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## **COLTS QB ANDREW LUCK, CHARGERS DE COREY LIUGET & RAVENS K JUSTIN TUCKER NAMED AFC PLAYERS OF WEEK 3**

Quarterback **ANDREW LUCK** of the Indianapolis Colts, defensive end **COREY LIUGET** of the San Diego Chargers and kicker **JUSTIN TUCKER** of the Baltimore Ravens are the AFC Offensive, Defensive and Special Teams Players of the Week for games played in Week 3 (September 18, 21-22), the NFL announced today.

### **OFFENSE: QB ANDREW LUCK, INDIANAPOLIS COLTS**

- Luck completed 31 of 39 passes (79.5 percent) for 370 yards with four touchdowns and no interceptions for a 140.4 passer rating in the Colts' 44-17 win against Jacksonville.
- His four touchdown passes tied a career-high and were the most among NFL players in Week 3.
- Luck and Pro Football Hall of Famer **JOHNNY UNITAS** (November 12, 1967) are the only players in franchise history to complete at least 75 percent of his passes for 350 yards, four touchdowns and no interceptions in a game.
- Luck's 370 passing yards are tied for the third-most of his career.
- Luck now has 768 career completions and surpassed **JIM HARBAUGH** (746) for the sixth-most career completions in Colts history.
- In his third season from Stanford, this is Luck's third career Player of the Week Award. He previously won the award in 2012 (Week 9) and 2013 (Week 7).
- Luck is the first Colt to win Player of the Week honors this season.

### **DEFENSE: DE COREY LIUGET, SAN DIEGO CHARGERS**

- Liuget had six tackles, one sack and a forced fumble in San Diego's 22-10 win at Buffalo.
- In the fourth quarter, Buffalo lined up for a third-down play facing a 10-point deficit. Liuget sacked Bills quarterback **E.J. MANUEL**, forcing a fumble that resulted in a 17-yard loss.
- In the final minutes of the fourth quarter, Liuget pressured Manuel deep in Buffalo territory, which led to an intentional grounding in the end zone resulting in a safety.
- Liuget is now tied for the team lead with two sacks (**DWIGHT FREENEY**).
- In his fourth season from Illinois, this is Liuget's first career Defensive Player of the Week Award.
- Liuget is the first Charger to be named AFC Defensive Player of the Week since linebacker **DONALD BUTLER** (Week 4, 2012).

### **SPECIAL TEAMS: K JUSTIN TUCKER, BALTIMORE RAVENS**

- Tucker connected on all three field goals (38, 21, 32) and both extra points in the Ravens' 23-21 win at Cleveland.
- As time expired in the fourth quarter, Tucker converted a game-winning 32-yard field goal to lift the Ravens over the Browns.
- His three field goals were the second-most in the AFC in Week 3.
- Tucker registered 11 of Baltimore's 23 points.
- He recorded his seventh-career game-winning field goal.
- In his third season from Texas, this is Tucker's fourth Special Teams Player of the Week award. He also won the award three times last season (Week 10, Week 12 and Week 15).

### **2014 AFC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK**

	<b><u>Offense</u></b>	<b><u>Defense</u></b>	<b><u>Special Teams</u></b>
<b>Wk 1</b>	TE Julius Thomas, Denver	DE Cameron Wake, Miami	K Dan Carpenter, Buffalo
<b>Wk 2</b>	TE Antonio Gates, San Diego	DE Chandler Jones, New England	RB-KR C.J. Spiller, Buffalo
<b>Wk 3</b>	QB Andrew Luck, Indianapolis	DE Corey Liuget, San Diego	K Justin Tucker, Baltimore

**Other nominees for AFC Offensive Player of Week 3 as submitted by AFC clubs:**

- Pittsburgh running back **LE VEON BELL**, who rushed for 147 yards on 21 carries in the Steelers' 37-19 win against Carolina.
- Kansas City running back **KNILE DAVIS**, who rushed for 132 yards on 32 carries and one touchdown in the Chiefs' 34-15 win against Miami.
- Kansas City quarterback **ALEX SMITH**, who completed 19 of 25 passes (76.0 percent) for 186 yards with three touchdowns and no interceptions for a 136.0 passer rating.
- Baltimore wide receiver **STEVE SMITH, SR.**, who had five catches for 101 yards.

**Other nominees for AFC Defensive Player of Week 3 as submitted by AFC clubs:**

- Baltimore cornerback **JIMMY SMITH**, who had six tackles.
- Indianapolis cornerback **GREG TOLER**, who had four tackles, two passes defensed and a 47-yard interception-return touchdown.
- New England defensive tackle **VINCE WILFORK**, who had three tackles and an interception in the Patriots' 16-9 win against Oakland.

**Other nominees for AFC Special Teams Player of Week 3 as submitted by AFC clubs:**

- Cincinnati punter **KEVIN HUBER**, who punted four times for 197 yards (49.3 average) and placed three punts inside the 20-yard line in the Bengals' 33-7 win against Tennessee.
- Pittsburgh kicker **SHAUN SUISHAM**, who converted all three field goals and all four PATs.
- Indianapolis kicker **ADAM VINATIERI**, who converted all three field goals and all five PATs.