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**STEELERS QB BEN ROETHLISBERGER, DOLPHINS S LOUIS DELMAS & CHIEFS RB-KR KNILE DAVIS NAMED AFC PLAYERS OF WEEK 8**

Quarterback **BEN ROETHLISBERGER** of the Pittsburgh Steelers, safety **LOUIS DELMAS** of the Miami Dolphins and running back-kick returner **KNILE DAVIS** of the Kansas City Chiefs are the AFC Offensive, Defensive and Special Teams Players of the Week for games played in the eighth week of the 2014 season (October 23, 26-27), the NFL announced today.

**OFFENSE: QB BEN ROETHLISBERGER, PITTSBURGH STEELERS**

- Roethlisberger completed 40 of 49 passes (81.6 percent) and set franchise passing records for yards (522) and touchdowns (six) with no interceptions for a 150.6 passer rating in the Steelers' 51-34 win against Indianapolis.
- He is the first player in NFL history to pass for at least 500 yards with a completion percentage of at least 80 percent.
- Roethlisberger, whose 522 passing yards tied for the fourth-most ever in a single game, is the only player in NFL history with two career 500-yard passing games. He also accomplished the feat against Green Bay on December 20, 2009 (503 yards).
- Roethlisberger improved his record to 100-50 (.667) as a starter in the regular season, joining **TOM BRADY** (116) and Pro Football Hall of Famers **JOE MONTANA** (108) and **TERRY BRADSHAW** (102) as the only quarterbacks in the Super Bowl era (since 1966) to win at least 100 games in their first 150 career starts.
- In his 11th season from Miami (Ohio), this is Roethlisberger's 10th Player of the Week Award, the most of any Steelers player since the accolade was instituted in 1984. He most recently won the award in Week 11 of 2013.
- Roethlisberger is the first Steeler to win a Player of the Week Award this season and first since safety **TROY POLAMALU** was named AFC Defensive Player of the Week in 2013 (Week 12).

**DEFENSE: S LOUIS DELMAS, MIAMI DOLPHINS**

- Delmas had an 81-yard interception-return touchdown, recovered a fumble and posted two tackles in the Dolphins' 27-13 win at Jacksonville.
- He is the first NFL player to recover an opponent's fumble and return an interception for a touchdown in the same game since Dallas safety **ROY WILLIAMS** on December 29, 2002.
- Delmas' 81-yard touchdown, the eighth-longest in Dolphins history, came on the first play of the second quarter and provided Miami with a 7-0 lead.
- With the Jaguars driving into Miami territory later in the second quarter, Delmas recovered a fumble on the 23-yard line that was caused by linebacker **JELANI JENKINS**. The Dolphins converted a field-goal attempt on the ensuing drive for a 10-3 lead.
- In his sixth season from Western Michigan, this is Delmas' first career Player of the Week Award.
- He is the second Dolphin to win a Defensive Player of the Week Award this season, joining defensive end **CAMERON WAKE** (Kickoff Weekend).

**SPECIAL TEAMS: RB-KR KNILE DAVIS, KANSAS CITY CHIEFS**

- Davis had a 99-yard kickoff-return touchdown in the Chiefs' 34-7 win against St. Louis.
- With the Chiefs leading by three points at halftime, Davis' return touchdown came on the opening kickoff of the second half and provided Kansas City with a 17-7 lead.
- Davis, who had a franchise record 108-yard kickoff-return touchdown last season as a rookie, is the fifth player in history with a kickoff-return touchdown of at least 99 yards in each of his first two NFL seasons.
- He also rushed for 49 yards and capped the scoring with a three-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter.
- In his second season from Arkansas, this is Davis' first career Player of the Week Award.
- Davis joins running back **JAMAAL CHARLES**, who was named Offensive Player of Week 4, as the second Chiefs player to win an award this season.

## 2014 AFC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

	<u>Offense</u>	<u>Defense</u>	<u>Special Teams</u>
<b>Wk 1</b>	TE Julius Thomas, Denver	DE Cameron Wake, Miami	K Dan Carpenter, Buffalo
<b>Wk 2</b>	TE Antonio Gates, San Diego	DE Chandler Jones, New England	RB-KR C.J. Spiller, Buffalo
<b>Wk 3</b>	QB Andrew Luck, Indianapolis	DE Corey Liuget, San Diego	K Justin Tucker, Baltimore
<b>Wk 4</b>	RB Jamaal Charles, Kansas City	DE J.J. Watt, Houston	K Nick Novak, San Diego
<b>Wk 5</b>	WR Demaryius Thomas, Denver	DT Marcell Dareus, Buffalo	LB Tank Carder, Cleveland
<b>Wk 6</b>	QB Joe Flacco, Baltimore	DT Jurrell Casey, Tennessee	P Pat McAfee, Indianapolis
<b>Wk 7</b>	QB Peyton Manning, Denver	LB Telvin Smith, Jacksonville	DT Chris Jones, New England
<b>Wk 8</b>	QB Ben Roethlisberger, Pittsburgh	S Louis Delmas, Miami	RB-KR Knile Davis, Kansas City

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

- New England quarterback **TOM BRADY**, who completed 30 of 35 passes (85.7 percent) for 354 yards with five touchdowns and no interceptions for a 148.4 passer rating in the Patriots' 51-23 win against Chicago.
- Houston running back **ARIAN FOSTER**, who rushed for 151 yards on 20 carries (7.6 average) and had four catches for 22 yards with three total touchdowns (two rushing, one receiving) in the Texans' 30-16 win at Tennessee.
- New England tight end **ROB GRONKOWSKI**, who had nine catches for 149 yards and three touchdowns.
- New England wide receiver **BRANDON LA FELL**, who had 11 catches for 124 yards and one touchdown.
- Denver wide receiver **EMMANUEL SANDERS**, who had nine catches for 120 yards and three touchdowns in the Broncos' 35-21 win against San Diego.

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

- Buffalo rookie linebacker **PRESTON BROWN**, who had nine tackles and one interception in the Bills' 43-23 win at the New York Jets.
- Miami cornerback **BRENT GRIMES**, who had three tackles and a 22-yard interception-return touchdown.
- Kansas City linebacker **JUSTIN HOUSTON**, who had five tackles and three sacks.
- Cleveland linebacker **PAUL KRUGER**, who had five tackles, three sacks and one forced fumble in the Browns' 23-13 win against Oakland.

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

- Houston punter **SHANE LECHLER**, who punted six times for 269 yards (44.8 average) and placed four inside the 20-yard line.
- Miami defensive end **OLIVIER VERNON**, who blocked a field-goal attempt.