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SAINTS QB DREW BREES, CARDINALS CB PATRICK PETERSON & SEAHAWKS K STEVEN HAUSCHKA NAMED NFC PLAYERS OF WEEK 4

Quarterback **DREW BREES** of the New Orleans Saints, cornerback **PATRICK PETERSON** of the Arizona Cardinals and kicker **STEVEN HAUSCHKA** of the Seattle Seahawks are the NFC Offensive, Defensive and Special Teams Players of the Week for games played the fourth week of the 2013 season (September 26, 29-30), the NFL announced today.

OFFENSE: QB DREW BREES, NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

- Brees completed 30 of 39 passes (76.9 percent) for 413 yards with four touchdowns and no interceptions for a 144.5 passer rating in the Saints' 38-17 win over Miami.
- He tied his own NFL records with his ninth consecutive 300-yard passing game and his 10th game in a row with at least 25 completions.
- The performance was his 10th career 400-yard passing game, the second most in NFL history trailing only Pro Football Hall of Famer **DAN MARINO** (13).
- Brees moved into fourth place all-time with 4,146 completions, surpassing Pro Football Hall of Famer **JOHN ELWAY** (4,123). Brees passed Pro Football Hall of Famer **FRAN TARKENTON** (47,003) and moved into sixth place in NFL history with 47,353 passing yards.
- In his 13th year from Purdue, this is Brees' 17th career Player of the Week Award and first since Week 5, 2012.
- Since joining the Saints in 2006, Brees has won 15 Player of the Week Awards, the most in franchise history. During that span, Brees' 15 Player of the Week Awards are the most in the NFC and rank second in the NFL (**TOM BRADY**, 16).

DEFENSE: CB PATRICK PETERSON, ARIZONA CARDINALS

- Peterson had two interceptions and two tackles in the Cardinals' 13-10 come-from-behind victory at Tampa Bay.
- His first interception came with 3:12 left in the game and Arizona trailing 10-3. Peterson returned the interception 11 yards to the Buccaneers' 13-yard line. On the next play, the Cardinals scored a touchdown to tie the contest.
- After Arizona took a 13-10 lead, Peterson sealed the victory with an interception at the Tampa Bay 47-yard line with 48 seconds remaining in the game.
- The performance was the first multiple-interception game of his career.
- He is the first Cardinals player in more than 20 years (**TIM MC DONALD**, October 20, 1991) to record two interceptions in the final four minutes of the fourth quarter.
- In his third year from Louisiana State, this is Peterson's first career Defensive Player of the Week Award. He has been named Special Teams Player of the Week twice (Weeks 9 and 12, 2011).
- Peterson and **CALAIS CAMPBELL** (Defense, Special Teams) are the only Cardinals to be named Player of the Week in two different categories.
- Peterson is the first Cardinals cornerback to be named Defensive Player of the Week since 2009 (**DOMINIQUE RODGERS-CROMARTIE**, Week 5).

SPECIAL TEAMS: K STEVEN HAUSCHKA, SEATTLE SEAHAWKS

- Hauschka kicked a game-winning 45-yard field goal in the Seahawks' 23-20 comeback victory at Houston.
- He converted all three field-goal attempts (48, 39 and 45 yards) and both PATs for a total of 11 points. He also handled kickoff duties and had four touchbacks on six kickoffs.
- The Seahawks improved to 4-0 for the first time in franchise history.
- Hauschka scored eight points after halftime. Seattle won a game after trailing by at least 14 points in the fourth quarter for the first time since 2002 (December 29 vs. San Diego).
- In his sixth season from North Carolina State, this is Hauschka's first career Player of the Week Award.
- He is the first Seahawks kicker to be honored since 2010 (**OLINDO MARE**, Week 7) and the fourth kicker in team history to be named Player of the Week (**TODD PETERSON**, **JOSH BROWN**, Mare).

2013 NFC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

	<u>Offense</u>	<u>Defense</u>	<u>Special Teams</u>
Wk 1	WR Anquan Boldin, San Francisco	DE Robert Quinn, St. Louis	WR-PR Dwayne Harris, Dallas
Wk 2	QB Aaron Rodgers, Green Bay	CB Richard Sherman, Seattle	KR-PR Devin Hester, Chicago
Wk 3	TE Jimmy Graham, New Orleans	DE Greg Hardy, Carolina	P Sam Martin, Detroit
Wk 4	QB Drew Brees, New Orleans	CB Patrick Peterson, Arizona	K Steven Hauschka, Seattle

Other nominees for NFC Offensive Player of Week 4 as submitted by NFC clubs:

- Detroit running back **REGGIE BUSH**, who rushed for 139 yards with a touchdown and had 34 receiving yards in the Lions' 40-32 win over Chicago.
- Minnesota quarterback **MATT CASSEL**, who completed 16 of 25 passes (64.0 percent) for 248 yards with two touchdowns and no interceptions for a 123.4 passer rating in the Vikings' 34-27 win over Pittsburgh at London's Wembley Stadium.
- Atlanta tight end **TONY GONZALEZ**, who had 12 catches for 149 yards and two touchdowns in the Falcons' 30-23 loss to New England.
- San Francisco running back **FRANK GORE**, who rushed for 153 yards and a touchdown in the 49ers' 35-11 win at St. Louis.
- Minnesota wide receiver **GREG JENNINGS**, who had three catches for 92 yards and two touchdowns.
- Minnesota running back **ADRIAN PETERSON**, who rushed for 140 yards and two touchdowns.

Other nominees for NFC Defensive Player of Week 4 as submitted by NFC clubs:

- Minnesota defensive end **JARED ALLEN**, who had 2.5 sacks and four tackles.
- San Francisco linebacker **NA VORRO BOWMAN**, who had two sacks, a forced fumble and six tackles.
- Minnesota linebacker **CHAD GREENWAY**, who had 10 tackles, a sack and an interception.
- Dallas linebacker **SEAN LEE**, who had 18 tackles and a 52-yard interception-return touchdown in the Cowboys' 30-21 loss at San Diego.
- Seattle cornerback **RICHARD SHERMAN**, who returned an interception 58 yards for a touchdown and had four tackles and two passes defensed.
- Detroit defensive tackle **NDAMUKONG SUH**, who had two sacks, a forced fumble and four tackles.

Other nominees for NFC Special Teams Player of Week 4 as submitted by NFC clubs:

- Detroit kicker **DAVID AKERS**, who scored 16 points and converted all four field-goal attempts and four PATs.
- Arizona kicker **JAY FEELY**, who converted both field-goal attempts and one PAT.
- San Francisco punter **ANDY LEE**, who punted seven times and averaged 54.7 yards with a net average of 52.0 yards.