Packers and safety **TYRANN MATHIEU** of the Arizona Cardinals are the NFL Offensive and Defensive Rookies of the Month for October, the NFL announced today.

OFFENSE: RB EDDIE LACY, GREEN BAY PACKERS

- Lacy, a second-round selection (No. 61 overall) out of Alabama, leads the NFL in rushing in October with 395 yards with a league-high 97 carries. He scored two touchdowns and had 11 receptions for 47 yards.
- Lacy can be the first Packers rookie running back to lead the NFL in rushing yards in a calendar month since **JOHN BROCKINGTON** in 1971.
- He ranks third in the league – and leads all rookies – with 442 scrimmage yards during the month.
- Lacy rushed for at least 80 yards in all four games during the month and is the first Packers rookie running back to register four consecutive 80-yard rushing games.
- He had at least 95 scrimmage yards in all four October games and is the first Packers rookie running back to record 95+ scrimmage yards in four consecutive games in the same calendar month.
- Lacy rushed for 99 yards in Week 5, had a career-high 120 rushing yards in Week 6, recorded 108 scrimmage yards in Week 7 and finished the month with 112 scrimmage yards in Week 8. He finished the month with three consecutive games with at least 100 scrimmage yards.
- Lacy joins **SAMKON GADO** (November 2005) as the only Packers to be named NFL Offensive Rookie of the Month.
- Lacy is the first player from Alabama to be named NFL Offensive Rookie of the Month since Atlanta wide receiver **JULIO JONES** in December 2011.

DEFENSE: S TYRANN MATHIEU, ARIZONA CARDINALS

- Mathieu, a third-round selection (No. 69) out of Louisiana State, had 20 tackles, three passes defensed, a sack and an interception in October.
- He is one of seven players in the NFL – and the only rookie – to register at least 20 tackles, a sack and an interception during the month. Mathieu is one of only three safeties in the NFL to accomplish the feat.
- This season, Mathieu has 49 tackles, five passes defensed, two interceptions, a sack and a forced fumble. He is the only rookie – and one of four players in the NFL – with at least 40 tackles, five passes defensed, two interceptions, a sack and a forced fumble.
- He started all four games for Arizona in October and now has started six games this season.
- In Week 5, he had five tackles and his first career sack. He had six tackles and a pass defensed in Week 6. He had two tackles in Week 7 and finished the month with seven tackles, an interception and two passes defensed in Week 8.
- Mathieu joins **SIMEON RICE** (September 1996) and **DOMINIQUE RODGERS-CROMARTIE** (December 2008) as the only Cardinals to be named NFL Defensive Rookie of the Month.
- Mathieu is the first safety to be named NFL Defensive Rookie of the Month since Kansas City's **ERIC BERRY** in December 2010.

2013 NFL ROOKIES OF THE MONTH

	<u>Offense (College)</u>	<u>Defense (College)</u>
September	WR DeAndre Hopkins, Houston (Clemson)	LB Kiko Alonso, Buffalo (Oregon)
October	RB Eddie Lacy, Green Bay (Alabama)	S Tyrann Mathieu, Arizona (Louisiana State)

Other nominees for the October NFL Offensive Rookie of the Month Award as submitted by NFL clubs:

- San Diego wide receiver **KEENAN ALLEN** (third round, California), who had 18 receptions for 289 yards (16.1 average) with two touchdowns.
- Cincinnati running back **GIOVANI BERNARD** (second round, North Carolina), who totaled 255 scrimmage yards (135 rushing yards, 120 receiving yards) and one touchdown reception.
- New England wide receiver **AARON DOBSON** (second round, Marshall), who totaled 15 receptions for 206 yards with one touchdown.
- Cincinnati tight end **TYLER EIFERT** (first round, Notre Dame), who posted 12 receptions for 134 yards and one touchdown.
- Arizona running back **ANDRE ELLINGTON** (sixth round, Clemson), who rushed for 265 yards with two touchdowns and had 13 catches for 85 yards.
- Minnesota wide receiver-kick returner **CORDARRELLE PATTERSON** (first round, Tennessee), who led the NFL with a 49.5 yards-per-return average on kickoffs and had a 109-yard kick-return touchdown, tied for the longest play in NFL history. He also had seven catches for 51 yards.
- Washington tight end **JORDAN REED** (third round, Florida), who had 21 catches for 282 yards and a touchdown.
- Dallas wide receiver **TERRANCE WILLIAMS** (third round, Baylor), who scored a touchdown in all four games and had 14 catches for 313 yards.

Other nominees for the October NFL Defensive Rookie of the Month Award as submitted by NFL clubs:

- Buffalo linebacker **KIKO ALONSO** (second round, Oregon), who totaled 49 tackles, the most among rookies.
- Kansas City cornerback **MARCUS COOPER** (seventh round, Rutgers), who totaled 10 tackles, two interceptions and one fumble recovery.
- New England defensive tackle **CHRIS JONES** (sixth round, Bowling Green), who had 25 tackles and 5 sacks.
- Carolina defensive tackle **STAR LOTULELEI** (first round, Utah), who had 11 tackles, including two for a loss.
- Oakland linebacker **SIO MOORE** (third round, Connecticut), who had seven tackles and 2.5 sacks.
- San Francisco safety **ERIC REID** (first round, Louisiana State), who had 23 tackles, an interception and a fumble recovery.
- New England cornerback **LOGAN RYAN** (third round, Rutgers), who had nine tackles, 1.5 sacks, forced one fumble and an interception-return touchdown.
- New Orleans safety **KENNY VACCARO** (first round, Texas), who had 16 tackles and a sack.