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**BRONCOS QB PEYTON MANNING, CHIEFS LB JUSTIN HOUSTON &
BRONCOS KR TRINDON HOLLIDAY
NAMED AFC PLAYERS OF MONTH FOR SEPTEMBER**

Quarterback **PEYTON MANNING** of the Denver Broncos, linebacker **JUSTIN HOUSTON** of the Kansas City Chiefs and kick returner **TRINDON HOLLIDAY** of the Denver Broncos are the AFC Offensive, Defensive and Special Teams Players of the Month for September, the NFL announced today.

OFFENSE: QB PEYTON MANNING, DENVER BRONCOS

- For the month, Manning completed 117 of 156 passes (75 percent) for 1,470 yards with 16 touchdowns versus zero interceptions and a 138 passer rating as he helped the Broncos to a 4-0 record in September.
- Through Week 4, Manning leads the NFL in completions (117), completion percentage (75.0), passing yards (1,470), touchdown passes (16) and passer rating (138).
- His 16 touchdown passes are the most through the first four games of a season in NFL history.
- On Kickoff Weekend against Baltimore, Manning tied an NFL single-game record with seven touchdown passes and joined Pro Football Hall of Famer **Y.A. TITTLE** (October 28, 1962) as the only quarterbacks with seven passing touchdowns and no interceptions in a game.
- In Week 3, Manning completed 32 of 37 passes (86.5 percent) for 374 yards with three touchdowns and no interceptions for a 135.8 passer rating in the Broncos' 37-21 win against the Oakland Raiders on *Monday Night Football*. His performance marked the sixth game in NFL history in which a player passed for at least 350 yards and three touchdown passes with a completion percentage of 85.0+.
- In his 16th season from Tennessee, this is Manning's seventh career Offensive Player of the Month Award, surpassing **TOM BRADY** for the most AFC Offense Player of the Month awards since the accolade was instituted in 1986. Manning most recently won the award in December of 2012.

DEFENSE: LB JUSTIN HOUSTON, KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

- Houston registered 19 tackles, 7.5 sacks, two fumble recoveries and one forced fumble as he helped the Chiefs to a 4-0 record in September.
- Houston's 7.5 sacks are tied for an NFL-best this season (**ROBERT MATHIS**, 7.5).
- In Week 1, Houston earned AFC Defensive Player of the Week honors, registering five tackles and three sacks in the Chiefs' 28-2 win over the Jacksonville Jaguars.
- In Week 3, Houston again earned AFC Defensive Player of the Week honors, recording a career-high 4.5 sacks with seven tackles, two fumble recoveries and one forced fumble in the Chiefs' 26-16 victory at Philadelphia on *Thursday Night Football*.
- Played a pivotal role in a Chiefs defense that allows an NFL-low 10.3 points per game and a league-high 18 sacks this season.
- In his third season from Georgia, this is Houston's first career Player of the Month Award. He is the first Chiefs linebacker to win the award since Pro Football Hall of Famer **DERRICK THOMAS** in 1997 (December).

SPECIAL TEAMS: KR TRINDON HOLLIDAY, DENVER BRONCOS

- For the month, Holliday registered an NFL-best two kick return touchdowns (105-yard KR-TD, 81-yard PR-TD).
- He returned 13 punts for 191 yards (14.7 average) and three kickoff returns for 139 yards (46.3 average) in September.
- Since 2012, Holliday has totaled four kick-return touchdowns (two punt return, two kickoff return), the most in the NFL.
- In his fourth season from Louisiana State, this is Holliday's first career Player of the Month Award. He is the first Broncos kick returner to win the award since **EDDIE ROYAL** in 2009 (October).

2013 AFC PLAYERS OF THE MONTH

September **Offense**
QB Peyton Manning, Denver

Defense
LB Justin Houston, Kansas City

Special Teams
KR Trindon Holliday, Denver