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**CHARGERS QB PHILIP RIVERS, TEXANS DE J.J. WATT &
COLTS P PAT MC AFEE
NAMED AFC PLAYERS OF MONTH FOR SEPTEMBER**

Quarterback **PHILIP RIVERS** of the San Diego Chargers, defensive end **J.J. WATT** of the Houston Texans and punter **PAT MC AFEE** of the Indianapolis Colts are the AFC Offensive, Defensive and Special Teams Players of the Month for September, the NFL announced today.

OFFENSE: QB PHILIP RIVERS, SAN DIEGO CHARGERS

- Rivers completed 96 of 137 passes (70.1 percent) for 1,155 yards with nine touchdowns and one interception for an NFL-best 114.5 passer rating in September.
- He led the Chargers to a 3-1 record in September, posting a completion percentage of at least 70 percent and a passer rating of 124 or better in three of four games this month.
- Rivers' yards-per-attempt average of 8.4 ranked second in the NFL this month, and he has not thrown an interception in his past 117 attempts.
- He passed for 284 yards and three touchdowns with no interceptions against Seattle in Week 2, following a 238-yard performance with one TD on Kickoff Weekend against Arizona. He added 256 passing yards and two touchdowns for a 131.4 passer rating in Week 3 at Buffalo. Rivers finished the month with 377 passing yards with three touchdowns and no interceptions for a 130 rating against Jacksonville.
- In his 11th season from North Carolina State, this is Rivers' fourth career Offensive Player of the Month Award. His four Player of the Month Awards are the most of any player in team history.

DEFENSE: DE J.J. WATT, HOUSTON TEXANS

- For the month, Watt had 15 tackles, two sacks, an interception-return touchdown, a blocked PAT and his first career touchdown catch.
- On Kickoff Weekend against Washington, Watt blocked a PAT and posted a sack. He scored a touchdown on his first career reception in Week 2 against Oakland, and registered a sack against the New York Giants in Week 3.
- Watt's 80-yard interception-return touchdown in Week 4 against Buffalo, which tied for the sixth-longest in NFL history by a defensive lineman, was Watt's first in the regular season. He also had a 29-yard INT-TD in a Wild Card win over Cincinnati (January 7, 2012).
- Watt is the only player in NFL history with at least 35 sacks (38.5), an interception-return touchdown and a receiving touchdown in his first four NFL seasons.
- He is the second player since 1970 with an interception-return touchdown and touchdown catch in the same season (Patriots **LB MIKE VRABEL**, 2005).
- In his fourth season from Wisconsin, this is Watt's third career Player of the Month Award, the most of any player in Texans history. He won the award twice in 2012 (September and December).

SPECIAL TEAMS: P PAT MC AFEE, INDIANAPOLIS COLTS

- McAfee punted 14 times for a 49.6 average, placing six punts inside the 20-yard line, in September.
- He leads the NFL in net punting average (45.6), the third-best mark in September for one season of any player since net punting average became an official statistic in 1976.
- McAfee also led the NFL with 24 touchbacks on kickoffs in September.
- He ranks third in the NFL in gross punting average (49.6).
- In his sixth season from West Virginia, this is McAfee's first career Special Teams Player of the Month Award. He is the first Colts player to win the award since punter **HUNTER SMITH** in December of 2005.

2014 AFC PLAYERS OF THE MONTH

September Offense
QB Philip Rivers, San Diego

Defense
DE J.J. Watt, Houston

Special Teams
P Pat McAfee, Indianapolis