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**SAINTS TE JIMMY GRAHAM, SEAHAWKS CB RICHARD SHERMAN &  
VIKINGS KR CORDARRELLE PATTERSON  
NAMED NFC PLAYERS OF THE MONTH FOR SEPTEMBER**

Tight end **JIMMY GRAHAM** of the New Orleans Saints, cornerback **RICHARD SHERMAN** of the Seattle Seahawks and rookie kick returner-wide receiver **CORDARRELLE PATTERSON** of the Minnesota Vikings are the NFC Offensive, Defensive and Special Teams Players of the Month for September, the NFL announced today.

**OFFENSE: TE JIMMY GRAHAM, NEW ORLEANS SAINTS**

- Graham had 27 catches for 458 yards and six touchdowns in September as New Orleans recorded the team's first 4-0 start since 2009, when the Saints won Super Bowl XLIV.
- During the month, Graham's six touchdowns tied for the NFL lead, his 458 yards ranked second and his 27 catches were tied for third in the NFC.
- His six touchdown receptions are the most by a tight end in September in NFL history.
- Graham had a touchdown in every game during the month and had 100+ yards in three of the four contests.
- In the final three games of September, Graham had 413 receiving yards, tied for the most by a tight end in a three-game span in a season in NFL history.
- He was named the NFC Offensive Player of the Week for Week 3.
- In his fourth season from Miami, this is Graham's first career Player of the Month Award.
- Graham is the first tight end to be named Player of the Month since the award began in 1986.

**DEFENSE: CB RICHARD SHERMAN, SEATTLE SEAHAWKS**

- Sherman had two interceptions, including a 58-yard touchdown, four passes defended and eight tackles in September as the Seahawks recorded the first 4-0 start in franchise history.
- His two interceptions tied for the most in the NFC during the month. He had a 28-yard INT in Week 2 against San Francisco and his 58-yard interception-return TD in Week 4 at Houston tied the game late in the fourth quarter to cap a 14-point comeback.
- Sherman was named the NFC Defensive Player of the Week for Week 2.
- In his third year from Stanford, this is Sherman's first career Player of the Month Award.
- He is the first cornerback in franchise history to be named Defensive Player of the Month.

**SPECIAL TEAMS: KR CORDARRELLE PATTERSON, MINNESOTA VIKINGS**

- Patterson led the NFL averaging 33.8 yards per kick return and had a 105-yard KR-TD, tying the longest play in team history. He returned 12 kickoffs for 406 yards and had at least 50 yards in all four September contests.
- In Week 2, he returned the game's opening kickoff 105 yards for a touchdown, his first career TD.
- Patterson had a 30+ yard kickoff return in all four September contests and is the first rookie since 2007 to have a 30+ yard kickoff return in each of his team's first four games of a season.
- He had 140+ kickoff-return yards in two of the team's September games. Those two performances both rank in the top five this season (149 yards in Week 2, 144 yards in Week 4).
- In his rookie season from Tennessee, this is Patterson's first career Player of the Month Award.
- Patterson is the second return specialist in team history to be honored (**PERCY HARVIN**, September 2012).

**2013 NFC PLAYERS OF THE MONTH**

	<b><u>Offense</u></b>	<b><u>Defense</u></b>	<b><u>Special Teams</u></b>
<b>September</b>	TE Jimmy Graham, New Orleans	CB Richard Sherman, Seattle	KR Cordarrelle Patterson, Minnesota