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## **CARDINALS WR LARRY FITZGERALD, VIKINGS LB ANTHONY BARR & REDSKINS K KAI FORBATH NAMED NFC PLAYERS OF WEEK 8**

Wide receiver **LARRY FITZGERALD** of the Arizona Cardinals, rookie linebacker **ANTHONY BARR** of the Minnesota Vikings and kicker **KAI FORBATH** of the Washington Redskins are the NFC Offensive, Defensive and Special Teams Players of the Week for games played the eighth week of the 2014 season (October 23, 26-27), the NFL announced today.

### **OFFENSE: WR LARRY FITZGERALD, ARIZONA CARDINALS**

- Fitzgerald caught seven passes for 160 yards and one touchdown in the Cardinals' 24-20 win over Philadelphia.
- His 80-yard touchdown was the longest reception of his career and his fifth 70+ yard catch.
- The performance marked the ninth 150-yard game of his career, including the playoffs.
- Fitzgerald's 160 receiving yards are his fourth-most in a game (including the postseason) and his most in a game since January 10, 2009, when he had 166 yards in a Divisional Playoff victory at Carolina.
- In seven career games against the Eagles (including the playoffs), Fitzgerald has 11 touchdowns, including at least one in every game. He has 47 catches for 802 yards (114.6 per game) in those seven meetings.
- Fitzgerald has 41 career 100-yard games (including the postseason), the most in franchise history.
- In his 11th season from Pittsburgh, this is Fitzgerald's third career Player of the Week Award. He was previously honored in Week 10, 2011 and Week 3, 2012. All three of his Player of the Week Awards have come for his performances against the Eagles.
- In the past five seasons, Fitzgerald and Detroit's **CALVIN JOHNSON** are tied for the most Offensive Player of the Week Awards by a wide receiver with three.

### **DEFENSE: LB ANTHONY BARR, MINNESOTA VIKINGS**

- Barr had eight tackles, a sack and scored the game-winning touchdown in the Vikings' 19-13 overtime win at Tampa Bay. On the first play from scrimmage in overtime, Barr forced a fumble which he recovered and returned 27 yards for the game-winning score.
- It marked the fifth overtime game in NFL history – four in the regular season, one in the postseason – that was decided by a fumble-return touchdown.
- Barr is the only player in NFL history to force a fumble, recover the ball and return it for a touchdown in overtime.
- This season, Barr has three defensive fumble recoveries, tied with **J.J. WATT** for the most in the NFL. Barr's three sacks are the most by a rookie and his 54 tackles are the most by a rookie in the NFC.
- In his rookie year from UCLA, this is Barr's first career Player of the Week Award.
- Barr is the sixth rookie linebacker in the past 10 seasons to be named NFC Defensive Player of the Week joining **DE MARCUS WARE** (Week 16, 2005), **CLAY MATTHEWS** (Week 13, 2009), **BRIAN ORAKPO** (Week 14, 2009), **SEAN LEE** (Week 13, 2010) and **LUKE KUECHLY** (Week 14, 2012).

### **SPECIAL TEAMS: K KAI FORBATH, WASHINGTON REDSKINS**

- Forbath converted both field-goal attempts, including the game-winner (40 yards) in overtime, and added two PATs in the Redskins' 20-17 win at Dallas.
- He scored the first points of the game on a 44-yard field goal in the first quarter and ended the scoring with his 40-yard game-winner in overtime.
- It marked the second consecutive week that Forbath kicked a game-winning field goal at the end of regulation or in overtime. In Week 7, he converted a 22-yard field goal as time expired to give Washington a 19-17 win against Tennessee.
- In his career, Forbath has now kicked two game-winning field goals in overtime. He also converted a 34-yard field goal in Washington's 31-28 win over Baltimore on December 9, 2012.
- In his third season from UCLA, this is Forbath's first career Player of the Week Award.
- Forbath joins **SHAUN SUISHAM** (Week 9, 2007) and **GRAHAM GANO** (Week 16, 2010) as the only kickers in franchise history to be named Player of the Week.

## 2014 NFC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

	<u>Offense</u>	<u>Defense</u>	<u>Special Teams</u>
<b>Wk 1</b>	QB Matt Ryan, Atlanta	LB DeAndre Levy, Detroit	K Matt Bryant, Atlanta
<b>Wk 2</b>	RB Darren Sproles, Philadelphia	CB Kyle Fuller, Chicago	PR Ted Ginn, Jr., Arizona
<b>Wk 3</b>	QB Matt Ryan, Atlanta	S Kam Chancellor, Seattle	PR-KR-WR Devin Hester, Atlanta
<b>Wk 4</b>	QB Aaron Rodgers, Green Bay	S Antoine Bethea, San Francisco	PR-RB Darren Sproles, Philadelphia
<b>Wk 5</b>	QB Russell Wilson, Seattle	LB Julius Peppers, Green Bay	K Phil Dawson, San Francisco
<b>Wk 6</b>	T Tyron Smith, Dallas	DE Ezekiel Ansah, Detroit	K Chandler Catanzaro, Arizona
<b>Wk 7</b>	QB Aaron Rodgers, Green Bay	LB Keenan Robinson, Washington	PR Stedman Bailey, St. Louis
<b>Wk 9</b>	WR Larry Fitzgerald, Arizona	LB Anthony Barr, Minnesota	K Kai Forbath, Washington

### Other nominees for NFC Offensive Player of Week 8 as submitted by NFC clubs:

- Washington quarterback **COLT MC COY**, who completed 25 of 30 passes (83.3 percent) for 299 yards and rushed for a touchdown.
- New Orleans running back **MARK INGRAM**, who rushed for 172 yards and a touchdown in the Saints' 44-23 win over Green Bay.
- Detroit quarterback **MATTHEW STAFFORD**, who passed for 325 yards and two touchdowns in the Lions' 22-21 win over Atlanta in London.
- Detroit wide receiver **GOLDEN TATE**, who had 7 catches for 151 yards and a touchdown.

### Other nominees for NFC Defensive Player of Week 8 as submitted by NFC clubs:

- Arizona cornerback **ANTONIO CROMARTIE**, who had two interceptions, three passes defensed and five tackles.
- Washington safety **BRANDON MERIWEATHER**, who had two sacks, two forced fumbles, a fumble recovery and seven tackles.
- New Orleans cornerback **COREY WHITE**, who had an interception, two passes defensed and four tackles.

### Other nominees for NFC Special Teams Player of Week 8 as submitted by NFC clubs:

- New Orleans kicker **SHAYNE GRAHAM**, who converted all three field-goal attempts and five PATs.
- Seattle kicker **STEVEN HAUSCHKA**, who converted both field-goal attempts, including a 58-yarder, and one PAT.
- Detroit kicker **MATT PRATER**, who converted all three-field goal attempts, including the game-winner (48 yards) as time expired.