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**COWBOYS RB DE MARCO MURRAY, LIONS LB DE ANDRE LEVY &  
SEAHAWKS P JON RYAN  
NAMED NFC PLAYERS OF MONTH FOR SEPTEMBER**

Running back **DE MARCO MURRAY** of the Dallas Cowboys, linebacker **DE ANDRE LEVY** of the Detroit Lions and punter **JON RYAN** of the Seattle Seahawks are the NFC Offensive, Defensive and Special Teams Players of the Month for September, the NFL announced today.

**OFFENSE: RB DE MARCO MURRAY, DALLAS COWBOYS**

- Murray led the NFL with 534 rushing yards and five touchdown runs as the Cowboys went 3-1 during the month.
- He rushed for at least 100 yards and a touchdown in each of the team's first four games and is one of only four players in NFL history to do so. The other three players – **JIM BROWN** (six games), **O.J. SIMPSON** (five) and **EMMITT SMITH** (four) – to accomplish the feat are enshrined in the Pro Football Hall of Fame.
- Murray rushed for 118 yards and a touchdown on Kickoff Weekend against San Francisco. In Week 2 at Tennessee, he had 167 rushing yards and a score. He followed that performance with 100 yards and a TD in Week 3 at St. Louis. Murray finished the month with 149 rushing yards and two touchdowns against New Orleans.
- Murray's 534 rushing yards are the most in the NFL by 156 yards. He also leads the league in first downs (31) and rushing first downs (30).
- In his fourth season from Oklahoma, this is Murray's first career Player of the Month Award.
- Murray is the first Dallas running back to be named Offensive Player of the Month since Smith in September 1995. Smith (five) and Murray are the only running backs in Cowboys history to be honored with a monthly award.

**DEFENSE: LB DE ANDRE LEVY, DETROIT LIONS**

- Levy had 38 tackles, an interception, a safety and three passes defended as he led the league's No. 1 ranked defense (267.3 yards per game). The Lions finished September in first place in the NFC North with a 3-1 record.
- He is the only player in the NFL this season with an interception and a safety.
- Levy registered at least 10 tackles in three of the team's four September contests.
- He has seven interceptions since the start of the 2013 season, the most by a linebacker in the league.
- Levy was named the NFC Defensive Player of the Week in Week 1.
- In his sixth year from Wisconsin, this is Levy's first career Player of the Month Award.
- He joins cornerback **RAY CROCKETT** (November 1991) and linebacker **STEPHEN BOYD** (November 1998) as the only Lions to be named Defensive Player of the Month.

**SPECIAL TEAMS: P JON RYAN, SEATTLE SEAHAWKS**

- Ryan punted 12 times in Seattle's three games and averaged 48.3 yards per punt with a net average of 43.3 yards. He placed seven of his 12 punts inside the 20-yard line and allowed only three returns for 21 yards.
- He had four punts of at least 60 yards – including two 66-yarders – and also had a 58-yard punt. Additionally, Ryan boomed a free kick 79 yards to Denver's one-yard line following a safety in Week 3.
- Opponents only scored one touchdown during the month after one of Ryan's 13 kicks (12 punts, one free kick).
- In his ninth season from Regina, this is Ryan's first career Player of the Month Award.
- Ryan joins **JEFF FEAGLES** (December 1999) as the only punters in franchise history to be honored.

**2014 NFC PLAYERS OF THE MONTH**

	<b><u>Offense</u></b>	<b><u>Defense</u></b>	<b><u>Special Teams</u></b>
<b>September</b>	RB DeMarco Murray, Dallas	LB DeAndre Levy, Detroit	P Jon Ryan, Seattle