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BRONCOS QB PEYTON MANNING, JAGUARS LB TELVIN SMITH & PATRIOTS DT CHRIS JONES NAMED AFC PLAYERS OF WEEK 7

Quarterback **PEYTON MANNING** of the Denver Broncos, rookie linebacker **TELVIN SMITH** of the Jacksonville Jaguars and defensive tackle **CHRIS JONES** of the New England Patriots are the AFC Offensive, Defensive and Special Teams Players of the Week for games played in the seventh week of the 2014 season (October 16, 19-20), the NFL announced today.

OFFENSE: QB PEYTON MANNING, DENVER BRONCOS

- Manning completed 22 of 26 passes (84.6 percent) for 318 yards and four touchdowns with no interceptions for a 157.2 passer rating in the Broncos' 42-17 win against San Francisco.
- Playing in his 246th career game, Manning (510) surpassed **BRETT FAVRE** (508) for the most career touchdown passes in NFL history. Favre surpassed Pro Football Hall of Famer **DAN MARINO**'s previous record of 420 touchdowns in his 245th career game.
- Manning extended his NFL career records for the most 300-yard passing games (87) and four-touchdown performances (33).
- This season, Manning leads the NFL in passer rating (118.2) and is tied with **ANDREW LUCK** for the league lead in touchdown passes (19).
- In his 17th season from Tennessee, this is Manning's 27th Player of the Week Award, the most of any player since the accolade was instituted in 1984. He most recently won the award in Week 16 of 2013.
- Manning is the third Broncos player to win an Offensive Player of the Week Award this season, joining teammates **JULIUS THOMAS** (Kickoff Weekend) and **DEMARIUS THOMAS** (Week 5)

DEFENSE: LB TELVIN SMITH, JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS

- Smith had four tackles, an interception and a sack-fumble in the Jaguars' 24-6 win against Cleveland.
- With the Jaguars leading 7-6 in the third quarter, Smith sacked Browns quarterback **BRIAN HOYER** and forced a fumble that was recovered by Jacksonville linebacker **PAUL POSLUSZNY** on Cleveland's 25-yard line. The Jaguars kicked a 30-yard field goal on the ensuing drive to take a 10-6 lead.
- In the fourth quarter, Smith notched his first career interception and returned it 15 yards to the Browns' seven-yard line. Two plays later, rookie running back **STORM JOHNSON** ran for a three-yard touchdown to extend Jacksonville's lead to 24-6.
- Smith helped limit the Browns, who entered the game as the AFC's top rushing offense, to their lowest rushing total of the season (69 yards).
- In his rookie season from Florida State, this is Smith's first career Player of the Week Award.
- He is the first rookie in Jaguars history to be named Defensive Player of the Week and the first Jacksonville rookie to win a Player of the Week Award since running back-kick returner **MAURICE JONES-DREW** in Week 14 of 2006 (Special Teams).

SPECIAL TEAMS: DT CHRIS JONES, NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

- Jones blocked a potential game-winning 58-yard field-goal attempt on the final play of the fourth quarter in the Patriots' 27-25 win against the New York Jets.
- With five seconds remaining in the fourth quarter, Jones surged into the gap between the long snapper and guard and extended his left arm to block the field-goal attempt, marking the first blocked kick of his career.
- Jones also started at defensive tackle for the Patriots, posting three tackles.
- In his second season from Bowling Green, this is Jones' first career Player of the Week Award.
- Jones is the first Patriots defensive tackle to win a Player of the Week Award since **CHAD EATON** in 2000 (Week 16, Defense).

2014 AFC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

| | <u>Offense</u> | <u>Defense</u> | <u>Special Teams</u> |
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| 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 |
| Wk 5 | WR Demaryius Thomas, Denver | DT Marcell Dareus, Buffalo | LB Tank Carder, Cleveland |
| Wk 6 | QB Joe Flacco, Baltimore | DT Jurrell Casey, Tennessee | P Pat McAfee, Indianapolis |
| Wk 7 | QB Peyton Manning, Denver | LB Telvin Smith, Jacksonville | DT Chris Jones, New England |

Other nominees for AFC Offensive Player of Week 7 as submitted by AFC clubs:

- Indianapolis running back **AHMAD BRADSHAW**, who posted 52 rushing yards and 36 receiving yards with two total touchdowns (one rushing, one receiving) in the Colts' 27-0 win against Cincinnati.
- Kansas City running back **JAMAAL CHARLES**, who rushed for 95 yards on 22 carries with one touchdown in the Chiefs' 23-20 win at San Diego.
- Baltimore quarterback **JOE FLACCO**, who completed 16 of 25 passes (64.0 percent) for 258 yards and two touchdowns for a 91.8 passer rating in the Ravens' 29-7 win against Atlanta.
- Jacksonville running back **DENARD ROBINSON**, who rushed for 127 yards on 22 carries with one touchdown.
- Miami quarterback **RYAN TANNEHILL**, who completed 25 of 32 passes (78.1 percent) for 277 yards with two touchdowns and no interceptions for a 123.6 passer rating in the Dolphins' 27-14 win at Chicago.
- Buffalo rookie wide receiver **SAMMY WATKINS**, who had nine catches for 122 yards and two touchdowns in the Bills' 17-16 win against Minnesota.

Other nominees for AFC Defensive Player of Week 7 as submitted by AFC clubs:

- Cleveland safety **TASHAUN GIPSON**, who had four tackles and two interceptions in the Browns' 24-6 loss at Jacksonville.
- Buffalo defensive tackle **MARCELL DAREUS**, who had four tackles and two sacks.
- Indianapolis cornerback **VONTAE DAVIS**, who had three tackles and four passes defended.
- Buffalo cornerback **LEODIS MC KELVIN**, who had four tackles and two interceptions.
- Baltimore linebacker **DARYL SMITH**, who had 13 tackles.
- Miami defensive end **CAMERON WAKE**, who had a sack-fumble that he recovered.
- Denver linebacker **DE MARCUS WARE**, who had four tackles and three sacks.

Other nominees for AFC Special Teams Player of Week 7 as submitted by AFC clubs:

- Kansas City rookie kicker **CAIRO SANTOS**, who converted all three field-goal attempts, including the 48-yard game winner with 21 seconds remaining in the fourth quarter, and both PATs.
- Indianapolis kicker **ADAM VINATIERI**, who converted both field-goal attempts and all three PATs.