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<http://twitter.com/nfl345>**SEAHAWKS QB RUSSELL WILSON, PACKERS LB JULIUS PEPPERS & 49ERS KICKER PHIL DAWSON NAMED NFC PLAYERS OF WEEK 5**

Quarterback **RUSSELL WILSON** of the Seattle Seahawks, linebacker **JULIUS PEPPERS** of the Green Bay Packers and kicker **PHIL DAWSON** of the San Francisco 49ers are the NFC Offensive, Defensive and Special Teams Players of the Week for games played the fifth week of the 2014 season (October 2, 5-6), the NFL announced today.

OFFENSE: QB RUSSELL WILSON, SEATTLE SEAHAWKS

- Wilson completed 18 of 24 passes (75 percent) for 201 yards with two touchdowns for a 127.3 passer rating and rushed for 122 yards (11.1 average) with one TD in the Seahawks' 27-17 win at Washington on Monday night.
- He is the first player ever with at least 200 passing yards and 100 rushing yards on *Monday Night Football*.
- His 122 rushing yards are a career-high and the most by a quarterback on *Monday Night Football*.
- Wilson and **RANDALL CUNNINGHAM** (November 4, 1990) are the only quarterbacks in NFL history to record a 120+ passer rating and 120+ rushing yards in the same game.
- Wilson, who passed for 210 yards and rushed for 102 last year against Indianapolis (October 6, 2013), is one of three quarterbacks in NFL history (**TOBIN ROTE**, **MICHAEL VICK**) to record multiple games with at least 200 passing yards and 100 rushing yards.
- Since entering the NFL in 2012, Wilson is the only player with a 100+ passer rating (102.1) and at least 1,000 rushing yards (1,237).
- In his third season from Wisconsin, this is Wilson's third career Player of the Week Award. He previously won in Week 13, 2012 and Week 13, 2013.
- Wilson is one of three quarterbacks in the past 25 years to be named Player of the Week in each of his first three NFL seasons (**PEYTON MANNING** and **ANDREW LUCK**).

DEFENSE: LB JULIUS PEPPERS, GREEN BAY PACKERS

- Peppers had a 49-yard interception-return touchdown, a half-sack and three tackles in the Packers' 42-10 win over Minnesota on Thursday night.
- Peppers is the only player in NFL history with at least 100 sacks (120) and 10 interceptions (10).
- He has three career games with at least a half-sack and an interception-return touchdown, the most such games in the NFL since the sack became an official statistic in 1982.
- Peppers was part of a defensive unit that registered six sacks, two interceptions and a 45.8 opponent passer rating against the Vikings. Green Bay allowed just 299 total net yards, including 188 passing.
- In his 13th year from North Carolina, this is Peppers' sixth career Player of the Week Award and first with the Packers. He previously won three times with Carolina and twice with Chicago. He was last honored in Week 16, 2012 with the Bears.
- Peppers and Pro Football Hall of Famer **CHRIS DOLEMAN** (Minnesota, Atlanta, San Francisco) are the only two to be named NFC Defensive Player of the Week with three different teams.

SPECIAL TEAMS: K PHIL DAWSON, SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

- Dawson converted all five field-goal attempts and scored 16 points in the 49ers' 22-17 win over Kansas City.
- He made two 50-yard field goals against the Chiefs, including a long of 55 yards. Dawson also scored the game's final nine points, including the go-ahead field goal with 8:42 remaining in the fourth quarter.
- Dawson is the first 49ers kicker to make at least five field goals in a game without a miss (field goal or PAT) since 1996 (**JEFF WILKINS**, September 29).
- This marked the fifth time in Dawson's career that he has made at least five field goals without a miss.
- Dawson's 16 points are the most by an NFC kicker in a game this season.
- In his 16th season from Texas, this is Dawson's fifth career Player of the Week Award and third with the 49ers (Weeks 14 and 17, 2013). He previously won twice with Cleveland (Week 3, 2001 and Week 15, 2005).
- Dawson's three Player of the Week Awards are the most by a kicker in 49ers history.

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
Wk 3	QB Matt Ryan, Atlanta	S Kam Chancellor, Seattle	PR-KR-WR Devin Hester, Atlanta
Wk 4	QB Aaron Rodgers, Green Bay	S Antoine Bethea, San Francisco	PR-RB Darren Sproles, Philadelphia
Wk 5	QB Russell Wilson, Seattle	LB Julius Peppers, Green Bay	K Phil Dawson, San Francisco

Other nominees for NFC Offensive Player of Week 5 as submitted by NFC clubs:

- San Francisco running back **FRANK GORE**, who rushed for 107 yards.
- Green Bay running back **EDDIE LACY**, who rushed for 105 yards, averaged 8.1 yards per carry and scored two touchdowns.
- New York Giants quarterback **ELI MANNING**, who completed 19 of 30 passes (63.3 percent) for 200 yards with two touchdowns and no interceptions for a 104.9 passer rating in the Giants' 30-20 win over Atlanta.
- Dallas running back **DE MARCO MURRAY**, who rushed for 136 yards and had 192 scrimmage yards in the Cowboys' 20-17 overtime win over Houston.
- New Orleans running back **PIERRE THOMAS**, who had 112 scrimmage yards (77 receiving, 35 rushing) and two touchdowns (one rushing, one receiving) in the Saints' 37-31 overtime win over Tampa Bay.
- Green Bay quarterback **AARON RODGERS**, who threw three touchdown passes and had a 138.7 passer rating.

Other nominees for NFC Defensive Player of Week 5 as submitted by NFC clubs:

- Philadelphia linebacker **CONNOR BARWIN**, who had two sacks, four tackles and a pass defensed in the Eagles' 34-28 win over St. Louis.
- New Orleans linebacker **JUNIOR GALETTE**, who had a sack, a safety, two tackles and a pass defensed.
- Philadelphia defensive end **CEDRIC THORNTON**, who had two fumble recoveries, including a touchdown, and two tackles.
- New York Giants linebacker **JACQUIAN WILLIAMS**, who had a team-best 13 tackles and a pass defensed.

Other nominees for NFC Special Teams Player of Week 5 as submitted by NFC clubs:

- Dallas kicker **DAN BAILEY**, who converted two of three field-goal attempts, including the game-winning 49-yarder in overtime.
- New York Giants kicker **JOSH BROWN**, who converted all three field-goal attempts and three PATs for a total of 12 points.
- Philadelphia tight end **JAMES CASEY**, who blocked a punt that was returned for a touchdown.
- Philadelphia safety **CHRIS MARAGOS**, who returned a blocked punt 10 yards for a touchdown.
- Green Bay punter **TIM MASTHAY**, who placed five of his six punts inside the 20-yard line and averaged 50.7 yards per punt with a net average of 45.8 yards.
- Seattle punter **JON RYAN**, who placed five of his six punts inside the 20-yard line and rushed for a first down on a fake field-goal attempt.