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**VIKINGS WR CORDARRELLE PATTERSON & JETS CB DEE MILLINER
NAMED NFL ROOKIES OF MONTH FOR DECEMBER**

Wide receiver **CORDARRELLE PATTERSON** of the Minnesota Vikings and cornerback **DEE MILLINER** of the New York Jets are the NFL Offensive and Defensive Rookies of the Month for December (November 28-December 29), the NFL announced today.

OFFENSE: WR CORDARRELLE PATTERSON, MINNESOTA VIKINGS

- Patterson, a first-round selection (No. 29 overall) out of Tennessee, scored six touchdowns during the month, the most by a rookie and tied for the third-most by any player.
- He had 16 catches for 219 yards with three touchdowns and rushed 10 times for 156 yards with three touchdowns. He also returned 11 kickoffs for 305 yards (27.7 average).
- Patterson is the first rookie to score at least three rushing touchdowns and three receiving touchdowns in a calendar month since **ROGER CRAIG** in December 1983.
- In December, Patterson and **JAMAAL CHARLES** were the only players to score at least three rushing touchdowns and three receiving touchdowns.
- This season, Patterson had four receiving touchdowns, three rushing touchdowns and two kickoff-return touchdowns. He is the only player in NFL history to accomplish the feat.
- Patterson is the only player in NFL history to have a 100-yard kickoff-return touchdown (105 and 109 yards), 75-yard receiving touchdown (79) and 50-yard rushing touchdown (50) in a single season. His 79-yard receiving touchdown (Week 14) and 50-yard rushing touchdown (Week 17) both came during December. Patterson had two 100-yard kickoff returns this season: 105 yards in Week 2 and 109 yards in Week 8.
- Patterson led the NFL in kickoff-return average (32.4 yards) and kickoff-return touchdowns (two).
- He is the fourth Viking to be named NFL Offensive Rookie of the Month, joining **ADRIAN PETERSON** (September and October, 2007), **RANDY MOSS** (November 1998) and **PERCY HARVIN** (November 2009).
- Patterson is the first player from Tennessee to be named NFL Offensive Rookie of the Month since running back **JAMAL LEWIS** in 2000 (November).

DEFENSE: CB DEE MILLINER, NEW YORK JETS

- Milliner, a first-round selection (No. 9) out of Alabama, had 28 tackles, three interceptions and 13 passes defended in December.
- He started all five games for the Jets in December and his three interceptions tied for the third-most in the NFL and tied for the best in the AFC for the month.
- Milliner's 13 passes defended were the best in the NFL in December.
- In Week 17, Milliner recorded four tackles, two interceptions and five passes defended in the Jets' 20-7 win at Miami. Milliner's two interceptions tied for the most in the NFL in Week 17.
- In December, Milliner played a pivotal role in a Jets pass defense that held opponents to 1,251 passing yards (250.2 per game) with six touchdowns versus seven interceptions and a 72 passer rating.
- Milliner finished his rookie campaign with 56 tackles, three interceptions and 17 passes defended.
- Milliner joins **ERIK COLEMAN** (September 2004), **JONATHAN VILMA** (November 2004), **DAVID HARRIS** (November 2007) and **SHELDON RICHARDSON** (November 2013) as the only Jets to be named NFL Defensive Rookie of the Month.
- This is the second consecutive month a Jets player has been named NFL Rookie of the Month. Defensive tackle **SHELDON RICHARDSON** was named the NFL Defensive Rookie of the Month for November.
- This is the second time that the Jets have had rookie monthly award winners on defense in the same season (Coleman and Vilma in 2004).

2013 NFL ROOKIES OF THE MONTH

	<u>Offense (College)</u>	<u>Defense (College)</u>
September	WR DeAndre Hopkins, Houston (Clemson)	LB Kiko Alonso, Buffalo (Oregon)
October	RB Eddie Lacy, Green Bay (Alabama)	S Tyrann Mathieu, Arizona (Louisiana State)
November	QB Mike Glennon, Tampa Bay (North Carolina State)	DT Sheldon Richardson, New York Jets (Missouri)
December	WR Cordarrelle Patterson, Minnesota (Tennessee)	CB Dee Milliner, New York Jets (Alabama)

Other nominees for the December NFL Offensive Rookie of the Month Award as submitted by NFL clubs:

- San Diego wide receiver **KEENAN ALLEN** (third round, California), who had 21 receptions for 309 yards (14.7 average) with five touchdowns.
- Pittsburgh running back **LE'VEON BELL** (second round, Michigan State), who rushed for 332 yards on 85 carries with three touchdowns.
- Denver running back **MONTEE BALL** (second round, Wisconsin), who rushed for 297 yards on 45 carries (6.6 average) with one touchdown.
- Green Bay running back **EDDIE LACY** (second round, Alabama), who rushed for 372 yards and five touchdowns.
- New York Jets quarterback **GENO SMITH** (second round, West Virginia), who completed 72 of 126 passes (57.1 percent) for 819 yards with four touchdowns.
- St. Louis running back **ZAC STACY** (fifth round, Vanderbilt), who rushed for 349 yards and three touchdowns.

Other nominees for the December NFL Defensive Rookie of the Month Award as submitted by NFL clubs:

- Buffalo linebacker **KIKO ALONSO** (second round, Oregon), who totaled 47 tackles and one fumble recovery.
- Carolina defensive tackle **STAR LOTULELEI** (first round, Utah), who started all five games and had 11 tackles and a sack.
- St. Louis linebacker **ALEC OGLETREE** (first round, Georgia), who started all five games and had 42 tackles, three forced fumbles and 1.5 sacks.
- San Francisco safety **ERIC REID** (first round, Louisiana State), who started all five games and had 22 tackles and an interception.
- New England cornerback **LOGAN RYAN** (third round, Rutgers), who had 16 tackles, three interceptions and six passes defensed.
- Atlanta cornerback **DESMOND TRUFANT** (first round, Washington), who started all five games and had 18 tackles, four passes defensed, an interception and a fumble recovery.
- Atlanta linebacker **PAUL WORRILOW** (undrafted, Delaware), who started all five games and had 47 tackles and two sacks.