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FALCONS QB MATT RYAN, COWBOYS LB SEAN LEE & 49ERS P ANDY LEE NAMED NFC PLAYERS OF WEEK 7

Quarterback **MATT RYAN** of the Atlanta Falcons, linebacker **SEAN LEE** of the Dallas Cowboys and punter **ANDY LEE** of the San Francisco 49ers are the NFC Offensive, Defensive and Special Teams Players of the Week for games played the seventh week of the 2013 season (October 17, 20-21), the NFL announced today.

OFFENSE: QB MATT RYAN, ATLANTA FALCONS

- Ryan completed 20 of 26 passes (76.9 percent) for 273 yards with three touchdowns and no interceptions for a career-high 148.4 passer rating in the Falcons' 31-23 win over Tampa Bay.
- His quarterback rating (148.4) was the highest single-game mark by any passer in 2013.
- Ryan had multiple touchdown passes in nine of his past 10 games, including all six games in 2013.
- The Falcons have a 34-2 record (.944) when Ryan has a passer rating of at least 100.
- He currently leads all NFC players in passer rating (105.9) and completion percentage (70.1) in 2013.
- In his sixth season from Boston College, this is Ryan's fourth career Player of the Week Award and first since 2012 (Week 16).
- Ryan's four Offensive Player of the Week Awards are tied for the most in franchise history (quarterback **MICHAEL VICK** and running back **GERALD RIGGS**).

DEFENSE: LB SEAN LEE, DALLAS COWBOYS

- Lee had a game-high 11 tackles, an interception and a tackle for a loss in the Cowboys' 17-3 win at Philadelphia.
- He led a unit that limited the Eagles to three points, 24.7 points below Philadelphia's average (27.7 entering the game).
- Dallas became the first road team since 1984 (San Diego) to hold a team averaging at least 27 points per game this far into a season to a field goal or less.
- The Cowboys held the Eagles to 84 rushing yards and 278 total net yards. Philadelphia entered the game averaging 178.5 rushing yards per game and 449.8 total net yards per game.
- Lee's interception, which he returned 33 yards, came with 7:14 remaining in the fourth quarter with Philadelphia driving into Cowboys' territory.
- Five of his 11 tackles came two yards from the line of scrimmage or behind, including a three-yard tackle for a loss.
- Since entering the NFL in 2010, Lee leads all NFL linebackers with nine interceptions & 216 interception-return yards.
- In his fourth year from Penn State, this is Lee's second career Player of the Week Award and first since Week 13 of his rookie season in 2010.
- Lee joins **DE MARCUS WARE** (four) as the only Cowboys linebacker to be named Defensive Player of the Week multiple times.

SPECIAL TEAMS: P ANDY LEE, SAN FRANCISCO

- Lee punted six times, averaging 46.7 yards per punt in the 49ers' 31-17 win over Tennessee.
- He placed three punts inside his opponent's 20-yard line.
- With 6:29 remaining in the fourth quarter, Lee boomed a 55-yard punt down to the Titans' 11-yard line that was muffed and recovered in the end zone by wide receiver **KASSIM OSGOOD** to give the 49ers a 31-10 lead.
- Lee and his coverage unit limited Tennessee to two punt returns for minus-one yard, tied for the lowest single-game total of any NFC opponent in Week 7.
- He averaged 43.5 net yards per punt, the highest of any NFC player in Week 7.
- In his 10th season from Pittsburgh, this is Lee's third career Player of the Week Award and first since 2012 (Week 7).
- Lee is the first player in franchise history to be named Special Teams Player of the Week three times.

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
Wk 5	WR DeSean Jackson, Philadelphia	CB Tramaine Brock, San Francisco	K Mason Crosby, Green Bay
Wk 6	QB Nick Foles, Philadelphia	LB Thomas Davis, Carolina	KR-PR Dwayne Harris, Dallas
Wk 7	QB Matt Ryan, Atlanta	LB Sean Lee, Dallas	P Andy Lee, San Francisco

Other nominees for NFC Offensive Player of Week 7 as submitted by NFC clubs:

- Green Bay wide receiver **JARRETT BOYKIN**, who had eight catches for 103 yards and a touchdown in the Packers' 31-13 win over Cleveland.
- Dallas wide receiver **DEZ BRYANT**, who had eight catches for 110 yards.
- Atlanta wide receiver **HARRY DOUGLAS**, who had seven catches for 149 yards and a touchdown.
- Washington rookie tight end **JORDAN REED**, who had nine catches for 134 yards and a touchdown in the Redskins' 45-41 win over Chicago.
- Green Bay quarterback **AARON RODGERS**, who passed for 260 yards and three touchdowns with no interceptions for a 117.8 passer rating.
- Seattle quarterback **RUSSELL WILSON**, who passed for 235 yards and three touchdowns with no interceptions for a 122.1 passer rating in the Seahawks' 34-22 victory over Arizona.

Other nominees for NFC Defensive Player of Week 7 as submitted by NFC clubs:

- Seattle cornerback **BRANDON BROWNER**, who had an interception and four tackles.
- Dallas cornerback **BRANDON CARR**, who had an interception and four tackles.
- Green Bay linebacker **JAMARI LATTIMORE**, who had a sack and 12 tackles.
- Atlanta safety **WILLIAM MOORE**, who had a sack and seven tackles.
- Carolina cornerback **CAPTAIN MUNNERLYN**, who had a 45-yard interception-return touchdown, a fumble recovery and five tackles in the Panthers' 30-15 win over St. Louis.
- Washington linebacker **BRIAN ORAKPO**, who had a 29-yard interception-return touchdown and four tackles.

Other nominees for NFC Special Teams Player of Week 7 as submitted by NFC clubs:

- New York Giants kicker **JOSH BROWN**, who converted all three field-goal attempts (35, 23 and 36) and two PATs.
- Carolina kicker **GRAHAM GANO**, who converted all three field-goal attempts (37, 31 and 50) and three PATs.
- Chicago punt returner **DEVIN HESTER**, who returned a punt 81 yards for a touchdown and finished with 85 yards on three punt returns (28.3 average) in the Bears' 45-41 loss at Washington.
- San Francisco wide receiver **KASSIM OSGOOD**, who recovered a muffed punt in the end zone for a touchdown.
- Minnesota punt returner **MARCUS SHERELS**, who returned a punt 86 yards for a touchdown and finished with 119 yards on four returns (29.8 average) in the Vikings' 23-7 loss at the New York Giants.