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STEELERS QB BEN ROETHLISBERGER, BENGALS LB VONTAZE BURFICT & COLTS K ADAM VINATIERI NAMED AFC PLAYERS OF WEEK 11

Quarterback **BEN ROETHLISBERGER** of the Pittsburgh Steelers, linebacker **VONTAZE BURFICT** of the Cincinnati Bengals and kicker **ADAM VINATIERI** of the Indianapolis Colts are the AFC Offensive, Defensive and Special Teams Players of the Week for games played the 11th week of the 2013 season (November 14, 17-18), the NFL announced today.

OFFENSE: QB BEN ROETHLISBERGER, PITTSBURGH STEELERS

- Roethlisberger completed 29 of 45 passes (64.4 percent) for 367 yards with four touchdowns versus zero interceptions and a 119.4 passer rating in the Steelers' 37-27 win over Detroit.
- With the Steelers trailing 27-23 entering the fourth quarter, Roethlisberger orchestrated two fourth-quarter TD drives. It was the 29th time he led the Steelers back from a fourth quarter deficit or tie.
- His four touchdown passes led the NFL in Week 11. Posted his seventh career game with at least four TD passes.
- Registered his 54th career game with a 100+ passer rating. The Steelers are 49-5 (.907) in such games.
- Through Week 11, Roethlisberger has 2,901 passing yards, the most in the first 10 games of a season in franchise history.
- In his 10th season from Miami (OH), this is Roethlisberger's ninth career Offensive Player of the Week award, the most of any Steeler since the accolade was instituted in 1984. He most recently won the award in 2011 (Week 8).
- He joins kicker **SHAUN SUISHAM** (Week 7) as the second Steeler to win Player of the Week honors this season.

DEFENSE: LB VONTAZE BURFICT, CINCINNATI BENGALS

- Burfict registered 15 tackles, one tackle for a loss, forced one fumble and had a fumble recovery-touchdown in the Bengals' 41-20 win over Cleveland.
- In the second quarter, Burfict knocked the ball loose from Cleveland running back **CHRIS OGBONNAYA** and recovered it for a 13-yard fumble return-touchdown.
- Played a pivotal role in a Bengals defense that registered three interceptions, four sacks and limited to the Browns to 330 yards of total offense.
- Burfict has a team-best 118 tackles this season and has led or tied for a team-high in tackles in 10 of the Bengals' 11 games this season.
- In his second season from Arizona State, this is Burfict's first career Defensive Player of the Week Award.
- He is the first Bengals linebacker to earn Defensive Player of the Week honors since **BRIAN SIMMONS** in 2005 (Week 9).
- Burfict joins **ANDY DALTON** (Week 6) and **MARVIN JONES** (Week 8) as the third Bengal to win Player of the Week honors this season.

SPECIAL TEAMS: K ADAM VINATIERI, INDIANAPOLIS COLTS

- Vinatieri converted all three field-goal attempts in the Colts' 30-27 win at Tennessee on *Thursday Night Football*.
- His three field goals of 48, 30 and 50 yards, tied for the most in the NFL in Week 11.
- Vinatieri registered his fourth field goal of 50+ yards in 2013, tied for the most in a single-season in his career.
- His four field goals of 50+ yards are tied for the second-most in the NFL this season.
- He has now scored at least one point in 155 consecutive games.
- Vinatieri (791) passed **DEAN BIASUCCI** (783) for the second-most points in Colts history, trailing only **MIKE VANDERJAGT** (995).
- In his 18th season from South Dakota State, this is Vinatieri's 14th career Special Teams Player of the Week Award, surpassing **JOHN CARNEY** and **DEVIN HESTER** for the most since the award originated in 1984. He most recently won the award in 2010 (Week 17).

2013 AFC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

	<u>Offense</u>	<u>Defense</u>	<u>Special Teams</u>
Wk 1	QB Peyton Manning, Denver	LB Justin Houston, Kansas City	K Nick Folk, New York Jets
Wk 2	QB Philip Rivers, San Diego	DE Mario Williams, Buffalo	PR Trindon Holliday, Denver
Wk 3	QB Peyton Manning, Denver	LB Justin Houston, Kansas City	P Spencer Lanning, Cleveland
Wk 4	QB Philip Rivers, San Diego	CB Alterraun Verner, Tennessee	PR Dexter McCluster, Kansas City
Wk 5	QB Geno Smith, New York Jets	S Charles Woodson, Oakland	PR Travis Benjamin, Cleveland
Wk 6	QB Andy Dalton, Cincinnati	LB Tamba Hali, Kansas City	K Nick Novak, San Diego
Wk 7	QB Andrew Luck, Indianapolis	DE Mario Williams, Buffalo	K Shaun Suisham, Pittsburgh
Wk 8	WR Marvin Jones, Cincinnati	CB Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie, Denver	K Ryan Succop, Kansas City
Wk 9	QB Jason Campbell, Cleveland	DE Cameron Wake, Miami	K Nick Folk, New York Jets
Wk 10	WR Demaryius Thomas, Denver	LB Paul Posluszny, Jacksonville	K Justin Tucker, Baltimore
Wk 11	QB Ben Roethlisberger, Pittsburgh	LB Vontaze Burfict, Cincinnati	K Adam Vinatieri, Indianapolis

Other nominees for AFC Offensive Player of Week 11 as submitted by AFC clubs:

- Indianapolis running back **DONALD BROWN**, who rushed for 80 yards on 14 carries (5.7 average) with two touchdowns.
- Miami tight end **CHARLES CLAY**, who had six receptions for 90 yards (15 average) with one touchdown in the Dolphins' 20-16 win over San Diego.
- Cleveland wide receiver **JOSH GORDON**, who had five receptions for 125 yards with one touchdown in the Browns' 41-20 loss at Cincinnati.
- Oakland running back **RASHAD JENNINGS**, who rushed for 150 yards on 22 carries (6.8 average) with one touchdown in the Raiders' 28-23 win at Houston.
- Buffalo rookie quarterback **EJ MANUEL**, who completed 20 of 28 passes (71.4 percent) for 245 yards with two touchdowns versus zero interceptions and a 121.9 passer rating in the Bills' 37-14 win over the New York Jets.
- Baltimore running back **RAY RICE**, who rushed for 131 yards on 25 attempts (5.2 average) with one touchdown in the Ravens' 23-20 overtime loss at Chicago.

Other nominees for AFC Defensive Player of Week 11 as submitted by AFC clubs:

- Pittsburgh safety **WILL ALLEN**, who had a team-high nine tackles, one forced fumble and an interception.
- Buffalo safety **JAIRUS BYRD**, who had four tackles, one sack, two passes defended and two interceptions.
- Cleveland cornerback **JOE HADEN**, who had two tackles, two passes defended and two interceptions, including a 29-yard interception-return touchdown.
- New England defensive end **ROB NINKOVICH**, who had nine tackles and two sacks in the Patriots' 24-20 loss at Carolina.
- Denver defensive end **SHAUN PHILLIPS**, who had 10 tackles, 1.5 sacks and two passes defended in the Broncos' 27-17 win over Kansas City.

Other nominees for AFC Special Teams Player of Week 11 as submitted by AFC clubs:

- Cincinnati rookie linebacker **JAYSON DI MANCHE**, who blocked a punt by Browns punter **SPENCER LANNING**.
- Cincinnati safety **TONY DYE**, who recovered a blocked punt and returned it 24 yards for a touchdown.
- Oakland punter **MARQUETTE KING**, who punted 11 times for 540 yards (49.1 average), including four punts inside of the 20-yard line.
- Houston punt returner **KESHAWN MARTIN**, who returned three punts for 125 yards (17.9 average), including a 87-yard PR-TD in the Texans' 28-23 loss to Oakland.