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<http://twitter.com/nfl345>**EAGLES RB DARREN SPROLES, BEARS CB KYLE FULLER & CARDINALS PR TED GINN, JR. NAMED NFC PLAYERS OF WEEK 2**

Running back **DARREN SPROLES** of the Philadelphia Eagles, rookie cornerback **KYLE FULLER** of the Chicago Bears and punt returner **TED GINN, JR.** of the Arizona Cardinals are the NFC Offensive, Defensive and Special Teams Players of the Week for games played the second week of the 2014 season (September 11, 14-15), the NFL announced today.

OFFENSE: RB DARREN SPROLES, PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

- Sproles had seven catches for a career-high 152 yards and added 26 rushing yards with a touchdown (19 yards) in the Eagles' 30-27 come-from-behind win at Indianapolis on Monday night.
- He had two 50+ yard receptions (57 and 51 yards) and scored on a 19-yard touchdown run. Sproles is the first running back with two 50+ yard catches and a touchdown run in the same game since 1992 (**ERIC METCALF**).
- With Philadelphia trailing by seven and facing a second-and-goal from the Indianapolis 19-yard line with 2:52 remaining in the third quarter, Sproles scored on a 19-yard touchdown run to tie the game at 20.
- With 4:25 left in the game, Sproles took a short pass and ran 51 yards to the Colts' six-yard line. On the next play, the Eagles tied the game at 27.
- On the final drive of the game, Sproles caught a short pass and ran 17 yards to the Indianapolis 19-yard line to set up the game-winning field goal.
- In his 10th season from Kansas State, this is Sproles' second career Player of the Week Award and first for offense. He was the AFC Special Teams Player of the Week in Week 10, 2007 for the San Diego Chargers.
- Sproles is the seventh running back in franchise history to be named NFC Offensive Player of the Week and the first since **LE SEAN MC COY** (Week 16, 2013).

DEFENSE: CB KYLE FULLER, CHICAGO BEARS

- Fuller, the No. 14 overall selection in the 2014 NFL Draft, had two interceptions and six tackles in the Bears' 28-20 victory at San Francisco. Chicago overcame a 17-point deficit and scored the final 21 points of the game.
- He recorded his two interceptions in the fourth quarter and both led to Chicago touchdowns. He is the first rookie since 2007 (**AARON ROSS**) with two interceptions to set up touchdowns in the fourth quarter of the same game.
- After the Bears pulled within 20-14 early in the fourth quarter, Fuller intercepted a pass on the next play from scrimmage and returned the ball to the San Francisco six-yard line. One play later, the Bears took their first lead of the game at 21-20.
- On the 49ers' next possession, Fuller recorded his second interception and returned the ball to San Francisco's 42-yard line. Four plays later, Chicago scored another touchdown to extend its lead to 28-20.
- In his rookie year from Virginia Tech, this is Fuller's first career Player of the Week Award.
- He is the first rookie cornerback in club history to be named NFC Defensive Player of the Week. Fuller joins safety **MARK CARRIER** (Week 9, 1990) as the only Bears defensive backs to win the award as a rookie.
- Fuller is the first Bears cornerback since **CHARLES TILLMAN** (Week 7, 2012) to be honored.

SPECIAL TEAMS: PR TED GINN, JR., ARIZONA CARDINALS

- Ginn had a 71-yard punt-return touchdown in the Cardinals' 25-14 come-from-behind win at the New York Giants.
- With Arizona trailing 14-13 with 10:28 remaining in the fourth quarter, Ginn fielded a punt at the Cardinals' 29-yard line and returned it 71 yards for a touchdown. The score gave Arizona a lead it would not relinquish.
- In his career, Ginn has four punt-return touchdowns and three kickoff-return touchdowns. His seven total kick-return touchdowns rank fourth among active NFL players.
- In his eighth season from Ohio State, this is Ginn's third career Player of the Week Award. He previously was honored in Week 8, 2009 (Miami) and Week 1, 2011 (San Francisco).
- He is the first Cardinals return specialist to win the award since **PATRICK PETERSON** (Week 12, 2011).
- Ginn, who previously won with the Dolphins and 49ers, is the second return specialist to be named Special Teams Player of the Week with three different teams (**DARRIEN GORDON**).

2014 NFC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

	<u>Offense</u>	<u>Defense</u>	<u>Special Teams</u>
Wk 1	QB Matt Ryan, Atlanta	LB DeAndre Levy, Detroit	K Matt Bryant, Atlanta
Wk 2	RB Darren Sproles, Philadelphia	CB Kyle Fuller, Chicago	PR Ted Ginn, Jr., Arizona

Other nominees for NFC Offensive Player of Week 2 as submitted by NFC clubs:

- Washington quarterback **KIRK COUSINS**, who came on in relief and completed 22 of 33 passes (66.7 percent) for 250 yards with two touchdowns and no interceptions for a 109.4 passer rating in the Redskins' 41-10 win over Jacksonville.
- Chicago quarterback **JAY CUTLER**, who threw four touchdown passes and had a 119.2 passer rating.
- Atlanta wide receiver **JULIO JONES**, who had seven catches for 88 yards and a touchdown in the Falcons' 24-10 loss at Cincinnati.
- Dallas running back **DE MARCO MURRAY**, who rushed for 167 yards and a touchdown in the Cowboys' 26-10 win at Tennessee.
- Green Bay wide receiver **JORDY NELSON**, who had nine catches for 209 yards and a touchdown in the Packers' 31-24 win over the New York Jets.
- Carolina quarterback **CAM NEWTON**, who completed 22 of 34 passes (64.7 percent) for 281 yards with one touchdown and no interceptions for a 100.2 passer rating in the Panthers' 24-7 win over Detroit.

Other nominees for NFC Defensive Player of Week 2 as submitted by NFC clubs:

- Carolina defensive end **MARIO ADDISON**, who had a career-high 2.5 sacks.
- Arizona defensive end **CALAIS CAMPBELL**, who had 10 tackles and a sack.
- Green Bay defensive tackle **MIKE DANIELS**, who had five tackles and a sack.
- Washington linebacker **RYAN KERRIGAN**, who tied a team record with four sacks and had one pass defensed.
- Philadelphia linebacker **DE MECO RYANS**, who had 10 tackles, a fumble recovery and a pass defensed.

Other nominees for NFC Special Teams Player of Week 2 as submitted by NFC clubs:

- Dallas kicker **DAN BAILEY**, who converted all four field-goal attempts and both PATs.
- Green Bay kicker **MASON CROSBY**, who converted all three field-goal attempts and both PATs.
- Carolina kicker **GRAHAM GANO**, who converted all three field-goal attempts and one PAT.
- Atlanta kick returner-punt returner **DEVIN HESTER**, who had 118 kickoff-return yards (29.5 average) and a seven-yard punt return.
- St. Louis safety **T.J. MC DONALD**, who blocked both a punt and a field goal in the Rams' 19-17 win at Tampa Bay.
- Philadelphia rookie kicker **CODY PARKEY**, who made three field goals, including the game-winner (36 yards) as time expired.
- St. Louis kicker **GREG ZUERLEIN**, who converted all four field-goal attempts, including the game-winner (38 yards) with 38 seconds remaining.