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CHIEFS RB JAMAAL CHARLES, TEXANS DE J.J. WATT & CHARGERS K NICK NOVAK NAMED AFC PLAYERS OF WEEK 4

Running back **JAMAAL CHARLES** of the Kansas City Chiefs, defensive end **J.J. WATT** of the Houston Texans and kicker **NICK NOVAK** of the San Diego Chargers are the AFC Offensive, Defensive and Special Teams Players of the Week for games played in the fourth week of the 2014 season (September 25, 28-29), the NFL announced today.

OFFENSE: RB JAMAAL CHARLES, KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

- Charles rushed for 92 yards on 18 carries (5.1 average) and one touchdown and caught three passes for 16 yards and two touchdowns in the Chiefs' 41-14 win against New England on *Monday Night Football*.
- He is the second player in Monday Night Football history with at least 90 rushing yards, a rushing touchdown and two or more receiving touchdowns in a game (New York Giants running back **RON JOHNSON**, October 2, 1972).
- His three touchdowns led all AFC players in Week 4, marking the ninth multi-touchdown game of his career.
- Charles' 5.6 career rushing average is the highest of any running back in NFL history (minimum 750 attempts).
- In his seventh season from Texas, this is Charles' fourth career Player of the Week Award. He was previously recognized as Offensive Player of the Week twice (Week 15 of 2013 and Week 3 of 2012) and Special Teams Player of the Week once (Week 11 of 2009).
- His four career Player of the Week Awards are tied for most by any Chiefs running back (**PRIEST HOLMES** and **LARRY JOHNSON**).

DEFENSE: DE J.J. WATT, HOUSTON TEXANS

- Watt had five tackles and an 80-yard interception-return touchdown in the Texans' 23-17 win against Buffalo.
- His touchdown came at the 13:28 mark of the third quarter and provided the Texans with a 14-10 lead that they would not relinquish.
- It marked the first interception-return touchdown for Watt 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.
- In his fourth season from Wisconsin, this is Watt's third career Player of the Week Award and first since 2012 (Week 15).
- Watt's three Player of the Week Awards are the most of any defender in Texans history.

SPECIAL TEAMS: K NICK NOVAK, SAN DIEGO CHARGERS

- Novak converted all four field-goal attempts (33, 34, 23 and 37) and all three PATs in the Chargers' 33-14 win against Jacksonville.
- His four field goals and 15 points led all AFC kickers in Week 4.
- Novak has converted 89 of 101 field-goal attempts (88.1 percent) with San Diego, the highest percentage in Chargers history (minimum 100 attempts).
- He now has 40 points this season, tied for the most in the NFL (**ADAM VINATIERI**).
- In his seventh season from Maryland, this is Novak's third Special Teams Player of the Week award. He also won the award twice last season (Weeks 6 and 16).
- His three career Player of the Week Awards are the second most of any Chargers kicker (**JOHN CARNEY**, eight).

2014 AFC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

	<u>Offense</u>	<u>Defense</u>	<u>Special Teams</u>
Wk 1	TE Julius Thomas, Denver	DE Cameron Wake, Miami	K Dan Carpenter, Buffalo
Wk 2	TE Antonio Gates, San Diego	DE Chandler Jones, New England	RB-KR C.J. Spiller, Buffalo
Wk 3	QB Andrew Luck, Indianapolis	DE Corey Liuget, San Diego	K Justin Tucker, Baltimore
Wk 4	RB Jamaal Charles, Kansas City	DE J.J. Watt, Houston	K Nick Novak, San Diego

Other nominees for AFC Offensive Player of Week 4 as submitted by AFC clubs:

- Indianapolis quarterback **ANDREW LUCK**, who completed 29 of 41 passes for 393 yards and four touchdowns with one interception for a 123.3 passer rating in the Colts' 41-17 win against Tennessee.
- San Diego quarterback **PHILIP RIVERS**, who completed 29 of 39 passes (74.4 percent) for 377 yards and three touchdowns with no interceptions for a 130.0 passer rating.
- Baltimore wide receiver **STEVE SMITH, SR.**, who had seven catches for 139 yards and two touchdowns in the Ravens' 38-10 victory against Carolina.
- Miami quarterback **RYAN TANNEHILL**, who completed 23 of 31 passes (74.2 percent) for 278 yards with two touchdowns and one interception for a 109.3 passer rating in the Dolphins' 38-14 win against Oakland in London.

Other nominees for AFC Defensive Player of Week 4 as submitted by AFC clubs:

- Kansas City safety **HUSAIN ABDULLAH**, who had eight tackles and a 39-yard interception-return touchdown.
- Indianapolis safety **MIKE ADAMS**, who had two interceptions.
- Miami cornerback **CORTLAND FINNEGAN**, who had four tackles and a 50-yard fumble-return touchdown.
- San Diego linebacker **JARRET JOHNSON**, who had five tackles and forced a fumble.
- Baltimore rookie linebacker **C.J. MOSLEY**, who had 11 tackles.

Other nominees for AFC Special Teams Player of Week 4 as submitted by AFC clubs:

- Houston kicker **RANDY BULLOCK**, who converted all three field-goal attempts and both PATs.
- Baltimore punter **SAM KOCH**, who punted once for 39 yards and placed it inside the 20-yard line.
- Kansas City kicker **CAIRO SANTOS**, who converted both field goals and all five PATs.
- Indianapolis kicker **ADAM VINATIERI**, who converted both field goals and all five PATs.